

**Minutes of October 12, 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, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones

Absent: Selectman Oscar S. Mellion

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees to introduced.

DISCUSSION – TRAFFIC ISSUES WITH KYTE AYMOND.

Plaquemine resident Kyte Aymond expressed his concerns on traffic issues on Church Street with Police Chief Kenneth Payne addressing those concerns.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. left meeting at 6:55 p.m. due to not feeling well.

APPROVE A 2021 CLASS T LIQUOR PERMIT FOR INTERNATIONAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL D/B/A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #970 FOR OCTOBER 22 – 24, 2021 TO BE HELD AT THE MARK A. "TONY" GULOTTA BAYOU PLAQUEMINE WATERFRONT PARK.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class T Liquor Permit for International Acadian Festival d/b/a Knights of Columbus #970 for October 22 – 24, 2021 to be held at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

APPROVE A 2021 CLASS T ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR THE ST. JOHN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021, BEING HELD AT THE CARL F. GRANT CIVIC CENTER LOCATED AT 24700 J. GERALD BERRET BLVD., REQUESTED BY MANDY LEGRANGE AND TONYA ORCINO.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class T Liquor Permit for the St. John Alumni Association Cornhole Tournament scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021, being held at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center located at 24700 J. Gerald Berret Blvd., requested by Mandy LeGrange and Tonya Orcino.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

DISCUSSION OF CODE OF ORDINANCE SECTION 13-33 STORAGE OF TIRES WITH WHYLITHIA ROBINSON, OWNER OF ROBINSON'S TIRE, LLC., LOCATED AT 57930 COURT ST.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. stated he has spoken with Ms. Whylithia Robinson, owner of Robinson's Tire, LLC, and expressed his concerns with the storage of tires and stated Robinson's Tire, LLC has been doing good work in complying with ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE REZONE REQUEST OF 58440 BAYOU ROAD FROM R-6 RESIDENTIAL TO R-4 RESIDENTIAL; PERSON REQUESTING: DARLENE CURRIE.

Item tabled until Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE REZONE REQUEST OF 23640 PETERS STREET FROM R-6 RESIDENTIAL – GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT (VACANT) TO C-6 COMMERCIAL (TRANSITION HOUSE); PERSON REQUESTING: GORDON LABAUVE, III; PROPERTY OWNER: DAVID & MARY S. ROTH.

Item tabled until Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 9, 2021.

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT 58393 COURT STREET NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

The following ordinance was offered by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones:

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 410

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT 58393 COURT STREET NO LONGER NEEDED FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine acquired the following described property on April 29, 2021, NOTICE recorded in Conveyance Book 721, Entry 107 of the Conveyance Records of Iberville Parish, to-wit;

ONE (1) CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at the corner of Marshall and Court Streets of the Town of Plaquemine, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the property and measuring south eighty (80') feet on its easterly side of Marshall Street by a depth between parallel lines of forty-five (45') feet, being bounded on the North by Court Street, on the West by Marshall Street, on the East by the property owned, now or formerly by John and Josephine Zito, and on the South by the property owned by James Rivers and Trinese Edwards Rivers by act recorded at COB 525, Page 839; See also COB 523, En. 30; COB 525 En. 236; COB 532, En. 226; COB 532, En. 227; COB 532, En. 228; COB 646, En. 12.

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 58393 Court Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, after the current and future needs of the City, determine that the improvements on the above-described property are no longer needed for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, pursuant to LSA R.S. 33:4712, have published its Notice of this proposed Ordinance and no opposition was filed with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Mayor to obtain an appraisal on the property to determine a minimum price on the above described property to offer at Public Sale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectman of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, in legal session, that pursuant to LSA R.S. 33:4712, hereby declare the improvements on the following described property are no longer needed for any public purpose, to-wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at the corner of Marshall and Court Streets of the Town of Plaquemine, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the property and measuring south eighty (80') feet on its easterly side of Marshall Street by a depth between parallel lines of forty-five (45') feet, being bounded on the North by Court Street, on the West by Marshall Street, on the East by the property owned, now or formerly by John and Josephine Zito, and on the South by the property owned by James Rivers and Trinese Edwards Rivers by act recorded at COB 525, Page 839; See also COB 523, En. 30; COB 525, En. 236; COB 532, En. 226; COB 532, En. 227; COB 532, En. 228; COB 646, En. 12.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectman of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, in legal session, that the Mayor, the Honorable Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., is authorized to obtain an appraisal on the property to determine a minimum price on the above-described property to offer at Public Sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, that this ordinance 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 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 if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application

thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC SALE OF IMPROVED
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BY MUNICIPAL ADDRESS
58393 COURT STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine has previously declared the improved parcel of immovable property, identified by municipal address 58393 Court Street, Iberville Parish Assessor's Parcel #0300515681, no longer needed for public purposes, pursuant to La. R. S. 33:4712. The said immovable property (hereinafter referred to as the "Property") is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at the corner of Marshall and Court Streets of the Town of Plaquemine, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the property and measuring south eighty (80') feet on its easterly side of Marshall Street by a depth between parallel lines of forty five (45') feet, being bounded on the North by Court Street, on the West by Marshall Street, on the East by the property owned, now or formerly by John and Josephine Zito, and on the South by the property owned by James Rivers and Trinese Edwards Rivers by act recorded at COB 525, Page 839; See also COB 523, En. 30; COB 525, En. 236; COB 532, En. 226; COB 532, En. 227; COB 532, En. 228; COB 646, En. 12.

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WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine believe it is in the best interest of the City to offer at Public Sale the Property on the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. The minimum price for the Property is \$22,000.00, which is the Appraised Value as per the Appraisal by Mike Delaune, August 16, 2021.
2. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
3. The City reserves the right to waive any informalities in the Bid.
4. The Property shall be sold "as is" and "where is." The City of Plaquemine makes no warranty, express or implied, on the Property. The additional terms and conditions are set forth in the Non-Warranty Cash Sale Deed available for inspection and review by the Bidder and incorporated herein by reference.
5. The Bidder and/or Purchaser agrees to save the City of Plaquemine harmless from any and all actions, claims, debts, demands, judgments, liabilities, costs and attorney's fees arising out of, claimed on account of, or in any manner predicated upon loss of or damage to the property and injuries, illness or disabilities to or death of any and all persons whatsoever, including members of the general public, or to the property of any legal or political entity, in any manner caused by or contributed to by the Bidder and/or Purchaser, its agents, servants, employees, or any person subject to its control while in, upon or about the sale site or while the property is in the possession of or subject to the control of the Bidder and/or Purchaser, its agents, servants, employees, or any person subject to its control.
6. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ascertain and comply with all applicable laws.
7. Public Bids shall be accepted, in an open auction, in person to the City of Plaquemine at the City Clerk's Office, on November 9, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., 23640 Railroad Avenue, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764.

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine hereby directs the City Clerk, to advertise two (2) times, in the Official Journal for the City of Plaquemine, the Property in the form as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Plaquemine is offering for Public Sale the immovable property described below, to-wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated at the corner of Marshall and Court Streets of the Town of

Plaquemine, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the property and measuring south eighty (80') feet on its easterly side of Marshall Street by a depth between parallel lines of forty-five (45') feet, being bounded on the North by Court Street, on the West by Marshall Street, on the East by the property owned, now or formerly by John and Josephine Zito, and on the South by the property owned by James Rivers and Trinese Edwards Rivers by act recorded at COB 525, Page 839; See also COB 523, En. 30; COB 525, En. 236; COB 532, En. 226; COB 532, En. 227; COB 532, En. 228; COB 646, En. 12.

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 58393 Court Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764

The City offers at Public Sale the above-described property on the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. The minimum price for the Property is \$22,000.00, which is the Appraised Value as per the Appraisal by Mike Delaune, August 16, 2021.
2. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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4. The Property shall be sold "as is" and "where is." The City of Plaquemine makes no warranty, express or implied, on the Property. The additional terms and conditions are set forth in the Non-Warranty Cash Sale Deed available for inspection and review by the Bidder and incorporated herein by reference.
5. The Bidder and/or Purchaser agrees to save the City of Plaquemine harmless from any and all actions, claims, debts, demands, judgments, liabilities, costs and attorney's fees arising out of, claimed on account of, or in any manner predicated upon loss of or damage to the property and injuries, illness or disabilities to or death of any and all persons whatsoever, including members of the general public, or to the property of any legal or political entity, in any manner caused by or contributed to by the Bidder and/or Purchaser, its agents, servants, employees, or any person subject to its control while in, upon or about the sale site or while the property is in the possession of or subject to the control of the Bidder and/or Purchaser, its agents, servants, employees, or any person subject to its control.
6. It is the Bidder's responsibility to ascertain and comply with all applicable laws.
7. Public Bids shall be accepted, in an open auction, in person to the City of Plaquemine at the City Clerk's Office, on November 9, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., 23640 Railroad Avenue, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764.

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 vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND RELATED ISSUES.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, owns the following movable property which is no longer needed for a public purpose:

Item	VIN NUMBER	COLOR	VALUE
2012 Chevrolet Tahoe	1GNLC2EOXCR179745	White	\$1500.00

WHEREAS, such property has no value or an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars, therefore the City of Plaquemine hereby proposes to dispose of such property in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine have hereby declared the above-mentioned movable property which is no longer needed for public purpose as surplus with either no value and/or an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars as set forth in accordance with the procedures set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

MOTION TO DECLARE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021 AS A HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND RELATED MATTERS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine declare Friday, November 12, 2021 as a holiday for city employees.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

So acknowledged.

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Tony Arikol of PEC gave update on drainage in city.

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

With the absence of Public Works Director Richard Alleman, no report was given.

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.

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 SEPTEMBER 2021.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR SEPTEMBER 2021.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for September 2021.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING) AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 (COMMITTEE MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, second by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the reading of the minutes of September 14, 2021 (regular meeting) and September 28, 2021 (committee meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lind A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk