

**Minutes of January 23, 2024 – Committee Meeting
Mayor and Board of Selectmen
City of Plaquemine, Louisiana**

A Committee Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Selectmen for the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Plaquemine Community Center, 23245 Short Street, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764, with the following members present:

Present: Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Michael K. Carlin, Sr., Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Selectwomen Wanda B. Jones and Natasha S. Johnson

Absent: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the Clerk's evidence of proper notice for the calling of the meeting.

In the absence of Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., Mayor Pro-Temp Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. presided over the meeting.

Item 01. PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no comments from the public.

Item 02. PRESENTATION OF TWO AMI (ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE) PROPOSALS FOR CITY TO REVIEW AND SELECT ONE AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING. (CONTRACT TO BE NEGOTIATED AFTER SELECTION AND IT APPROVED AS WELL).

Gary Ragusa, Territory Manager for Aqua Metric presented his proposal for an AMI system and answered questions from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Chad L. Nobles with Ameresco presented his proposal for an AMI system and answered questions from the Board of Selectmen. Item tabled until the special meeting of February 6, 2024 for discussion among the Board of Selectmen.

Police Administrator Robert J. Johnson, III addressed the Board of Selectmen concerning an emergency for a vehicle in the Police Department. Mr. Johnson advised that motor was out of the unit while dealership was working on the police vehicle and it fell off of the rack. Item tabled until the special meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Item 03. DISCUSSION – PROPOSED CHANGES OF RENTAL CONTRACTS.

City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. addressed several proposed changes to the rental contracts such as security at every event, maintenance worker at whole event, simplifying agreements along with cleaning and deposits. Mr. Dupont stated he will draft separate contracts for each facility.

Item 04. DISCUSSION – AMENDING ORDINANCE VI – RATES AND CHARGES SEC. 21-70.2 LAMATS OFFSET CLAIMS PROGRAM.

Item tabled until the committee meeting of Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Item 05. DISCUSSION – AMENDING ORDINANCE VI – RATES AND CHARGES SEC. 21-71 NOTICE FOR PAST DUE ACCOUNTS.

Item tabled until the committee meeting of Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Item 06. DISCUSSION – PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH AN ADJUSTMENT TO THEIR BILL AFTER A WATER LEAK (BEYOND THE CUSTOMER'S CONTROL) HAS BEEN FIXED.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson expressed providing customers with an adjustment to their bill after a water leak, that was beyond their control, has been fixed. City Attorney Joseph Dupont stated adjustments can be made on a case-by-case basis. Customer Service Director Audriane Williams asked questions concerning adjustments in which Mr. Dupont answered her questions.

Item 07. TO DISCUSS AND CLARIFY ADJUSTING A BILL AS A RESULT OF THREATENING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Item was discussed with item six (6).

Item 08. DISCUSSION – SEWER DURING EXTREME COLD WEATHER.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. stated there was a discussion of having a flat rate for residents only during extreme cold weather. Mr. Carlin also asked questions concerning update on basketball goal at the Fort Area Park and Christmas decorations starting at Plaquemine Bank instead of the beginning of city limits. Mayor Pro-Temp Lindon Rivet, Jr. will follow up on the basketball goal for the Fort Area Park.

Item 09. DISCUSSION – THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE'S EMERGENCY PROTOCOL.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson asked what the city's emergency protocol is for cold weather and would like the city to develop a protocol if there is none. Police Administrator Robert Johnson would look into.

Item 10. DISCUSSION – THE PURPOSE AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF THE RECENT MASS UTILITY CUTOFF.

Item tabled until the special meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Item 11. TO DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF THE “2023 ANNUAL EMPLOYEE LETTER FROM ED REEVES”.

Item tabled until the special meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Item 12. TO DISCUSS THE PURPOSE OF NATASHA JOHNSON’S RESPONSE TO 2023 ANNUAL EMPLOYEE LETTER FROM ED REEVES.

Item tabled until the special meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

Item 13. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Michael K. Carlin, Sr., Natasha S. Johnson, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Temp

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC