

**Minutes of January 12, 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 Community Center, 23245 Short Street, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, January 12, 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.

SWEARING-IN OF SELECTWOMAN, DISTRICT 3, MRS. WANDA B. JONES.

Mrs. Wanda B. Jones was sworn in as City of Plaquemine Selectwoman, District 3.

RATIFY THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS OF CITY ATTORNEY/CITY PROSECUTOR L. PHILLIP CANOVA, JR. AND CITY CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR ROXANE M. RICHARD.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine ratify the Mayor's reappointment of City Attorney/City Prosecutor L. Phillip Canova, Jr. and City Clerk/Tax Collector Roxane M. Richard.

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

APPOINT MAYOR PRO-TEM AND RELATED ISSUES.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc offered the following motion, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones to appoint Selectman Oscar S. Mellion to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem thru December 31, 2024.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade offered the following substitute motion, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. to appoint Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem thru December 31, 2024.

The substitute motion was put to a vote and **failed** by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Absent: None

The original motion was put to a vote and was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Shannon P. Courtade

Absent: None

DISCUSSION WITH TAMEKA QUINANTE ON HER NON-PROFIT TRI CITY CHARM SCHOOL.

Ms. Tameka Quinante supplied an overview of the Non-Profit Tri City Charm School.

APPROVE A 2021 CLASS B RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR MULBERRY DELIGHT GIFT SHOP, LLC LOCATED AT 58725 BELLEVIEW ROAD, SUITE B-2, OWNER LISA VERRETT.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class B Retail Liquor Permit for Mulberry Delight Gift Shop, LLC located at 58725 Belleview Road, Suite B-2, owner Lisa Verrett.

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

DEMOLITION HEARING – DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58311 LONG STREET, OWNER MERIDIAN HOLDINGS, LLC C/O BENNIE HARRISON.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine demolish property located at 58311 Long Street.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE RE-SUBDIVIDE A CERTAIN LOT OR TRACT (1.111 ACRE) INTO LOT E1-1 AND LOT E1-2 LOCATED IN SECTION 15, T9S, R12E SOUTHEAST LAND DISTRICT, WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR EXPANSE INVESTMENT, L.L.C., PROPERTY ADDRESS: 24000 MARSHALL STREET.

No action taken, item tabled until regular meeting of Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND RELATED ISSUES.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc:

RESOLUTION

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Value</u>
SCBA Cylinders	40	Salvage

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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas L. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Chairman 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

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 was absent, Mayor advised that the October 2020 Financial Statements were provided.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2020.

So acknowledged.

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

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for December 2020.

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 DECEMBER 8, 2020 (6:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND 6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING) AND JANUARY 5, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the reading of the minutes of December 8, 2020 (6:15 p.m. public hearing and 6:30 p.m. regular meeting) and January 5, 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

PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO APOSTLE MARDIA SCOTT WITH THE AMAZING MOVEMENT.

Mayor Reeves and Board presented a Proclamation to Apostle Mardia Scott with The Amazing Movement declaring January 1, 2021 as "The Amazing Life Celebration Day".

LITIGATION, POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION, "CITY OF PLAQUEMINE VS. ISLAND 7TH FILING LLC, 18th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, NO. 80369 "A" CONSOLIDATED WITH ISLAND 7TH FILING LLC VS. CITY OF PLAQUEMINE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ET AL, 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, NO. 80371 "A".

Item heard fifth on the agenda. City Attorney L. Phillip Canova, Jr. provided update, no executive session needed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:17 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