

**Minutes of April 5, 2022 – Special Meeting
Mayor and Board of Selectmen
City of Plaquemine, Louisiana**

The Mayor and Board of Selectmen met for a Special Meeting at Plaquemine City Hall, second floor courtroom, 23640 Railroad Avenue, City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, 70764 on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. and Thomas D. LeBlanc and Selectwomen Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones

Absent: Selectman Shannon P. Courtade

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

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. who passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

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

There were no public comments at this time.

Item 02. RECOGNIZE MS. ISABELLA LOBUE, 2021 EVANGELINE, QUEEN OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADIAN FESTIVAL.

A proclamation and key to the city were presented to Ms. Isabella LoBue, the 2021 Evangeline of the International Acadian Festival.

Item 03. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees introduced.

Item 04. PRESENTATION – CLAUDIA SMITH TO ADDRESS HAVING SPECIALTY DOCTORS PRACTICING AT THE OSCHNER CLINIC LOCATION IN PLAQUEMINE.

Item tabled, Ms. Claudia Smith not present.

Item 05. TO APPROVE A 2022 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. WINE WALK/PICNIC TO BE HELD ON MAIN STREET ON APRIL 24, 2022; PERSON APPLYING RHONDA HARRELL.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2022 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. Wine Walk/Picnic to be held on Main Street on April 24, 2022; person applying Rhonda Harrell.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon Courtade

Item 06. TO APPROVE A 2022 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. CELEBRITY WAITER TO BE HELD AT 24130 FERDINAND STREET ON JUNE 25, 2022; PERSON APPLYING RHONDA HARRELL.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2022 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. Celebrity Waiter to be held at 24130 Ferdinand Street on June 25, 2022; person applying Rhonda Harrell.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 07. TO APPROVE A 2022 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE, INC. A NIGHT ON THE RED CARPET TO BE HELD AT 24700 J. GERALD BERRET BLVD. ON AUGUST 13, 2022; PERSON APPLYING RHONDA HARRELL.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2022 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for We Are The Difference, Inc. A Night On The Red Carpet to be held at 24700 J. Gerald Berret Blvd. on August 13, 2022; person applying Rhonda Harrell.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

- Item 08. PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE MINOR SUBDIVISION CORRECTION AT 59820 AVERY JAMES; PERSON APPLYING: CHARLES ARTHUR & ELIZABETH D. ROUSSELL.

Item tabled until next meeting.

- Item 09. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS OF 57831 GOVERNMENT STREET, OWNERS EDMOND & CHARLIE WILLIAMS.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine appoint Attorney John W. Wilbert, III to represent the heirs of 57831 Government Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

- Item 10. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS OF 57844 GOVERNMENT STREET, OWNER MARY BATTISTE, C/O MERCEDES MILLIGAN.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine appoint Attorney John W. Wilbert, III to represent the heirs of 57844 Government Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

- Item 11. NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23080 SHORT STREET, OWNER KERRY PAUL CHRISTOPHER, JR.

City Inspector Lenora W. Crawford requested Mr. Kerry Paul Christopher, Jr., owner of 23080 Short Street to present proof of insurance and registration for vehicle at the rear of property and once received the property will be in compliance with city code.

- Item 12. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS OF 58315 BAYOU ROAD, OWNER AUDREY P. TURNER, ET AL.

Selectwoman Geraldine H. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine appoint an attorney to represent the heirs of 58315 Bayou Road.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

- Item 13. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS OF 58905 BAYOU ROAD, OWNER D'MARCUS VEAL.

Selectwoman Geraldine H. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine appoint an attorney to represent the heirs of 58905 Bayou Road.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

- Item 14. NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58955 BAYOU ROAD, OWNERS IRENE & OCTAVE BATISTE - OTHERS, C/O JOSEPH BATISTE.

Selectwoman Geraldine H. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine appoint an attorney to represent the heirs of 58955 Bayou Road.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

- Item 15. NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24240 CHURCH STREET, OWNER

NOBERTO R. BONELLIA FOBB.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 24240 Church Street 60 days to bring property into compliance.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 16. NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23930 CHURCH STREET, OWNER JOHN WAYNE ROSSO.

Item tabled until further notice.

Item 17. NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23700 SEMINARY STREET, OWNER DORA TAYLOR, C/O GRACE TAYLOR DORSEY.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner 60 days to bring property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 18. NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 57940 MERIAM STREET, OWNER WILFRED BARRILLEAUX.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner 60 days to bring property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 19. NUISANCE HEARING – 23511 LIBERTY STREET, OWNER JOHN HERNANDEZ.

Item tabled until next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.

Item 20. NUISANCE HEARING – 23920 FIRST STREET, OWNER ZACHARIAH BROWN.

No action taken, property is in compliance with city code.

Item 21. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS OF 23920 LEVY STREET, OWNER GEORGE W. DIXON.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine appoint an attorney to represent the heirs of 23920 Levy Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 22. NUISANCE HEARING – 23923 TAYLOR STREET, OWNERS CLARENCE & ASALEE JEFFERSON, C/O FREDDIE JEFFERSON, JR.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 23923 Taylor Street 30 days to bring property into compliance with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 23. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS TO 23935 TAYLOR STREET, OWNER CO & MO UNIQUE PROPERTIES, LLC, C/O COREY D. WESLEY.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine appoint an attorney to represent the heirs of 23935 Taylor Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 24. NUISANCE HEARING – 58847 ALLEN STREET, OWNERS DANIEL & ANNIE MORGAN, C/O ANGELA MORGAN.

Item tabled until the next meeting of the Mayor and Board of Selectmen.

Item 25. TO APPOINT AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE HEIRS OF 58763 ALLEN STREET, OWNER GILBERT JENKINS.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine appoint an attorney to represent the heirs of 58763 Allen Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 26. NUISANCE HEARING – 58480 ALLEN STREET, OWNERS VERONICA L. & LARRY GRANT.

No action taken, property is in compliance with city code.

Item 27. TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 BY ADDING SECTION 20-465 TO ARTICLE VI OF THE PLAQUEMINE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO PARADES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc offered the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 20 BY ADDING SECTION 20-465 TO ARTICLE VI OF THE PLAQUEMINE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO PARADES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, in legal session, that Code of Ordinances of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, hereby amends Chapter 20, Article VI, by adding Section 20-465, to read as follows:

That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana, is hereby amended by adding a section 20-465, to be numbered 20-465, which said section reads as follows:

ARTICLE VI. PARADES

Sec. 20-465. Prohibited and Permitted Parade Activities, Animals and Vehicles.

- (a) The term animal used in Section 20-457(c)(6) above does not mean or include horse or other members of the equine family.
- (b) Horse(s) or other members of the equine family ridden by one (1) or more persons are not allowed in the parade except horse(s) ridden by law enforcement personnel when used by law enforcement personnel for crowd control and traffic control purposes.
- (c) Three-wheeler and four-wheeler, dirt/motorcycle, go-carts, golf carts, side-by-side and two (2) seater and four (4) seater-four (4) wheel Kawasaki Mule with or without a roll bar housing and like kind vehicles are prohibited vehicles and not allowed in the parade.
- (d) miniature cars (example - Shriner's parade cars) are allowed
- (e) Law enforcement personnel may use any type of motorized vehicles in and around the parade route when used for crowd control and traffic control purposes.

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 it is the intention the City that the provisions of this article be construed, enforced and interpreted in such a manner as will cause the least possible infringement of the constitutional rights of free speech, free expression, due process, equal protection or other fundamental rights consistent with the purposes of this article. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that nay part of this article, or any application or enforcement of it is excessively restrictive of such rights or

liberties, then such portion of the article, or specific application of the article, shall be severed from the remainder, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Ordinance **failed** due to a lack of a second.

Item 28. ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND RELATED ISSUES.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

RESOLUTION

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

MODEL	Serial #	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
HP LASER JET PRO M402 DN	PHBQF02489	PRINTER	SALVAGE
VITEK	60922424	MONITOR	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE	1S10B60009USMJ01X442	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE	11S0C64957ZBJ8AH4940B8	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE	1S0967B5UMJ359W6	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE	1S10B00005USMJ00PB2F	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
BROTHER	U63079E5N121960	PRINTER	SALVAGE
HP LASER JET PRO P3015	BNBC9D80F8	PRINTER	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109315071101750	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109315071101750	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109315071101750	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109315071101330	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109017081201480	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109015041218230	PHONE	SALVAGE
CASIO DR-210TM	362BI7ZBA286989	CALCULATOR	SALVAGE
CANON MP11DX	21666355	CALCULATOR	SALVAGE
SWINGLINE 74550	72771	THREE HOLEPUNCH	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE	1S10B00005USMJ00M69U	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
HP COMPAQ 6000 PRO	MXI1080273	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
R3000XR/NA	MX16120828	SERVER	SALVAGE
COMPAQ TFT50T	136BI72CI847	MONITOR	SALVAGE
HARRIS 39827 REVJ	0BAE7	RADIO	SALVAGE
HARRIS 39827 REVJ	0A5DD	RADIO	SALVAGE
HARRIS 39827 REVJ	0A649	RADIO	SALVAGE
MA-COM LPE200	BMI161R5A	RADIO	SALVAGE
NEC DTERMSERIES I	14205212J1	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109315071101760	PHONE	SALVAGE
YEALINK T48G	8109315071101710	PHONE	SALVAGE
HP LE1901 WM	3CQ1022RHJ	MONITOR	SALVAGE
APC SMART-UPS SC 1500	3S0933X37966	MONITOR	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINKCENTRE M702Q	MJ0BQ07Y	DESKTOP	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINKCENTRE M702Q	MJ0BPZZ7	DESKTOP	SALVAGE
AOC	GWDKAHA101602	MONITOR	SALVAGE
NEC DCR-60-1 (BK) CONSOLE	14400814D2	PHONE	SALVAGE

HP LASER JET PRO1356DNF MFP	CNF8F57FJ5	PRINTER	SALVAGE
NEC DTERM SERIES I	14300653H1	PHONE	SALVAGE
SAFECO 3420DG	71602	CHAIR	SALVAGE
MUSCATINE IA52761	MRIJ03	CHAIR	SALVAGE
WOODEN FLAG POLE METAL BASE			SALVAGE
WOODEN FLAG POLE METAL BASE			SALVAGE
WOODEN FLAG POLE METAL BASE			SALVAGE
WOODEN FLAG POLE METAL BASE			SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE M73	MJ005QMW	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE M73	MJO1X48Q	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE M73	MG00BDB4	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
FELLOWS 99CI	CRC32299	SHREDDER	SALVAGE
ACER X183H	ETLEG080019100B6E94222	MONITOR	SALVAGE
KDS 780	FGWD4B0906034	MONITOR	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE M73	MJ01X493	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
COMPAQ TFT8030	205EA72YX725	MONITOR	SALVAGE
AEG OLYPIA START TYPE 150I		TYPEWRITER	SALVAGE
HP PRO 3000 SFF	24A0401V2Q	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
HP PROBOOK 470G5	5CD9296G3J	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
ZEBRA GX420D	30J141100469	PRINTER	SALVAGE
HP PROBOOK 440G4	5CD7194HC9	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK PAD E560	PF-ONXKML16/09	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
TOSHIBA HARMAN	79656633Q	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK PAD E550	PF-OFJPKL	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
HP DTS	CND44967DH	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
HP PROBOOK 440G4	5CD7174RHJ	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK PAD E550	PF-0F06V5	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK PAD E550	PF-09S2E4	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
MIFI 8800L	990015590201331	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 7730L	990006384850094	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 6620L	990006378571979	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 7730L	990006389673426	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 8800L	990009315309404	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 8800L	990009312452850	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 8800L	990009315315364	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 7730L	990006383567806	MIFI	SALVAGE
MIFI 8800L	990015590201539	MIFI	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK PAD E560	PF-ONMDSG	LAPTOP	SALVAGE

SAMSUNG GALAXY S8	359031085793935	PHONE	SALVAGE
SAMSUNG GALAXY S10+	357959102600927	PHONE	SALVAGE
GOOGLE PIXAL		PHONE	SALVAGE
SAMSUNG GALAXY S10+	357959103047805	PHONE	SALVAGE
SAMSUNG GALAXY S9	353305095967986	PHONE	SALVAGE
SAMSUNG GALAXY S8	359031086552215	PHONE	SALVAGE
HP	MY2825DMUZ	BATTERY BACKUP	SALVAGE
APC	AS1336124939	BATTERY BACKUP	SALVAGE
SMART-UPS 2200	YS0434220776	BATTERY BACKUP	SALVAGE
2005 FORD F250	VIN# 1FTNF20Y85ED17153	PICKUP	SALVAGE
1987 F800 FORD	VIN# 1FDPK84N3HVA06866	BUCKET TRUCK	SALVAGE
1987 F800 FORD	VIN # 1FDPK84N7HVA06868	BUCKET TRUCK	SALVAGE
1997 CHEVY	VIN # 1GBM7H1J2VJ105227	BUCKET TRUCK	SALVAGE
MFC-9970CDW	U62513C3J35943	PRINTER	SALVAGE
NIKON DIGITAL CAMERA D40	3387069	CAMERA	SALVAGE
NIKON DIGITAL CAMERA D3200	3985380	CAMERA	SALVAGE
M/A COM 026REVA	06F71	RADIO	SALVAGE
ASUS VS228	GBLMQS103008	MONITOR	SALVAGE
HP COMPAQ 6000 PRO	MXL00606TX	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
HP ASTN D-2321-B	CNK7490PGM	MONITOR	SALVAGE
ASUS VS228	D3LMTF008691	MONITOR	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE M73	MJ00VN4K	HARD DRIVE	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE E531	PF-039YH 13-05	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
LENOVO THINK CENTRE E531	PF-11E1 13-12	LAPTOP	SALVAGE
HP EVO6 NOTEBOOK BATTERY	6AQEE05B5Y9QLP	LAPTOP BATTERY	SALVAGE

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., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 29. DISCUSSION – RAISING SEWER FEES AND RELATED MATTERS.

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot reported on the funds lost on sewer fees. Mayor Reeves reported they are working on a break even cost and will report on next month.

Item 30. UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Tony Arikol of PEC supplied update on drainage in the City of Plaquemine.

Item 31. DISCUSSION ON THE POSITION, APPOINTMENT AND RATIFICATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND ALL MATTERS RELEVANT THERETO.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING CITY ATTORNEY’S HISTORICAL POSTION AS DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF

PLAQUEMINE

WHEREAS, the position of City Attorney, has always been considered and treated as the head of the legal department of the City, and

WHEREAS, every one of the past five City Attorney's appointment were required to be confirmed and approved by a vote of the Board of Selectmen, and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine's web page has listed the City Attorney as a department head and whose appointment is subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's request to the Attorney General for an opinion acknowledged that the City Attorney/Prosecutor was one of the several department heads of the City of Plaquemine

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the historical and factual position of City Attorney of the City of Plaquemine as the head of the legal department of the City of Plaquemine be confirmed as it has been and still is a department head of the City of Plaquemine.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones

Nays: Thomas D. LeBlanc

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 32. DISCUSSION ON THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE CHARTER AND CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-64.

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of March 2022, the Mayor of the City of Plaquemine unilaterally attempted to appoint Lou Delahaye City Attorney of the City of Plaquemine, and

WHEREAS, Lou Delahaye's appointment has not been approved or confirmed by the Board of Selectmen as required by law.

IT IS HEREBY MOVED that the appointment of Lou Delahaye as City Attorney be now voted on to be confirmed or rejected by the Board of Selectmen.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones.

Nays: Thomas D. LeBlanc

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Special Counsel for the City of Plaquemine F. Barry Marionneaux advised that the Board of Selectmen can amend the agenda.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to accept or reject appointment of City Attorney.

The foregoing **failed** due to not having a unanimous vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones

Nays: Thomas D. LeBlanc

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of March 2022, the Mayor of the City of Plaquemine unilaterally attempted to appoint Lou Delahaye City Attorney of the City of Plaquemine, and

WHEREAS, Lou Delahaye's appointment has not been approved or confirmed by the Board of Selectmen as required by law.

IT IS HEREBY MOVED that the appointment of Lou Delahaye as City Attorney be now voted on to be confirmed or rejected by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Rivet stated a nay vote would be rejection of confirmation of Mr. Delahaye and a yea vote would be a confirmation of Mr. Delahaye. The foregoing **failed** by the following vote:

Yeas: Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones.

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Attorney F. Barry Marionneaux put his objection on the record that: “This violates the public meeting laws of the State of Louisiana. It is not on the agenda that a vote will occur tonight on any of the three items 31, 32 and 33.”

Item 33. DISCUSSION – AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE AND RELATED MATTERS.

No action taken

Item 34. 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

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 matters.

e) POLICE CHIEF KENNETH PAYNE

Police Chief Kenneth Payne brief Mayor and Board regarding his department and related matters.

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

Finance Director Lauren Berthelot provided monthly budget to actual financial update.

g) CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR AUDRIANE WILLIAMS

Customer Service Director Audriane Williams briefed Mayor and Board regarding her department and related matters.

Item 35. APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR MARCH 2022.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for March 2022.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 36. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2022 (REGULAR MEETING) AND MARCH 23, 2022 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the reading of the minutes of March 8, 2022 (regular meeting) and March 23, 2022 (special meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

Item 37. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones and Thomas D. LeBlanc

Nays: None

Absent: Shannon P. Courtade

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/Edwin M. “Ed” Reeves, Jr., Mayor

/s/Roxane M. Richard, LCMC