

**Minutes of February 12, 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, February 12, 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.

NUISANCE HEARING – 57820 GOVERNMENT STREET, OWNER LUIS HILARIO GONZALEZ.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceeding at 57820 Government Street.

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

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 23625 MARIONNEAUX STREET, OWNER CASSANDRA R. DRAKE-FOX.

Code Enforcement Officer Henry Dempsey granted owner of 23625 Marionneaux Street 30 days extension to comply with city code and item tabled until regular meeting of March 12, 2019.

DEMOLITION HEARING – 23735 CALLAIS STREET, OWNER LATOYA BOSELY.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23735 Callais Street 30 days to make a decision on options received for property.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: Michael W. Rivet

Absent: None

DEMOLITION HEARING – 23935 TAYLOR STREET, OWNER CO & MO UNIQUE PROPERTIES LLC, C/O COREY D. WESLEY.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 23935 Taylor Street 30 days to start bringing property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: Michael W. Rivet

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER AND GRANT THE SEPARATION OF TWO EXISTING STRUCTURES ON LOT 30, E 52.52' LOT 29, N 45' LOT 36 IN SECTION 14 T9S, R12E, OWNER PETER GAUTHIER REPRESENTED BY COURT BRADFORD, B & A ENGINEERING & SERVICES.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine grant the separation of two existing structures on Lot 30, E 52.52' Lot 29, N 45' Lot 36 in Section 14 T9S, R12E, owner Peter Gauthier represented by Court Bradford, B & A Engineering & Services.

The foregoing was adopted by the following:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER AND GRANT THE EXCHANGE PARCELS 0210196250 & 0210193364 (175' X 1220') 5.00 ACRE LOT A PART OF SECTION 15, T9SR 12E EVANGELINE PLACE AND 5.603 ACRE TRACT PART OF SECTION 15, T9SR 12E, OWNER WILLIAM DUPONT REPRESENTED BY COURT BRADFORD, B & A ENGINEERING & SERVICES.

Selectman Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet that the City of Plaquemine grant the exchange parcels 0210196250 & 0210193364 (175' x 1220') 5.00 acre lot a part of Section 15, T9SR 12E Evangeline Place and 5.603 acre tract part of Section 15, T9SR 12 E, owner William Dupont represented by Court Bradford, B & A Engineering & Services.

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

TO ACCEPT BID(S) RECEIVED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 23928 LEVY STREET.

Bid(s) received from: Tommy Mosley, 29305 Hwy. 75, Plaquemine, LA 70764, bid amount: \$500.00 to be paid to the City of Plaquemine.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine accept the bid from Tommy Mosley, 29305 Hwy. 75, Plaquemine, LA 70764, for the demolition of 23928 Levy Street in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid to the City of Plaquemine.

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

TO ACCEPT BID(S) RECEIVED FOR MYRTLE GROVE SUBDIVISION FILING 1.

Bid(s) received from: Gresco Utility Supply, Inc., 1070 Cinclare Drive, Port Allen, LA 70767, base bid of \$91,092.90; Basin River Electrical Supply, 24310 Railroad Avenue, Plaquemine, LA 70764, base bid of \$92,370.29; Reulet Electric Supplies, 11036 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, base bid of \$92,478.15 and Stuart C. Irby Co., 7984 Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70815, base bid of \$96,915.42.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine accept the low bid from Gresco Utility Supply, Inc., 1070 Cinclare Drive, Port Allen, LA 70767, with a base bid of \$91,092.90, for Myrtle Grove Subdivision Filing 1 (Conductors, Conduit, Connectors, Transformers, Street Lights and other miscellaneous material).

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 REQUESTING LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT TO REPAIR LA HIGHWAY 1 SERVICE ROAD FROM BAYOU PLAQUEMINE BRIDGE TO DOW CHEMICAL AND TO REPAIR LA HIGHWAY 1 (NORTH – CHURCH STREET) AND (SOUTH – EDEN STREET) IN PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA.

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

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WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, has numerous residents who complained about the deplorable condition of the LA Highway 1 service road, from Bayou Plaquemine to Dow Chemical and LA 1 Highway 1 North (Church Street) and LA Highway 1 South (Eden Street).

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, noticed these roadways have numerous potholes and failures which make driving dangerous to the motoring public and the conditions have damaged vehicles.

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, that these roadways need immediate attention and repair by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to ensure the continued safety of the motoring public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, is requesting the City of Plaquemine City Clerk to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and to the local State Legislative Delegation.

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

UPDATE ON PLAQUEMINE POST OFFICE COMPLAINT.

Mayor Reeves provided update on Plaquemine Post Office complaint advising the Post Office will have an open house on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

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 JANUARY 2019.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR JANUARY 2019.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for January 2019.

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 JANUARY 8, 2019 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the reading of the minutes of January 8, 2019 (regular meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Iberville Parish Operator Clarence Batton, Jr.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:08 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