

**Minutes of February 11, 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, February 11, 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., Russell L. Gerace, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO DISCUSS AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 3, TABLE 3.1: MINIMUM LOT AND YARD SIZE REQUIREMENTS WITH THE ZONING DISTRICT.

Item tabled until the regular meeting of March 10, 2020.

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, SECTION 41(D), SECTION 42(D), TABLE 3.1 MINIMUM LOT AND YARD SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR R-6 AND R-4 ZONING DISTRICTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Item tabled until the regular meeting of March 10, 2020.

ADDENDUM – TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS APPROVING A 2020 CLASS T ALCOHOL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, PENDING THE APPROVAL OF POLICE CHIEF KENNETH PAYNE, FOR A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AT THE CARL F. GRANT CIVIC CENTER LOCATED AT 24700 J. BERRET BLVD.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Russell L. Gerace that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to discuss approving a 2020 Class T Alcohol Liquor Permit for St. John Alumni Association, pending the approval of Police Chief Kenneth Payne, for a Cornhole Tournament to be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center located at 24700 J. Berret Blvd.

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

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2020 Class T Alcohol Liquor Permit for St. John Alumni Association, pending the approval of Police Chief Kenneth Payne, for a Cornhole Tournament to be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center located at 24700 J. Berret Blvd.

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 – 57960 PLAQUEMINE STREET, OWNER MCGLYNN CORP. LLC.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Russell L. Gerace that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 57960 Plaquemine Street 15 days to comply 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

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 58236 PLAQUEMINE STREET, OWNER GREGORY RUSS, JR.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine advertise to receive bids for demolition of 58236 Plaquemine Street and grant owner 30 days to make an effort to demolish said 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 -23415 GAUTHIER STREET, OWNER LEORTHY HARRIS.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23415 Gauthier Street 15 days to make an effort to demolish said 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

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

No action taken, owners are demolishing property located at 58349 Court Street.

TO ACCEPT BID RECEIVED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 58349 COURT STREET.

No action taken due to owners are demolishing property located at 58349 Court Street.

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

No action taken, owner will be demolishing property located at 58771 Captain T. Harris Street.

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, SECTIONS 69, 70 AND 70.1 REGARDING BILLING, DELINQUENT PAYMENTS, DISCONTINUE SERVICE, UTILITY AGREEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Item tabled until regular meeting of March 10, 2020.

DISCUSSION ONLY – CITY OF PLAQUEMINE UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY.

Mayor Reeves explained the proposed utility extension policy and answered questions from the Board of Selectmen. Item to be placed on regular meeting of March 10, 2020 for adoption.

TO APPROVE A 2020 CLASS T ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR PLAQUEMINE MAIN STREET PROGRAM – BOOGIE ON THE BAYOU SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 13, MAY 8, SEPTEMBER 25 AND OCTOBER 30, 2020 AT 57845 FOUNDRY STREET.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a Class T Alcohol Permit for Plaquemine Main Street Program – Boogie On The Bayou scheduled for March 13, May 8, September 25 and October 30, 2020 at 57845 Foundry Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 26 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2020 AS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK.

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

PROCLAMATION

Catholic Schools Week January 26 through February 1, 2020

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 26 through Saturday, February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children; successfully involve parents and communities in support of schools, and encourage local creativity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, by providing quality education for thousands of students each year, Catholic schools have helped relieve the financial burden placed on the public school system of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools have trained many of the fine leaders of the Catholic Church, the state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, many of the city and parish citizens have experienced and enjoyed the quality of education provided by Catholic Schools; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools encourage the understanding that character is not measured by wealth or prominence but by integrity, compassion and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools are committed to reaching out to all children regardless of heritage, religion, race or economic status and, indeed, have made this commitment part of their mission; and

WHEREAS, both the Catholic community and all citizens of the city, parish, and nation can share in the success that the Catholic System of Schools has achieved in the many years of its existence, while remaining confident in its lasting endurance.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr, Mayor, along with the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, do hereby proclaim January 26 through February 1, 2020 as CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK in the City of Plaquemine.

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

COMITTEE 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 JANUARY 2020.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR JANUARY 2020.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for January 2020.

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 JANUARY 14, 2020 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectmen Timothy L. Martinez that the reading of the minutes of January 14, 2020 (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 Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:20 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