

**Minutes of September 11, 2018 – 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, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

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

A moment of silence was observed for the 17th anniversary of the 911 attack on America, the passing of U.S. Senator John McCain, the passing of World War II Veteran Master Sergeant Joseph Leon Matassa, Jr. and the late Mayor Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta who passed away three years ago today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION – SHERIFF BRETT STASSI, SR., CORONER JAMES GRACE, FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ, POLICE CHIEF KENNETH PAYNE AND OTHERS REGARDING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN IBERVILLE PARISH AND THE STRAIN IT HAS PLACED ON EACH DEPARTMENTS RESOURCES.

Coroner James Grace, Sheriff Brett Stassi, Sr., Fire Chief Darren Ramirez, Detective Sergeant John Little, Iberville Parish Substance Abuse Program Director Bert Allain and Rev. Kevin Snaril addressed Mayor and Board on the opioid epidemic in Iberville Parish.

PRESENTATION – MR. FERRANTE T. DOMINIQUE, CANDIDATE FOR IBERVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AT-LARGE.

Mr. Ferrante T. Dominique addressed Mayor and Board as candidate for Iberville Parish School Board At-Large.

RECOGNIZE THE 'SPIRIT OF TOGETHERNESS' GOSPEL FEST 2018.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to 'Spirit of Togetherness' for hosting the 2018 Gospel Fest.

PUBLIC HEARING – SUBDIVIDING AN UNDEVELOPED CERTAIN PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND DESIGNATED AS LOT TDH-1 AND LOCATED IN SECTION 15, T-9-S, R-12-E, OWNER CHRISTOPHER REEVES.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve subdividing an undeveloped certain parcel or tract of land designated as Lot TDH-1 and located in Section 15, T-9-S, R-12-E, owner Christopher Reeves.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE AT 59890 THOMAS ROSS DRIVE, OWNER LEVEL CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve variance at 59890 Thomas Ross Drive, owner Level Construction & Development, L.L.C.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 58349 Court Street 30 additional 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., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

DEMOLITION HEARING – 24115 DUNN STREET, OWNER ALEX JONES, C/O GEORGE JONES.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 24115 Dunn Street 30 additional 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., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

DEMOLITION HEARING – 23450 RICH STREET, OWNER CAROLYN JEAN OUBRE & OTHERS.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23450 Rich Street 30 additional days to complete demolition.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

DEMOLITION HEARING – 23735 CALLAIS STREET, OWNER LATOYA BOSLEY.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23735 Callais Street 30 days to try to sell property.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program provides grants to local government agencies for needed infrastructure and long-term capital improvements in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Plaquemine does hereby:

1. Approve the filing of an application with LGAP; and
2. Certify that the said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project funds for project administration, engineering or matching funds required; and
3. Appoint Edwin M. “Ed” Reeves, Jr., Mayor, City of Plaquemine, Louisiana as agent of the City of Plaquemine to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and adopted the 11th day of September, 2018.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR FRANK MOTT

Utility Director Frank Mott 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

In the absence of Chief of Police Kenneth Payne, Assistant Police Chief Robert Johnson briefed Mayor and Board regarding their 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 AUGUST 2018.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR AUGUST 2018.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for August 2018.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2018 (6:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND 6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of August 14, 2018 (6:15 p.m. public hearing and 6:30 p.m. 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., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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