

**Minutes of April 13, 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 City Hall, second floor courtroom, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, April 13, 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 and Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones

Absent: Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr.

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

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. asked that everyone remain standing for a silent prayer for Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr., who is in the hospital.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LATE HAROLD MICHAEL "MIKE" LITTLE.

Mrs. Noreen Little not present, item tabled until the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2021.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 11 – 17, 2021 AS GRAY MONKEY WEEK, WHICH CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

A proclamation was presented to Gray Monkey, king of the local children's parade, for seventy-five years of promoting educational and developmental services for young children.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez introduced two new firefighters: Alex Bickham and Ronald Franklin. Customer Service Director Kedric Edwards introduced a new meter reader: Herman Jenkins.

DEMOLITION HEARING – DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58905 BAYOU ROAD, OWNER D'MARCUS VEAL.

No action needed, property at 58905 Bayou Road is in compliance with city code.

DEMOLITION HEARING – DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23660 KEARNEY STREET, OWNER JULIA M. ROBINSON.

No action needed, property at 23660 Kearney Street is in compliance with city code.

NUISANCE HEARING – DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23930 CHURCH STREET, OWNER JOHN W. ROSSO.

Item to be removed from agenda, owner is working on property.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE RE-SUBDIVIDE REQUEST OF NEW HORIZONS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LOT 10-A AND LOT 11-A SECTION F, CARDINAL SUBDIVISION INTO LOT 11-A-1 AND LOT 11-A-2 SITUATED IN SECTION 15, T-9-S, R-12-E IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve the re-subdivide request of New Horizons Community Development Corporation of Lot 10-A and Lot 11-A Section F, Cardinal Subdivision into Lot 11-A-1 and Lot 11-A-2 situated in Section 15, T-9-S, R-12-E Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DOTD, SIDEWALK AGREEMENT, STATE PROJECT NO. H.013715 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE
CITY OF PLAQUEMINE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT STATE
PROJECT NO. H.013715 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have reviewed the proposed Agreement between the City of Plaquemine and State of Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Sidewalk Agreement, State Project No. H.013715, Federal Aid Project No. H013715, LA 77; UP RR XINGS (Iberville) LA 77 Iberville Parish, incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have determined that the project described in this Agreement provides needed infrastructure in the City of Plaquemine; 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, the Agreement between the City of Plaquemine and State of Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Sidewalk Agreement, State Project No. H.013715, Federal Aid Project No. H013715, LA 77; UP RR XINGS (Iberville) LA 77 Iberville Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 BY RENAMING CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO USE/PRODUCTS, ADDING ARTICLE IV HOOKAH LOUNGES AND SMOKING BARS AND ADDING SECTIONS 72 THROUGH 86 TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FOR HOOKAH LOUNGES/SMOKING BARS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion offered the following ordinance, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones:

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 401

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 BY RENAMING CHAPTER 3 ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO USE/PRODUCTS, ADDING ARTICLE IV HOOKAH LOUNGES AND SMOKING BARS AND ADDING SECTIONS 72 THROUGH 86 TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FOR HOOKAH LOUNGES/SMOKING BARS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine hereby declare the purpose of the following regulations is to differentiate hookah bars/smoking bars from retail tobacco stores, and general retail sales due to their inherent differences in nature, function and effect and to establish minimum standards for the operation of hookah bars in order to minimize adverse effects on surrounding property and ensure the goals of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Plaquemine to maintain and enhance the community's image and economic vitality;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine hereby find that the use of hookah pipes, electronic cigarettes, and other similar devices in smokers' lounges, hookah bars, and vapor bars/lounges and the activities associated with such businesses (including loud music, large numbers of customers congregating for long periods) have been associated with increases in odors, vapors, second-hand smoke, parking impacts, loitering and disturbances in the peace;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine hereby find that the tobacco smoke, including secondhand smoke, from hookah pipes and electronic cigarettes contributes to indoor air pollution and is a significant health hazard and carcinogen to smokers and nonsmokers alike, including employees of smokers' lounges and hookah bars;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine acknowledges that the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that smoking a hookah has many of the same health risks as cigarette smoking; that hookah use by youth is increasing; that the charcoal used to heat hookah tobacco can have negative health risks because it produces high levels of carbon monoxide, metals, and carcinogens; that hookah smokers may absorb more of the toxic substances also found in cigarette smoke than cigarette smokers do; that secondhand smoke from hookahs can be a health risk for nonsmokers; and that new forms of electronic hookah smoking are now on the market and very little information is available on the health risks of electronic tobacco products;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, in legal session, that Code of Ordinances of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, hereby amends Chapter 3, by renaming Chapter 3, adding Article IV, and adding sections 72 through 86, to read as follows:

Chapter 3

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO USE/PRODUCTS

Article IV. Hookah Lounges and Smoking Bars

Sec. 3-72. Definitions.

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them herein unless the context indicates a contrary meaning:

- (a) *Hookah* means a single or multi-stemmed water pipe and any associated products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke and/or vapor from the burning of material including, but not limited to, tobacco products, shisha or other plant materials.
- (b) *Hookah lounge or smoking bar (used interchangeably)* means an establishment that occupies exclusively an enclosed indoor space and that primarily is engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products for consumption by customers on the premises.
- (c) *Principal business purpose* means:
 - i. The devotion of more than fifty (50%) percent of its interior floor space for the promotion of smoking tobacco products or other legal substances at the establishment; or,
 - ii. The receipt of more than thirty-five (35%) of its revenue from the smoking of tobacco products or other legal substances at the establishment; or
 - iii. The devotion of more than thirty-five (35%) percent of its advertising expenditures to the promotion of smoking tobacco products or other legal substances at the establishment.
- (d) *Tobacco products* mean any substance containing tobacco leaf, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, hookah tobacco, or non-cigarette, smoking tobacco.
- (e) *Other legal substances* include clove cigarettes, kreteks, herbal cigarettes and any other legal substance that can be consumed by smoking.

Sec. 3-73. Hookah lounge/Smoking bar establishment permit required.

- (a) No person shall operate a hookah lounge/smoking bar in the City without first obtaining a hookah lounge/smoking bar permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.
- (b) A hookah lounge/smoking bar shall not be permitted to operate on property zoned R-2, R-4, R-6, R-9 and/or R-10.
- (c) A hookah lounge/smoking bar shall not be permitted to operate on property abutting any property zoned R-2, R-4, R-6, R-9 and/or R-10.
- (d) A hookah lounge/smoking bar shall not be permitted to operate on property within three hundred (300) foot radius, as measured by a straight line from wall to wall, of any of the following:

- i. Any other hookah lounge/smoking bar.
- ii. Any public or private school or day care facility.
- iii. Any public park or recreation facility.
- iv. Any religious institution.
- v. Any sexually-oriented business, tattoo or body piercing shop, gun shop or pawn shop.

Sec. 3-74. Application for hookah lounge/smoking bar permit.

- a. An applicant shall submit to the City Clerk a fully completed application, on the form that is prepared and furnished by the City Clerk.
- b. The application shall include at least the following information:
 - i. The full and complete name and current address of the applicant(s).
 - 1. If the applicant is a partnership, the name and address of each partner shall be listed.
 - 2. If the applicant is a privately held corporation, the name and address of each corporate officer, member of board of directors, and stockholder shall be listed, and a copy of the articles of incorporations shall be attached to the application.
 - 3. If the applicant is a publicly held corporation, the name and address of each corporate officer, each member of the board of directors and each stockholder who owns ten (10) percent or more of the corporate stock shall be listed on the application.
 - 4. If the applicant is a limited liability company, the name and address of each member, manager, and assignee of a membership interest shall be listed, and the articles of incorporation shall be attached to the application.
 - ii. The complete name, address, and telephone number of the proposed business.
 - iii. Written statement as to the applicant's experience in operating similar businesses.
 - iv. A concise statement as to the individual applicant's past employment.
 - v. Any other information pertinent to the applicant and the operation of the proposed business.
- c. An applicant shall attach to the completed application a floor plan, drawn to scale, showing the interior of the proposed business and uses of the proposed spaces.

Sec. 3-75. Permit fees.

The permit fee for a hookah lounge/smoking bar shall be established by resolution by the Board of Selectmen, as may be amended from time to time.

Sec. 3-76. Investigation.

- (a) After the City Clerk has received a completed application, it shall be forwarded to the following City departments for review and investigation:
 - i. Chief of Police for the Plaquemine Police Department.
 - ii. Fire Chief for the Plaquemine Fire Department.
 - iii. City Inspector for the City.
 - iv. Mayor.
 - v. Selectman for the District the hookah lounge/smoking bar is located.
 - vi. Secretary for the City Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (b) During City business hours or another mutually agreeable time, the applicant shall allow the representatives of the above referenced city departments onto the property and into the proposed permitted premises to complete an investigation.
- (c) If all the above listed city departments approve the application, and it conforms to the provisions of this Chapter, the City Clerk shall issue a hookah lounge/smoking bar permit to the applicant.

Sec. 3-77. Reasons for denial.

A permit shall be denied because of one or more of the following factors:

- a. If any of the individuals who are required to be identified on the application who have previously received a hookah lounge/smoking bar permit, has had the permit revoked for cause as set forth herein.**
- b. If any of the individuals who required to be identified on the application have been convicted or found responsible for a violation of any federal, state, or local law involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, fraud, violence, criminal sexual conduct, controlled substances, the sale, distribution, or furnishing of tobacco, or the sale, distribution, or furnishing of alcoholic products.**
- c. If the applicant proposes to hire a manager or agent to handle the business operations and the proposed manager or agent does not possess the same qualifications as those required of the permittee as set forth herein.**
- d. If the applicant does not own the premises for which the hookah lounge/smoking bar permit is sought or does not have a lease or other right of exclusive possession of the premises proposed for the business for the full period for which the permit is issued.**

Sec. 3-78. Requirement for the proposed permittee premises.

A hookah lounge/smoking bar permit shall not be issued if there are any violation(s) of the applicable building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing or fire prevention codes, applicable zoning regulations, or applicable public health regulations, unless such violation can be remedied within a stated period of time as determined by the Fire Chief and/or City Inspector.

Sec. 3-79. Display of hookah lounge/smoking bar permit.

The hookah lounge/smoking bar permit issued, pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, shall be prominently displayed near the entrance of the permitted premises.

Sec. 3-80. No transferability; change of ownership.

- a. Permits issued under this Chapter shall not be transferable.**
- b. Each permit issued under this Chapter is separate and distinct, and no person shall exercise any of the privileges granted under any permit other than that which he/she holds. A separate permit shall be issued for each specific hookah lounge/smoking bar business within the City.**

Sec. 3-81. Manager – Change of manager.

At least one (1) registered manager who has been identified on the application for a hookah lounge/smokers bar permit shall be always on the premises that the business is open. It shall be unlawful for any person not identified on the hookah lounge/smokers bar permit application to work as a manager of a hookah lounge/smokers bar business unless the proposed manager or operator has submitted a registration form with the individual's legal name and any aliases; home address; telephone numbers; date of birth; and driver's license number; and, is determined qualified to serve as a manager by the City Clerk, using the criteria, as set forth in this Chapter. All managers must be over the age of twenty-one (21) years old. The permittee shall be responsible for notifying the City of any proposed change in management and ensuring that the proposed new manager has obtained the required approval before working or serving as a manager of the permitted establishment.

Sec. 3-82. Hours of operation.

It shall be unlawful for a hookah lounge/smoking bar to be open for business or for the permittee, manager or any employee of the permittee to allow patrons and/or customers to enter the permittee's premises between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of each day. All individuals, except employees of the hookah lounge/smoking bar, shall be required to leave or be removed from the building by 2:00 a.m. Only a maximum of three (3) employees shall remain on the premises after 2:00 a.m.; and each shall carry proof of employment at the permitted establishment, such as an identification badge. The manager and/or employee shall provide proof of such employment when requested to do so by a member of the Police Department or Fire Department.

Sec. 3-83. Age restrictions.

No one shall be allowed on the premises of a hookah lounge/smoking bar unless the individual is the age of twenty-one (21) years of age or older. The manager and/or employees shall ensure that identifications of individuals on the premises have been checked to determine that every individual is over the age of twenty-one years of age or older before entry into the premises. The manager and/or employees shall secure exit doors to ensure that no person has or is attempting to gain secret entry into the premises.

Sec. 3-84. Parking restrictions.

The manager and/or employee shall require patrons to leave the parking lot of the hookah lounge/smoking bar by 2:00 a.m. The manager and/or employees shall insure that patrons of the hookah lounge/smoking bar are not parking in adjacent or neighboring parking lots or in residential areas that are not part of the parking area provided to the permitted premises.

Sec. 3-85. Rules and Regulations.

(a) The following rules and regulations shall be adhered to by hookah lounges, smoking bar, its managers and its employees:

- (1) **Alcohol and liquor:** No manager, employee, volunteer, or representative of the permittee shall serve or engage in the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises, including but not limited to: any spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquor, beverages, liquids and compounds; nor shall persons obviously under the influence of any intoxicating drug or beverage be allowed to enter or remain upon the establishment premises; unless the permittee has obtained a permit/license to sell alcoholic beverages and liquor for on premises consumption as provided in this Chapter and according to the laws of the State of Louisiana;
- (2) **Consumption of alcohol:** It shall be unlawful to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages and liquor in any hookah lounge/smoking bar. The permittee's manager and/or employees shall immediately remove any person who opens or consumes alcoholic beverages and/or liquor on the premises, unless the permittee has obtained a permit to sell alcoholic beverages and liquor for on premises consumption as provided in this Chapter and according to the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- (3) **Controlled substances:** It shall be unlawful to permit the use, sale or presence of controlled substances, as defined by the laws of the State of Louisiana, on the permittee's premises. The manager and/or employees shall immediately remove any person possessing, distributing, selling, consuming and/or using controlled substances on the permitted premises.
- (4) There shall be no live entertainment on the permitted premises.
- (5) It is the duty and obligation of the permittee to ensure that at least one (1) manager is always on duty and on the premises that persons are on the permitted premises; and that, the manager is visible to any patron or customers who is present on the premises.
- (6) It is the duty and obligation of the permittee and its manager(s) of the premises to ensure that any doors to public areas on the premises remain unlocked during business hours.
- (7) The Manager and/or employees of the hookah lounge/smoking bar shall prohibit loitering by persons outside the hookah lounge/smoking bar either on the premises or within fifty (50) feet of the premises.
- (8) Prohibit any food or beverage not sold directly by the permittee to be consumed on the premises.
- (9) Post signs at each entrance and exit clearly stating that smoking is allowed on all or part of the premises and anyone under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age is prohibited from entering the premises.
- (10) Clearly mark outdoor seating and dining areas within ten (10) feet of an entrance or exit of the hookah lounge/smoking bar as "non-smoking;"

- (11) **Ventilation.** The ventilation shall, at a minimum, prevent smoke and vapors from migrating into adjacent buildings and/or suites and to outdoor public areas.
 - (12) **Lighting and visibility.** The interior of a hookah lounge/smoking bar shall be maintained with adequate illumination to make the conduct of patrons and/or customers within the premises readily discernible to a person with normal visual acuity.
 - (13) **Noise.** Any amplified noise shall be subject to the regulations set forth in Chapter 13, Section 13-111.3.
 - (14) **Surveillance cameras shall be installed in the premises and entrance to the premises to provide adequate coverage of the actions of the customers entering, leaving and within the premises.**
- (b) **The permittee, manager(s) and employees shall comply with all federal, state and the Plaquemine Code of Ordinances, including, but not limited to the Plaquemine Building and Fire Codes.**

Sec. 3-86. Right of entry.

The filing of an application for a hookah lounge/smokers bar shall constitute consent of the applicant and permittee and his/her/its agents, managers and/or employees to permit the City's Police Department, Building Department, Fire Department and any other department or agent of the City to conduct routine inspections of any permitted hookah lounge/smokers bar establishment during the hours the establishment is conducting business and during any time that employees or manager(s) are on the premises. The Police Department and the Fire Department shall be allowed unannounced access to the hookah lounge/smoking bar to inspect for any violation of this Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that Sections 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 of these ordinances shall become effective as provided by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that Sections 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80 and 81 of these ordinances shall become effective July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed in their entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that it is the intention the City that the provisions of this article be construed, enforced and interpreted in such a manner as will cause the least possible infringement of the constitutional rights of free speech, free expression, due process, equal protection or other fundamental rights consistent with the purposes of this article. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that nay part of this article, or any application or enforcement of it is excessively restrictive of such rights or liberties, then such portion of the article, or specific application of the article, shall be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2021 AS NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 53rd Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the State of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the State of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – CITY OF PLAQUEMINE WILL ADOPT 2021 AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGES AT ITS REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M. (REVISED STATUTE 42:19.1 ENACTED BY ACT 267).

So acknowledged.

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

Member Michelle Ramagos, in the absence of Chairperson 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 provided monthly budget to actual financial update. The Board of Selectmen acknowledged being put on a waiting list for four new police units to be allocated in the 2021-2022 fiscal budget.

g) CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR KEDRIC EDWARDS

Customer Service Director briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR MARCH 2021.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR MARCH 2021.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for March 2021.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING) AND MARCH 24, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the reading of the minutes of March 9, 2021 (regular meeting) and March 24, 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 and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Nays: None

Absent: Jimmie Randle, Jr.

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk