

**Minutes of August 22, 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, August 22, 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., Shannon P. Courtade and Selectwomen Wanda B. Jones and Natasha S. Johnson

Absent: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc

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.

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

Police Chief Stephen Engolio presented Robbie Johnson a plaque for his dedicated service as Interim Police Chief and his many years of service to the Police Department.

Mr. Engolio was sworn in as Police Chief for the City of Plaquemine along with the police officers taking their Oath of Office.

Item 02. TO DISCUSS AWARDING FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES THAT HAS GIVEN TIME TO THIS CITY A 6% RAISE TO BE EXECUTED WITHIN A SIX-MONTH PERIOD (PRORATED FROM AUGUST 8, 2023) AND REFLECTED WITHIN THE ANTICIPATED BUDGET TO BE APPROVED OCTOBER 24, 2023. IN ADDITION, AS A RESULT OF THIS RAISE, NO EMPLOYEE WILL REGRESS IN STEPS.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson stated she has spoken with Finance Director Lauren Berthelot to see how we can work this into the budget. Ms. Berthelot addressed the figures put together for this request and answered questions from the Board of Selectmen.

Item tabled until the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Item 03. TO DISCUSS APPOINTING IVORY PAINIA, III AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2023.

Selectwoman Wanda Jones spoke of the good work Mr. Painia has been doing and would like to see his salary retroactive. Finance Director Lauren Berthelot and Mr. Ivory Painia answered questions from the Board of Selectmen.

Item tabled until the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Item 04. TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS FOR HIRING THE INTERIM HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson addressed e-mails concerning the Human Resource Director's position.

Item tabled until the regular meeting of Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Item 05. TO DISCUSS PURCHASING A 2X8 VINYL SIGN TO INDICATE WHERE THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT IS NOW LOCATED.

The Board of Selectmen agreed on having a larger sign made to direct customers to the utilities department located at 24655 Plaza Drive.

Item 06. TO DISCUSS RELOCATING A NATURAL GAS LINE IN DISTRICT 6 IN ORDER TO ADDRESS DRAINAGE AND EROSION ISSUES.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson stated she had item placed on agenda due to property owners losing property due to erosion issues. City Attorney Joseph B. Dupont, Jr. stated he has spoken with the Parish and a plan is in motion to address the issue.

Item 07. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectwoman Natasha S. Johnson moved, seconded by Selectman Michael K. Carlin, Sr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Thomas D. LeBlanc
CITY OF PLAQUEMINE
/s/Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Temp

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC