

**Minutes of January 8, 2019 – 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, January 8, 2019 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, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

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.

PRESENTATION – BARRY RILEY, BASELIUS OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY.

Barry Riley, Baselius of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented Citizen of the Year plaques to Selectmen Oscar S. Mellion and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PELICAN SHOPPETTE.

Ms. Linda Johnson, citizen of Plaquemine, addressed Mayor and Board on her concerns of the property.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO REQUEST CHANGE SPECIFICATIONS ON THE EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS AT (PLAQUEMINE HOTEL) 23165 HWY 1, PLAQUEMINE, PERSON REQUESTING CHANGE: PATEL CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet that the City of Plaquemine approve change specifications on the exterior elevations at (Plaquemine Hotel) 23165 Hwy 1, Plaquemine, person requesting change: Patel Construction, L.L.C.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet and Timothy L. Martinez

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

Absent: None

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 27 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2019 AS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez offered the following proclamation, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

PROCLAMATION

Catholic Schools Week January 27 through February 2, 2019

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent, and Embrace the Future; and

WHEREAS, Catholic schools across the nation are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 27 through Saturday, February 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools strive to foster growth of the whole person in preparation for the future; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools encourage the understanding that character is not measure by wealth or prominence buy by integrity, compassion and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools are committed to reaching out to all children regardless of heritage, religion, race or economic status and, indeed, have made this commitment part of their mission; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools recognize the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, successfully involve parents and communities in support of schools, and encourage local creativity and excellence in education; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Schools of Louisiana, and indeed of the entire nation, have traditionally provided outstanding education to those attending them, thus contributing to the welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools have trained many of the fine leaders of the Catholic Church, the state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, many of the city and parish citizens have experienced and enjoyed the quality of education provided by Catholic Schools; and

WHEREAS, both the Catholic community and all citizen of the city and parish can share in the success that the Catholic System of Schools has achieved in the many years of its existence, while remaining confident in its lasting endurance; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr, Mayor, along with the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine do hereby recognize January 27 through February 2, 2019 as Catholic Schools Week and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, has learned that the United States Postal Service, for the City of Plaquemine, has provided substandard service to the City's residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, has learned that some of the substandard service, includes but is not limited to, the mail being delivered late the date of service, the mail not being deliver for several days, mail being delivered for someone else, and mail being delivered which is several months old; 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 write and notify the United States Postal Service urging, pleading and beseeching that its services for the residents and businesses for the City be improved and the problems identified be addressed.

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, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADDENDUM - ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY VEHICLES AS SURPLUS AND TO BE AUCTIONED.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to discuss the adoption of a resolution declaring city vehicles as surplus and to be auctioned.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded b Selectman Timothy L. Martinez:

RESOLUTION

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

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Make</u> | <u>Model</u> | <u>Vin #</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2003 | Chevrolet | Suburban | 3GNEC16Z93G242334 | \$4,000.00 |
| 2006 | Ford | Crown Vic | 2FAF971W46X151666 | \$1,200.00 |
| 2007 | Chevrolet | Tahoe | 1GNFC13C97R318175 | \$4,500.00 |
| 2010 | Chevrolet | Impala | 2G1WD5EM1A1132979 | \$2,000.00 |

WHEREAS, such property has an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars and the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine proposes to dispose of such property in accordance with the procedure set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, does hereby, availing itself of the provisions of R.S. 33:4712 (F), declare that the movable property contained above, having an appraised value of less than five thousand dollars, is no longer needed for public purpose, and such property shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder with payment in the form of cash, certified check, or money order.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine have hereby declared the above mentioned movable property which is no longer needed for public purpose as surplus property and will be auctioned in accordance with the procedure set forth in R.S. 33:4712 (F).

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Tony Arikol of PEC provided status of ongoing projects.

b) UTILITY DIRECTOR FRANK MOTT

Utility Director Frank Mott 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.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2018.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR DECEMBER 2018.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for December 2018.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2018 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the reading of the minutes of December 11, 2018 (regular 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, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L. Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Ralph J. Stassi, Jr., Michael W. Rivet, Timothy L.

Martinez and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk