

**Minutes of April 11, 2017 – Regular Meeting  
Mayor and Board of Selectmen  
City of Plaquemine, Louisiana**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen met for a Regular Meeting at Plaquemine City Hall, second floor courtroom, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Absent: Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Clerk's evidence of proper notice for the calling of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).**

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to add Colin Gauthreaux of 58152 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine add the following items to be discussed with Colin Gauthreaux: 1) Corner setbacks at intersections of LaBauve @ Hwy 1N; 2) Grass\leaf littering of streets, professional lawn care companies especially; 3) Enforcement of above; 4) High water signs during periods of drought; 5) Sidewalks in high pedestrian traffic areas - RR Ave. to Fort, Marshall, Belleview; 6) Once a week garbage pickup; 7) Policing of minor offenses including littering, loitering, public drunkenness, loud music-horns, off road vehicles on roads; 8) Lack of community policing – involvement; 9) Traffic control during the now progressive town's afternoon traffic jams.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

Mayor Reeves reported he met with the necessary departments to address the concerns of Mr. Gauthreaux.

There were no further public comments.

**APPROVE A 2017 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, WEST SIDE FARMER'S MARKET TO BE HELD AT 23640 RAILROAD AVENUE AND 58050 MERIAM STREET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 22, 29, MAY 6, 13, 20, 27, JUNE 3, 10, 17 AND 24, 2017, RHONDA HARRELL, PRESIDENT.**

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2017 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for We Are The Difference, West Side Farmer's Market to be held at 23640 Railroad Avenue and 58050 Meriam Street for Saturday, April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20,27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2017.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

**CONDEMNATION HEARING – 57855 GUIDRY STREET, OWNER DOW LOUISIANA (ESSENTIAL) FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, C/O TRACEY C. POLLAGE.**

Item tabled until regular meeting of Tuesday, May 9, 2017, no action taken.

**NUISANCE HEARING – 58312 BELLEVIEW ROAD, OWNER FAMILY DOLLAR STORE #3988, C/O MARCUS CASTILLE, DISTRICT MANAGER.**

City Inspector Lenora Crawford reported that the problem with the garbage was cleaned today.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine issue a nuisance charge, if problem occurs again, for 58312 Belleview Road, owner Family Dollar Store #3988, c/o Marcus Castille, District Manager.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Jr. and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16 – 22, 2017 AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr.:

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the week of April 16 – April 22, 2017 has been designated as National Community Development Week. City of Plaquemine is/has been a participant in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

**WHEREAS**, in this community and communities throughout the nation, thirty five years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong of relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to moderate income, and

**WHEREAS**, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts, and that the services funded by the CDBG Program relies heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that during *National Community Development Week* 2017, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low- and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U. S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and of its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Grant Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2017 AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Fair Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

**WHEREAS**, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

**WHEREAS**, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the option of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the option of all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) UPDATE FROM PEC.

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UPDATE FROM UTILITY DIRECTOR FRANK MOTT.

Utility Director Frank Mott was absent, no report given.

c) UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD ALLEMAN.

Public Works Director Richard Alleman provided status of ongoing projects.

d) UPDATE FROM FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ.

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

e) UPDATE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE KENNETH PAYNE.

Chief of Police Kenneth Payne briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR MARCH 2017.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR MARCH 2017.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for the City of Plaquemine for March 2017.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet.

Nays: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2017 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the reading of the minutes of March 14, 2017 (regular meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None.

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Timothy L. Martinez.

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., \_\_\_\_\_

Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., Mayor

/s/Shelia H. Migliacio \_\_\_\_\_

Shelia H. Migliacio, MMC