

**Minutes of March 28, 2023 – 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, March 28, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the conference room on the third floor of Plaquemine City Hall, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764, 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.

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

There were no public comments.

Item 02. DISCUSSION – REZONING AND CLASSIFYING THE W. W. HARLEAUX MEDIAN AS A CITY PARK.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. pertaining to the use of electricity on the median. Mayor and Board of Selectman requested City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. to research who owns the median and the city's insurance policy concerning liability if classified as a park.

Item 03. DISCUSSION – AMI AND OTHER UTILITY SYSTEM PROJECTS AND RELATED MATTERS.

The Board of Selectmen discussed AMI (automatic metering installation) and their wishes to cancel project. Item to be placed on the April 11, 2023 regular meeting to cancel the advertisement and bid process for the purchase of AMI.

Item 04. DISCUSSION – SEWERAGE TO VALIDATE INCREASE OF COST.

The Board of Selectmen discussed sewer bills with Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. advising the public cannot afford the new sewer bills. Finance Director Lauren Berthelot was requested to work up estimates of sewer using the old sewer rate with a \$15.00 total flat rate added, which will reflect a \$10.00 increase in the total flat rate. Item tabled for the regular meeting of April 11, 2023 for further discussion.

Item 05. DISCUSSION – CITY LIGHT AND WATER PLANT EXTENSION POLICY.

Item tabled until the committee meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Item 06. UPDATE ON CREDIT CARD READERS FOR CITY LIGHT AND WATER.

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot advised she has completed the application for the credit card readers and will submit the application once Customer Service Director Audriane Williams is back in office. There were discussions on fees for use of service.

Item 07. DISCUSSION – DISBURSEMENT OF LA DOTD TAP GRANT FUNDS TOTALING \$400,000 FOR SIDEWALKS.

Selectwomen Wanda B. Jones spoke of sidewalks in her district and would like to see sidewalks placed in the Fort area.

Item 08. DISCUSSION – VIDEO RECORDING OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS.

Discussion between the Mayor and Board of Selectmen concerning video recordings of board meetings. Mayor Reeves requested City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. to research what it takes to video/live stream these meetings. Item tabled until the Committee Meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Item 09. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL CONCERNS.

Item tabled until the Committee Meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Item 10. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:36 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