

**Minutes of January 14, 2020 – 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, January 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

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).

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION HONORING MICHAEL W. "MICKEY" RIVET.

Mayor Reeves and Board of Selectmen presented Michael W. "Mickey" Reeves, upon his retirement, with a plaque and proclamation for his dedicated service with the City of Plaquemine as Selectman for District 4.

TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SELECTMAN, DISTRICT IV FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING RUSSELL L. GERACE AS SELECTMAN, DISTRICT
IV FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED
THERETO**

WHEREAS, Michael W. "Mickey" Rivet has submitted his resignation as Selectman, District IV, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, and has been accepted by the Board of Selectmen; and

WHEREAS, his resignation has caused a vacancy in the office for the unexpired term.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of Plaquemine, Louisiana, is given the authority and responsibility under the provisions of La. R.S.18:602 to appoint a person to fill the vacancy who meets the qualifications of the office.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, at a regular meeting convened, resolve that Russell L. Gerace be appointed to fill the Selectman, District IV position for the rest of the term.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATION – MS. JOANN GLASPER WITH U.S. CENSUS BUREAU.

Ms. JoAnn Glasper, with the U.S. Census Bureau, addressed the Mayor and Board of Selectmen on the importance of the census.

TO APPROVE A 2020 CLASS A ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR CARBOS GROUP, LLC LOCATED AT 23466 EDEN STREET, NEW OWNER: HERON A. CRUZSILVA.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez to approve a 2020 Class A Alcohol Beverage Permit for Carbos Group, LLC located at 23466 Eden Street for new owner Heron A. Cruzsilva.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 58349 COURT STREET, OWNER VIRGINIA MAE WISE LEWIS, C/O ELMER LEWIS PRICE.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 58349 Court Street 30 days to start bringing property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 23710 TUPELO STREET, OWNER LOUIS & ROSEMARY HAMMOND.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceedings on property located at 23710 Tupelo Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 58752 W. W. HARLEAUX STREET, OWNERS JACQUIE GORDON & JEANOTIC P. GREEN.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Russell L. Gerace that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 58752 W. W. Harleaux Street 30 days to receive an interior walk through inspection report on property.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 58760 W. W. HARLEAUX STREET, OWNERS JACQUIE GORDAN & JEANOTIC P. GREEN.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Russell L. Gerace that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 58760 W. W. Harleaux Street 30 days to receive an interior walk through inspection report on property.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 24230 BOURGEOIS STREET, OWNER IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine condemn property located at 24230 Bourgeois Street and advertise to receive bids for demolition.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 58771 CAPTAIN T. HARRIS STREET, OWNER CAESAR HARMASON, C/O JOYCE HARMASON.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 58771 Captain T. Harris Street 30 days to bring property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None
Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 23980-A FLENIKEN LANE, OWNER GWEN WASHINGTON.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 23980-A Fleniken Lane 15 days to start bringing property into compliance.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING – REQUESTING RE-SUBDIVIDE OF LOTS 9, 10 & 11 SECTION F, CARDINAL SUBDIVISION AND AN NON-NUMBER 147' X 147' LOT INTO LOTS 9-A, 10-A AND 11-A (SITUATED IN SECTION 15, T-9-S, R-12-E IBERVILLE PARISH), PERSON REQUESTING: NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Item heard fifth on the agenda.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion to approve the re-subdivide of Lots 9, 10 & 11 Section F, Cardinal Subdivision and an non-number 147' x 147' lot into lots 9-A, 10-A and 11-A (situated in Section 15, T-9-S, R-12-E Iberville Parish).

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None
Absent: None

UPDATE ON MAIN STREET BOARD AND RELATED MATTERS WITH CHAIRPERSON KEITH DESSELLE.

Mr. Keith Desselle provided an update of the Main Street Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR TRAVIS BOURGOYNE

Utility Director Travis Bourgoyne provided status of ongoing projects.

c) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD ALLEMAN

Public Works Director Richard Alleman provided status of ongoing projects.

d) FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ

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

e) CHIEF OF POLICE KENNETH PAYNE

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

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot provided monthly budget to actual financial update.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2019.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR DECEMBER 2019.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for December 2019.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None
Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectmen Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of December 10, 2019 (regular meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Russell L. Gerace moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Russell L. Gerace, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk