

**Minutes of August 9, 2022 – 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, August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Selectwomen Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones. Selectwoman Margaret R. Randle was absent at roll call but arrived at 6:34 p.m.

Absent: Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

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

City of Plaquemine Financial Statements as of June 30, 2022 was received by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.

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

Mr. Luke Avants asked why the Committee Reports have not been on the agenda in which Mayor Reeves answered his question.

Item 02. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees introduced.

Item 03. PRESENTATION – MS. DOLLEAN RAY WITH ENDEAVORS ON HURRICANE IDA DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM.

Ms. Dollean Ray and Ms. Tonya Scott with Endeavors presented their program that will help with Hurricane Ida Disaster Recovery Program. Ms. Ray also reported they have other services that may be helpful to the citizens of Plaquemine.

Item 04. PRESENTATION – MS. DESIREE LEMOINE WITH TJC GROUP ON I-10 WIDENING PROJECT.

Ms. Desiree Lemoine with TJC Group and Mr. James C. Taylor with Franklin Associates spoke on the I-10 widening project and answered questions from the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.

Item 05. UPDATE FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN ON LA 1 NORTH AND SOUTH OVERLAY PROJECT.

State Representative Chad Brown introduced Mr. Aaron Elisar with Department of Transportation and Development. Mr. Elisar gave an update on the LA 1 North and South overlay project with project possibly being completed in four weeks.

Item 06. TO APPROVE A 2022 CLASS T RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR ELITE ELIXIR, LLC FOR A SPECIAL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022 AT THE CARL F. GRANT CIVIC CENTER, 24700 J. GERALD BERRETT BLVD., OWNER SHAY LEONARD TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL BLACK AFFAIR, OWNER KARDELL GALES.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2022 Class T Retail Liquor Permit for Elite Elixir, LLC for a special event scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center, 24700 J. Gerald Berrett Blvd., owner Shay Leonard to be held in conjunction with All Black Affair, owner Kardell Gales.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Item 07. TO APPROVE A 2022 CLASS T. RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR THE ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022 AT THE MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK, 57845 FOUNDRY STREET, APPLICANTS MANDY LEGRANGE AND TONYA L. ORCINO.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2022 Class T Retail Liquor Permit for the St. John Alumni Association to hold a

cornhole tournament scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the Mark A. “Tony” Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park, 57845 Foundry Street, applicants Mandy LeGrange and Tonya L. Orcino.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Item 08. DISCUSSION – AMENDING ORDINANCE RELATED TO FEES FOR CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, ACCIDENT REPORTS AND COMPLAINTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Police Chief Kenneth Payne introduced Steven Engolio as his Assistant Police Chief who will start with the Plaquemine Police Department on Monday, August 15, 2022. Chief Payne advised he would like to amend the ordinance pertaining to fees for copying, administration charges with connection with access to criminal records checks, accident reports and complaints to reflect a charge of \$25.00 for up to 10 pages and \$1.00 per page thereafter. Item to be placed on agenda for Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Item 09. DISCUSSION – REQUIRING IDENTIFICATION ON ANY STATE CONTROL SUBSTANCE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Chief Kenneth Payne advised he would like to see an ordinance in place that would require any and all businesses to submit copy of their photo ID when applying for a business license. Item to be placed on agenda for Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Item 10. ADDENDUM – REQUIRING DEPARATMENT HEADS TO BE PRESENT AT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectwoman Geraldine H. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to require department heads to be present at regular meetings of the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectwoman Geraldine H. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine allow the department heads to come to meetings of the Mayor and Board of Selectmen to discuss what they have done, the progress they have made or not made.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Item 11. ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED WHEN ADVERTISED FOR A DEPOSITORY OR FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc to authorize Mayor Edwin M. “Ed” Reeves, Jr. to negotiate for a depository or fiscal agent for the City of Plaquemine for a period of one year.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Item 12. UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Tony Arikol of PEC reviewed the drainage study present and answered questions from the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.

Item 13. ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR JULY 2022.

So acknowledged.

Item 14. APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR JULY 2022.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectwoman Margaret R. Randle that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for July 2022 with the exception of Attorney Louis Delahaye and any other legal counsel hired by the Mayor without the Council's approval.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Item 15. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2022 (REGULAR MEETING), JULY 20, 2022 (SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING) AND JULY 26, 2022 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, second by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the reading of the minutes of July 12, 2022 (regular meeting), July 20, 2022 (special committee meeting) and July 26, 2022 (special meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

Item 16. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Margaret R. Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC