

**Minutes of May 23, 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, May 23, 2023, 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.

Opening prayer was given by Mr. Mickey Harding and Mr. Luke Avants.

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

Human Resource Director Georneisha Rivers addressed the Board of Selectmen concerning Humana Insurance will not be offering group insurance. Benefit Consultant Brad Daigle advised that the City of Plaquemine may need to do a mid-term switch. A Special Meeting of Tuesday, May 30, 2023 will be held concerning this matter.

Item 02. DISCUSSION – PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 10 – 14, 2023 AS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson would like to see the city get involved in activities supporting community development and not just declare it Community Development Week. Selectwoman Johnson stated she would like to see a connection with the schools in the city. Item tabled for the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Item 03. DISCUSSION – PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson advised she would like the city to get involved in fair housing month. Selectwoman Johnson would like the record to reflect that maybe we involve Ms. Ellie Hebert in the community outreach. Item tabled for the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Item 04. UPDATE – REZONING AND CLASSIFYING THE W. W. HARLEAUX MEDIAN AS A CITY PARK.

City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. advised he was not able to determine who owns the property and that the city may need to hire an abstractor. Item tabled until regular meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

ITEM 05. DISCUSSION – UTILITY METERS THAT CANNOT BE READ AND RELATED MATTERS.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. spoke on utilities meters that cannot be read and would like to see the meters being more accessible. Item tabled until the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

ITEM 06. DISCUSSION – VANDALIZING OF CITY PARKS AND RELATED MATTERS.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. would like to see all city park bathrooms to be locked at dark. Item tabled until the regular meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023 to be discussed with Police Chief Robert Johnson.

ITEM 07. DISCUSSION – VIDEO RECORDING OF MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETINGS.

City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. addressed two options provided by Ms. Ellie Hebert:

Option 1 – Randy Wheeler will tape meeting for \$250.00 per meeting and will provide file to Cox Communications. The City would have to establish a You Tube account at a cost of \$150.00 per year. The meeting will not air live.

Option 2 – Our website provider has another module which could be added to our website for a fee of \$3,150.00 for the base package, 25gig and would only be sufficient if the meeting is an hour or less; \$5,117.00 for unlimited storage package and with this package we could air our meeting live on city's website providing that Randy Wheeler still tapes them at \$250.00 per meeting fee and he has a video encoder. If he does not have a video encoder there will be a one-time fee of about \$1,200.00 to get one. The meetings will also automatically link to the city's agenda center. However, a city employee would have to program the website to be sure the meeting are set aired correctly and taped on the website.

ITEM 08. DISCUSSION – ASSESSMENT(S) OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING BASED UPON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S POSITION WITHIN THIS MATTER AND ACCORDING TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT; POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson that the City of Plaquemine go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss assessment(s) of the City Hall Building based upon the Parish Council's position within this matter and according to the lease agreement.

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

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine come out of executive session at 8:02 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

ITEM 09. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 8:03 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/Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Temp

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC