

**Minutes of February 14, 2023 – 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, February 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

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

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 Chief Operating Office Richard Alleman who is in the hospital.

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

Ms. Lillian Dickerson of 58105 Meriam Street addressed concerns with her water bill.

Item 02. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees introduced.

Item 03. WELCOME JOSEPH B. DUPONT, JR. AS THE NEW CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. was sworn in as City Attorney for the City of Plaquemine by District Judge Elizabeth Engolio.

Item 04. PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION TO CONVERT A 0.503-ACRE LOT INTO RESIDENTIAL LOTS CONSISTING OF LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 WITH A PARCEL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF BATTURE LAND EXTENDING FROM BAYOU ROAD TO THE LOW WATER MARK OF BAYOU PLAQUEMINE LOCATED IN SECTION 13, T-9-S, R-12-E, SOUTHEASTERN LAND DISTRICT, WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER FOR DEE-RU INVESTMENTS, L.L.C.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve to convert a 0.503 Acre Lot into residential lots consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 with parcel legal description of batture land extending from Bayou Road to the low water mark of Bayou Plaquemine located in Section 13, T-9-S, R-12-E, southeastern land district, west of the Mississippi River for Dee-Ru Investments, L.L.C.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 05. NUISANCE HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58311 LONG STREET, OWNER MERIDIAN HOLDINGS, L.L.C. (DISTRICT 2)

Item tabled until the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Item 06. NUISANCE HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58412 ALLEN STREET, OWNER DR. WILBERT MCCLAY, C/O MERCHELE R. MCCLAY. (DISTRICT 2)

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 58412 Allen Street 30 days to comply with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 07. NUISANCE HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED

AT 57729 CANAL STREET, OWNER LEONA LEE, C/O ASHLEY LEE. (DISTRICT 3)

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 57729 Canal Street 60 days to comply with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 08. NUISANCE HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58635 DELACROIX AVENUE, OWNER EDNA ESTELLE TULLIER VERRET. (DISTRICT 5)

Item tabled until the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Item 09. NUISANCE HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58444 ALLEN STREET, OWNER DR. WILBERT MCCLAY, C/O MERCHELE R. MCCLAY. (DISTRICT 6)

Item tabled.

Item 10. NUISANCE HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23953 TAYLOR STREET, OWNER DARROW FIELDS, SR. ESTATE, C/O CAROL M. FIELDS. (DISTRICT 6)

Item tabled.

Item 11. TO APPROVE A 2023 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WALK-ONS FOR ST. JOHN AUCTION LOCATED AT CITY OF PLAQUEMINE COMMUNITY CENTER, 23245 SHORT STREET AND SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2023, PERSON APPLYING: CHRISTOPHER REEVES.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2023 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for Walk-Ons for St. John Auction located at the City of Plaquemine Community Center, 23245 Short Street and scheduled for February 25, 2023.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 12. TO APPROVE A 2023 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR BOOGIE ON THE BAYOU LOCATED AT MARK A. “TONY” GULOTTA BAYOU WATERFRONT PARK, 57845 FOUNDRY STREET AND SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2023.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2023 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for Boogie on the Bayou located at Mark A. “Tony” Gulotta Bayou Waterfront Park located at 57845 Foundry Street and scheduled for April 14, 2023 and September 8, 2023.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 13. TO DISCUSS AND APPOINT CLINT BROWNELL AS A COMMISSIONER TO THE PLAQUEMINE HISTORIC COMMISSION BOARD.

No action taken, item tabled.

Item 14. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT BIDS THROUGH THE LOUISIANA DOTD PUBLIC BID PROCESS FOR PHASES 3 AND 4 OF THE LEVEE TOP TRAIL PROJECT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr.:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO GO OUT FOR BIDS ON PHASES 3 & 4 OF THE PLAQUEMINE RIVERFRONT RECREATIONAL TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development have entered into an agreement for funding of Phases 3 and 4 of the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail; and

WHEREAS, this agreement calls for the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development funding 80 percent of the construction cost, up to \$1 million, with the City of Plaquemine providing 20 percent of the construction cost; and

WHEREAS, the plans and specifications for Phases 3 and 4 have been reviewed and approved by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development; and

WHEREAS, this trail project will benefit the citizens of the City of Plaquemine,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine acting as the governing authority of the said City, does hereby authorize the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to go out for bid, under its public bid process, for construction of Phases 3 and 4 of the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail project.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 15. **ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY.**

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950.

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the City of Plaquemine, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Travis Bourgoyne to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. to serve as an Alternate Director to act in the absence of the Director herein above named;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the City of Plaquemine, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Travis Bourgoyne to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. to serve as an Alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the Director is approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 16. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND RELATED ISSUES.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

RESOLUTION

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

Description	SERIAL/MODEL NO.	BRAND	MINIMUM VALUE
Battery Charger	39973REVJ143A9	Harris	SCRAP/SALVAGE
Internet Box	FOC1928Y16C	Cisco	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD	F6PX9003HG6T	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD	F6QWQ01UHG6T	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD	DMPT34DQHG6T	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD	GCGV60WDHLJM	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD	GCGV44L8HLJM	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD	GCGV44R3HLJM	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPAD 3.55448E+14	-----	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPHONE 4 3.58373E+14	-----	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
iPHONE 6S 3.56118E+14	-----	Apple	SCRAP/SALVAGE
Galaxy Phone Note 8 3.52077E+14	-----	Galaxy	SCRAP/SALVAGE
Galaxy Tablet 3.58408E+11	-----	Galaxy	SCRAP/SALVAGE
Samsung Phone SE 3.55756E+14	-----	Samsung	SCRAP/SALVAGE

* "SCRAP/SALVAGE" denotes the fair market value will be determined by the highest bid received, if any.

WHEREAS, the moveable property has no value or an appraised value of more than five thousand dollars,

WHEREAS, the moveable property will be assigned to the LPS Municipal Surplus Property Program, 6767 Perkins RD., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 to be auctioned/sold online at <https://lamats.net/surplus>, to the highest bidder, said bidding to take place for a minimum of 7 days, and commencing 15 days after publication of this resolution in the journal of record. The city reserves the right to reject all bids that are not deemed to represent the fair market value of the surplus item, and to relist same until sold or withdrawn.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine has hereby declared the above-mentioned property as surplus with Scrap or Salvage value only and 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 vote:

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

Nays: Natasha S. Johnson

Absent: None

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, 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:

DESCRIPTION	VIN/MODEL NO.	BRAND	MINIMUM VALUE
1998 FORD TRUCK	1FTZF1729WKC27784	FORD	SALVAGE
2000 FORD TRUCK	1FTYR14V2YTA74115	FORD	SALVAGE

2008 FORD TRUCK	1FTNF20558EA54730	FORD	SALVAGE
2009 FORD TRUCK	1FTSX21R69EB04747	FORD	SALVAGE
2004 FORD TRUCK	2FTRF17W44CA60576	FORD	SALVAGE
2008 FORD TRUCK	1FTSX20578EA54731	FORD	SALVAGE
STREETSWEEPER	MINI	-----	SALVAGE
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2012 CHEVROLET TAHOE	1GNLC2E07CR182733	GM	\$500.00 (to be donated)
BROKEN RADIO	-----	-----	SALVAGE (to be donated)
3 PUSH BUMPERS	-----	-----	\$50.00 EA (to be donated)
4 POLICE VEHICLE CAGES	-----	-----	\$75.00 EA (to be donated)
16 CONES	-----	-----	\$1.50 EA (to be donated)
2 TOP LIGHTS	-----	-----	\$50.00 EA (to be donated)
RADIO/SIRENS (PARTS/PIECES)	-----	-----	SALVAGE (to be donated)
TWO PIECE BROWN DESK	-----	-----	SALVAGE (to be donated)
ADTRAN 3RD GEN ETHERNET ROUTER	4243924F2		SALVAGE (to be donated)

* "SALVAGE" denotes the fair market value, if any, will be determined by the highest bid received.

WHEREAS, each moveable item(s) has no value or an appraised value less than five thousand dollars;

WHEREAS, the moveable property will be assigned to the LPS Municipal Surplus Property Program, 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 to be listed and auctioned/sold online at <https://lamats.net/surplus>, to the highest bidder, said bidding to last a minimum of 7 days, after publication of this resolution in the journal of record for 15 days.

WHEREAS, the city reserves the right to reject all bids that are not deemed to represent the fair market value of the surplus item, and to relist same until sold or withdrawn;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine has hereby declared the above-mentioned movable property as surplus with Scrap or Salvage value only and an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars, all to be sold through online auction with the exceptions of the following which will be donated (for public safety purposes) to Town of White Castle:

- 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe with a value of \$500.00
- Broken Radio with a value of Salvage
- 3 Push Bumpers with a value of \$50.00 each
- 4 Police Vehicle Cages with a value of \$75.00 each
- 16 Cones with a value of \$1.50 each
- 2 Top Lights with a value of \$50.00 each
- Radio/Sirens (Parts/Pieces) with a value of Salvage

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: Natasha S. Johnson

Absent: None

Item 17. TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING EVENT LEASES AND USAGE CONTRACTS RELATED TO NOISE LEVELS AT THE PLAQUEMINE COMMUNITY CENTER AND HENRY NADLER PAVILION.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. requested a 40 decimal meter reading outside the property fence line be added to event lease agreement related to the noise levels at the Plaquemine Community Center and Henry Nadler Pavilion.

Item 18. TO SET A DATE AND TIME FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS ACCEPTANCE OF UTILITY ASSISTANCE FROM HUMANA, PEOPLE'S HEALTH, ENDEAVORS, UNITED HEALTH CARE AND IBERVILLE PARISH COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 to discuss acceptance of utility assistance from Humana, People's Health, Endeavors, United Health Care and Iberville Parish Community Service Department.

Item 19. TO SET A DATE AND TIME FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATE APPLICATION PAYMENT UPON APPROVAL FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE BUT PRIOR TO TRANSFER OF FUNDS THAT MAY TAKE UP TO 30 – 60 DAYS.

A Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 to discuss immediate application payment upon approval for utility assistance but prior to transfer of funds that may take up to 30 – 60 days.

Item 20. TO SET A DATE AND TIME FOR A COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS HOW THE PREVIOUS POWER OUTAGE OF JANUARY 24, 2023 WILL IMPACT UTILITY BILLS, RECOVERY FOR LOSS OF FOOD, ETC.

A Committee Meeting is set for Tuesday, February 28, 2023 to discuss how the previous power outage of January 24, 2023 will impact utility bills, recovery for loss of food, etc.

Item 21. TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING HAVING THE POWER TO ELECTRICAL OUTLETS REMAIN ON FOR THE MEDIAN BETWEEN W. W. HARLEAUX AND CAPTAIN T. T. HARRIS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023 FOR THE ENTIRE DAY.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson asked that the power to the electrical outlets remain on for the median between W. W. Harleaux and Captain T. T. Harris on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Director of Utilities Travis Bourgoyne and Finance Director Lauren Berthelot addressed issue on why the City cannot leave power on and Mayor requested City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. to research if request can be granted.

Item 22. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR TRAVIS BOURGOYNE

Utility Director Travis Bourgoyne provided status on ongoing projects.

c) PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RICHARD ALLEMAN

Public Works Director Richard Alleman not present, no report given.

d) FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related matters.

e) POLICE CHIEF ROBERT J. JOHNSON, III

Police Chief Robert J. Johnson, III briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related matters.

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot provided monthly budget to actual financial update.

g) CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR AUDRIANE WILLIAMS

Customer Service Director Audriane Williams briefed Mayor and Board regarding her department and related matters.

Item 23. ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2023.

So acknowledged.

Item 24. APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR JANUARY 2023.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for January 2023.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 25. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2023 (REGULAR MEETING), JANUARY 17, 2023 (SPECIAL MEETING) AND JANUARY 30, 2023 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. that the reading of the minutes of January 10, 2023 (regular meeting), January 17, 2023 (special meeting) and January 30, 2023 (special meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Item 26. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC