

**Minutes of October 8, 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, October 8, 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, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

APPROVE A 2019 CLASS T TEMPORARY LIQUOR PERMIT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL D/B/A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #970 FOR OCTOBER 18 – 20, 2019 TO BE HELD AT THE MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved and was unanimously seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2019 Class T Temporary Liquor Permit for International Acadian Festival d/b/a Knights of Columbus #970 for October 18 – 20, 2019 to be held at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

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

PRESENTATION – WILLIAM SHREWSBERRY/DOTD ON RAILROAD CORRIDOR.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF THE RAILROAD-VEHICULAR TRAFFIC CROSSINGS AT THE INTERSECTION OF RAILROAD AVENUE AND PLAQUEMINE STREET, MERIAM STREET, LABAUVE AVENUE AND DESOBRY STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have determined that it would be beneficial to the health and safety of the citizens of the City and the visitors to the City that the railroad crossings at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Plaquemine Street, Meriam Street, Labauve Avenue and Desobry Street be closed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have determined that it would not adversely affect the ability of the vehicular traffic, law enforcement traffic and/or fire protection traffic to traverse the railroad by closing the railroad crossings at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Plaquemine Street, Meriam Street, Labauve Avenue and Desobry Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby authorize and empower the Honorable Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., Mayor, to execute any and all documents and/or Agreements with any persons, corporations, limited liability companies, entities, and/or governmental agencies, including but not limited to the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development and the Union Pacific Railroad Company, to effect the closure of the railroad crossings at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Plaquemine Street, Meriam Street, Labauve Avenue and Desobry Street; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 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, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 22805 HWY 1, OWNER LOTFALLAH NAGEL.

No action taken, item removed from agenda until further notice.

NUISANCE HEARING – 57930 COURT STREET, OWNER JAMES SMITH & COMO’S MOTORCYCLE SERVICE.

No action taken, item removed from agenda.

NUISANCE HEARING – 58434 MERIAM STREET, OWNER PETER E. DAWSON.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 58434 Meriam Street 30 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., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: Michael W. Rivet

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 58513 MERIAM STREET, OWNER PETER E. DAWSON.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 58513 Meriam Street 30 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., Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: Michael W. Rivet

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 23710 TUPELO STREET, OWNER LOUIS SR. & ROSEMARY HAMMOND, C/O ROY HAMILTON.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23710 Tupelo Street 30 days to complete 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., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – 58607 ALLEN STREET, OWNERS ISAAC & EVERLINA GEORGETOWN, C/O JAMES GEORGETOWN.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 58607 Allen Street an additional 30 days to complete bringing property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL R-6 TO BUSINESS B-8 AT 58023 MAIN STREET, APPLICANT CHARLENE M. BISHOP, FOR AN ART STUDIO.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve the zoning change from Residential R-6 to Business B-8 at 58023 Main Street, applicant Charlene M. Bishop, for an art studio.

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

UPDATE ON MAIN STREET BOARD AND RELATED MATTERS.

Mayor Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr. provided status of the Main Street Board.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND RELATED ISSUES.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, owns the following movable property which is no longer needed for a public purpose:

Item:	Description:	Quantity:	Value:
74TE120017	Surplus Recloser Transformer 95 KV	1	\$ 95.00
82K506	Surplus Recloser Transformer 95 KV	1	\$ 95.00
82K527	Surplus Recloser Transformer 95 KV	1	\$ 95.00
0755111115	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
N944963-YFY	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
78NJ107-001	Standard Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
N944961-YFY	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
82NC016-007	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
82NC016-010	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
74TE120008	Standard Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
0502043260	Standard Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
4729-39	Standard Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
791058781	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
504E1229502	Standard Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
82NC016-006	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
97NK97000	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
504E1229501	Standard Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
06NJ1501	Standard Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
FL8846-59	Standard Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
81NC130-048	Standard Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
GB110839	Standard Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
GB440834	Standard Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
504E1229503	Standard Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
08NJ1820	Standard Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
0038035182	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
FC9309-27	Standard Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
0238033570	Standard Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
FOTI251033	Standard Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
FITBO29063	Standard Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00

0238029238	Standard Transformer 167 KVA	1	\$167.00
7CBNO19002	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
189308601	Surplus Transformer 75 KVA	1	\$ 75.00
911024915	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
11161-14	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
762D0611	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
0502043263	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
91811AD	Surplus Transformer 167 KVA	1	\$167.00
RT901045507	Surplus Transformer 167 KVA	1	\$167.00
95NN388001	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
P095353-YPA	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
72TB402040	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
9902109812	Surplus Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
ID04046	Surplus Transformer 333 KVA	1	\$333.00
05NG2904	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
I206082	Surplus Transformer 333 KVA	1	\$333.00
6P10238029237	Surplus Transformer 167 KVA	1	\$167.00
931104010	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
85NA106006	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
83NF237004	Surplus Transformer 75 KVA	1	\$ 75.00
9902116988	Surplus Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
75NK082002	Surplus Transformer 15 KVA	1	\$ 15.00
06NJ1509	Surplus Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
1458461012	Surplus Transformer 3 KVA	1	\$ 3.00
1114303589	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
91NL588004	Surplus Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
812010933	Surplus Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
71TA406024	Surplus Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
1458481012	Surplus Transformer 3 KVA	1	\$ 3.00
80NG166024	Surplus Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
3405221	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
960274684	Surplus Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
93NH187003	Surplus Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
81N0133043	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
83NJ134001	Surplus Transformer 37.5 KVA	1	\$ 37.50
F1115380	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
D10527	Surplus Transformer 25 KVA	1	\$ 25.00
12000360Y	Surplus Transformer 10 KVA	1	\$ 10.00
9902116975	Surplus Transformer 10 KVA	1	\$ 10.00
164133	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
1691310	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00
169139	Surplus Transformer 100 KVA	1	\$100.00

0038035182	Surplus Transformer 50 KVA	1	\$ 50.00
990426001	Surplus Transformer (PADMOUNT) 500 KVA	1	\$500.00

WHEREAS, such property has no value or an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars, therefore the City of Plaquemine hereby proposes to dispose of such property in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine have hereby declared the above mentioned movable property which is no longer needed for public purpose as surplus with either no value and/or an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars as set forth in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

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

ACKNOWLEDGE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

So acknowledged.

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 SEPTEMBER 2019.

So acknowledged.

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

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

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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the reading of the minutes of September 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., 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 7:46 p.m.

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

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk