

**Minutes of June 11, 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, June 11, 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 – DIANE JENKINS, CO-FOUNDER OF CIRCLE OF SISTERS, ON SICKLE CELL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019 ON FIELD NEXT TO W.W. HARLEAUX STREET AND MARSHALL STREET.

Item heard before item 15 on agenda. Circle of Sisters member Yvette Thompson reported a Sickle Cell event is scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at field next to W. W. Harleaux Street and Marshall Street.

UPDATE – DWAYNE BOUDREAUX OF IBERVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT ON PARISH SUMMER PROGRAM – CAMP 360.

Dwayne Boudreaux of Iberville Parks and Recreation Department provided status of Parish Summer Program – Camp 360 that began Monday, June 3, 2019.

DEMOLITION HEARING – 57935 GOVERNMENT STREET, OWNER TRAVIS TANOOS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine grant owner 30 days to have roof completed at property located at 57935 Government Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: Oscar S. Mellion

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 24210 CHURCH STREET, OWNER HENRY PETER HARRIS.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine condemn property located at 24210 Church Street.

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

CONDEMNATION HEARING – 24240 CHURCH STREET, OWNER JOAN ATKINS.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owner until July 31, 2019 to start improvements to property located at 24240 Church 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 – 24300 CHURCH STREET, OWNER ORLANDO K. ASKINS.

Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet that the City of Plaquemine grant owner until July 31, 2019 to start improvements to property located at 24300 Church 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 – 24230 BOURGEOIS STREET, OWNER PATRICIA HORTON.

Item tabled until regular meeting of Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR A DEPOSITORY OR FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. to advertise to receive bids for a depository or fiscal agent for the City of Plaquemine for a period of one year.

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 DESIGNATING PLAQUEMINE POST SOUTH NEWSPAPER AS THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, is required by Louisiana Revised Statutes, 43:141 at its first meeting in June of each year to select a newspaper as the official journal for the city for a term of one year.

WHEREAS, there is only one newspaper circulation, the PLAQUEMINE POST SOUTH, in the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, designate the PLAQUEMINE POST SOUTH as the Official Journal for the City of Plaquemine effective July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, to print all legal proceedings of said city with the minimum set printing as required by law, unless otherwise instructed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for the purpose of meeting the requirements of LSA R.S. 43:174, the name and address, effective date of selection and the period for which the selection is effective of the official journal be filed with the Secretary of State.

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 CITY ATTORNEY L. PHILLIP CANOVA, JR. TO PURSUE COLLECTION OF THE DELINQUENT 2019 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, in accordance with Section 19-23 of the City of Plaquemine Code of Ordinances, Occupational License Taxes are due on January 1st and delinquent on March 1st; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, authorize City Attorney L. Phillip Canova, Jr. to pursue collection of delinquent 2019 Occupational License Taxes, in a manner as provided by law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, authorize City Attorney L. Phillip Canova, Jr. to pursue collection of delinquent 2019 Occupational License Taxes, in a manner as provided by law.

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 2019 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR PLAQUEMINE MAIN STREET PROGRAM FOR THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2019 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for Plaquemine Main Street Program for the July 4th Celebration and related matters.

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 ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR CANE ESTATES - ELECTRIC MATERIAL ONLY.

Bids were received from the following:

Gresco Utility Supply, Inc., 1070 Cinclare Drive, Port Allen, LA 70767 with a total bid amount of \$67,270.00.

Stuart Irby, 7984 S. Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70815 with a total bid amount of \$30,729.03.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, received bids for Cane Estates – Electric Material Only and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, accept the bid from Gresco Utility Supply, Inc., 1070 Cinclare Drive, Port Allen, LA 70767 with a total bid of \$67,270.00 for Cane Estates – Electric Material Only due to the bid received from Stuart Irby, 7984 S. Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70815 was an incomplete bid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, accept the bid from Greco Utility Supply, Inc., 1070 Cinclare Drive, Port Allen, LA 70767 with a total bid of \$67,270.00 for Case Estates – Electric Material Only due to the bid received from Stuart Irby, 7984 S. Commerce Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70815 was an incomplete bid.

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 ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR 800 KW GENERATOR.

Bids were received from the following:

JEL Electrical, L.L.C., 3622 Poydras Bayou, Port Allen, LA 70767 with a total bid amount of \$127,218.05.

Cummins Sales and Service, 110 E. Airline Highway, Kenner, LA 70062 with a total bid amount of \$148,000.00.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, received bids for an 800 kW Generator and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, accept the low bid from JEL Electrical, L.L.C., 3622 Poydras Bayou, Port Allen, LA 70767 with a total bid of \$127,218.05 for an 800 kW Generator.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, accept the low bid from JEL Electrical, L.L.C., 3622 Poydras Bayou, Port Allen, LA 70767 with a total bid of \$127,218.05 for an 800 kw Generator.

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 APPOINT CONRAD “PEEDY” MIRE TO REPLACE BRUCE CAPONE ON THE PLAQUEMINE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Selectman Michael W. Rivet moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine appoint Conrad “Peedy” Mire to replace Bruce Capone on the Plaquemine Civil Service Board.

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 - TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR REPAIRS AND FUNDING OF LIFT STATION LOCATED ON CANAL STREET.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to adopt a resolution declaring an emergency for repairs and funding of lift station located on Canal 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

Selectman Ralph J Stassi, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr.:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO REPAIR THE LIFT STATION AT CANAL STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor, Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., hereby certifies that an emergency exists requiring the repair to the lift station at Canal Street for the following reasons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, acknowledge that its current lift station is more than forty (40) years old; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that it does not have any replacement equipment, parts, and/or supplies to repair the lift station; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that in light of the recent heavy rains which flooded city streets, it is in the public interest that the Canal Street Lift Station be immediately repaired; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have been advised and believe that the normal bid process can take up a substantial amount of time before the Canal Street Lift Station repairs can be performed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that it is essential that the Canal Street Lift Station be repaired as soon as possible in the event another deluge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find and acknowledge that any delay in repairing the Canal Street Lift Station places the residents and businesses at a grave risk in the event of another deluge; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby declare an emergency to repair the Canal Street Lift Station and further authorizes the Mayor, Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., authority to implement this resolution on the terms and conditions as necessary to satisfy this resolution 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 – TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOR REPAIRS AND FUNDING OF LIFT STATION LOCATED ON CAPTAIN T. HARRIS AT WAREHOUSE.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to adopt a resolution declaring an emergency for repairs and funding of lift station located on Captain T. Harris at warehouse.

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 Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Michael W. Rivet:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO REPAIR THE LIFT STATION AT CAPTAIN T.T. HARRIS STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor, Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., hereby certifies that an emergency exists requiring the repair to the lift station at Captain T. T. Harris Street for the following reasons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, acknowledge that its current lift station is more than forty (40) years old; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that it does not have any replacement equipment, parts, and/or supplies to repair the lift station; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that in light of the recent heavy rains which flooded city streets, it is in the public interest that the Captain T. T. Harris Street Lift Station be immediately repaired; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have been advised and believe that the normal bid process can take up a substantial amount of time before the Captain T. T. Harris Street Lift Station repairs can be performed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that it is essential that the Captain T. T. Harris Street Lift Station be repaired as soon as possible in the event another deluge; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find and acknowledge that any delay in repairing the Captain T. T. Harris Street Lift Station places the residents and businesses at a grave risk in the event of another deluge; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby declare an emergency to repair the Captain T. T. Harris Street Lift Station and further authorizes the Mayor, Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., authority to implement this resolution on the terms and conditions as necessary to satisfy this resolution 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 - TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ALLOWING MAYOR EDWIN M. REEVES, JR. TO APPLY FOR AN SRF LOAN FOR NORTH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (NWWTP) DE-COMMISSIONING.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda to adopt a resolution allowing Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. to apply for an SRF Loan for North Wastewater Treatment Plant (NWWTP) De-Commissioning.

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 by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine is in need of North Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) De-Commissioning; and,

WHEREAS, loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectmen of the City of Plaquemine that:

Section 1. The Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application, application, and issue debt in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the City of Plaquemine for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program; and,

Section 2. The Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and,

Section 3. The Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the City of Plaquemine for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

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 not present, no report 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 not present, Mayor Reeves provided monthly budget to actual financial update.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR MAY 2019.

So acknowledged.

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

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Timothy L. Martinez that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for the City of Plaquemine for May 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 MAY 14, 2019 (6:15 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING AND 6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Ralph J. Stassi, Jr. that the reading of the minutes of May 14, 2019 (6:15 p.m. public hearing and 6:30 p.m. 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 Timothy L. Martinez moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:16 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