

**Minutes of May 11, 2021 – 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, May 11, 2021 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, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones

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.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LATE HAROLD MICHAEL "MIKE" LITTLE.

Mayor Reeves and Board observed a moment of silence and presented a proclamation honoring Police Administrator Harold Michael "Mike" Little to his family.

PRESENTATION – LANDMARK OF PLAQUEMINE BY ADMINISTRATOR MISTY ARDION AND ADMISSION COORDINATOR KIMBERLY TIMS.

Item tabled, Ms. Ardoin and Ms. Tims were unable to attend.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees.

TO APPROVE A 2021 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. "MUSIC THRU THE DECADES" TO BE HELD AT 24700 J. GERALD BERRET BLVD. ON JUNE 5, 2021, APPLICANT RHONDA HARRELL.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class T Alcohol Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. "Music Thru The Decades" to be held at 24700 J. Gerald Berret Blvd. on June 5, 2021, applicant Rhonda Harrell.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

TO APPROVE A 2021 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. "RED VELVET CAKE WARS" TO BE HELD AT 24700 J. GERALD BERRET BLVD. ON AUGUST 7 AND 8, 2021, APPLICANT RHONDA HARRELL.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class T Alcohol Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. "Red Velvet Cake Wars" to be held at 24700 J. Gerald Berret Blvd. on August 7 and 8, 2021, applicant Rhonda Harrell.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO BE SPREAD UPON THE 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. offered the following ordinance, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

ORDINANCE NO. 402

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION
OF CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXES IN THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO BE SPREAD UPON THE 2021 ASSESSMENT
ROLL OF THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, in public meeting held on May 11, 2021, which meeting was

conducted in accordance with the open meetings law, that the taxing authority voted that the taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2021, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purpose for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>2021 Levy</u>
General Revenue Purposes	4.85 mills
Improving, maintaining and operating the Police Department of the City	3.10 mills
Improving, maintaining and operating public buildings in the City	3.10 mills

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Assessor of the Parish of Iberville, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2021 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, Louisiana, that this ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

The foregoing was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the ordinance was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FEE FOR HOOKAH BAR/SMOKING BAR PERMIT AND RELATED MATTERS.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO PLAQUEMINE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 3, SECTION 75, SETTING AND ESTABLISHING A PERMIT FEE FOR HOOKAH LOUNGE/SMOKING BAR AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have recently enacted an Ordinance regulating Hookah Lounge/Smoking Bar in Plaquemine Code of Ordinances Chapter 3, Sections 72 through 86; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Plaquemine Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3, Section 75, is empowered and authorized to establish a permit fee for Hookah Lounge/Smoking Bar located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby establish and set the permit fee for Hookah Lounge/Smoking Bar located within the City of Plaquemine to be an Annual Fee of \$100, beginning January 1, 2022 and being due on January 1st of each year hereafter or until amended herein; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby establish and set the permit fee for Hookah Lounge/Smoking Bar located within the City of Plaquemine to be \$50, beginning July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby adopt the above resolution on the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING FOR PUBLIC BID THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58393 COURT STREET.

Item tabled until Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TRAFFIC CONTROL AT MERIAM STREET AT OAK STREET, W. W. HARLEAUX AT OAK STREET, MARSHALL STREET AT W. W. HARLEAUX, MERIAM STREET AT MARSHALL STREET AND ALLEN STREET.

Item tabled, no action taken.

TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR PHASE 1 AND ALTERNATE FOR PLAQUEMINE LEVEE TRAIL PROJECT.

Item tabled until Special Meeting of Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 58752 W. W. HARLEAUX STREET.

Item tabled until Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 58434 MERIAM STREET.

No action taken, owners are tearing structure down located at 58434 Meriam Street.

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

Chairperson 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

In the absence of Public Works Director Richard Alleman, Mayor Reeves 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.

g) CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR KEDRIC EDWARDS

Customer Service Director briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR APRIL 2021.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR APRIL 2021.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for April 2021.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING) AND APRIL 28, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of April 13, 2021 (regular meeting) and April 28, 2021 (special 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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade 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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk