

**Minutes of March 12, 2019 – 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, March 12, 2019 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, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Absent: Selectmen Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

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.

RECOGNIZE MARK BENSEN, BRCC/ST. JUDE CAR SHOW CO-CHAIRMAN.

Mr. Mark Bensen, Baton Rouge Corvette Club/St. Jude Car Show Co-Chairman, thanked Mayor Reeves and Board of Selectmen for all of their help in the past and advised the event will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 57820 GOVERNMENT STREET, OWNER LUIS HILARIO GONZALES.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine continue with condemnation proceedings at 57820 Government Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 23265 MARIONNEAUX STREET, OWNER CASSANDRA R. DRAKE FOX.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that work is complete on property located at 23265 Marionneaux Street and that the City of Plaquemine will follow up in 30 days.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

DEMOLITION HEARING – 24115 DUNN STREET, OWNER GEORGE JONES.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceedings at 24115 Dunn Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

DEMOLITION HEARING – 23735 CALLAIS STREET, OWNER LATOYA BOSLEY.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceedings at 23735 Callais Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

DEMOLITION HEARING – 23935 TAYLOR STREET, OWNER CO & MO UNIQUE PROPERTIES, LLC, C/O COREY D. WESLEY.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 23935 Taylor Street 30 days to comply with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PROJECT SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE AND THE LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PROJECT SUPPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE AND THE LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY

**WHEREAS**, since 1980 the City of Plaquemine (City) has been a member of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has jointly participated with five (5) other Louisiana Municipalities in the construction of LEPA's 65 MW, nominal rated, natural gas fired combined cycle electric generating facility, LEPA Unit No. 1 (Unit); and

**WHEREAS**, the Unit began commercial operation in April 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Project Share entitles it to 10.3 MW of the Unit and 16.85% of all energy produced; and

**WHEREAS**, LEPA operates the Unit in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) wholesale electricity market and LEPA allocates the revenues and the costs among the Unit participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amended and Restated Project Support Agreement (Contract) is a mechanism to continue the reduction in costs to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, during the term of the Contract the City will receive \$55,929.00 per month from LEPA to offset its fixed costs from the Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will receive 85% of the 'Net Margins' of the Unit when dispatched by MISO;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine that: the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the Mayor to enter into an Amended and Restated Project Support Agreement with LEPA to facilitate the intent described above.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2019 AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the National Fair Housing 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 options of all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

Committee Reports.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR FRANK MOTT

In the absence of Utility Director Frank Mott, no report given.

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

In the absence of Chief of Police Kenneth Payne, no report given.

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

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

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019.

So acknowledged.

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

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

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of February 12, 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, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. and Michael W. Rivet

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk