

**Minutes of January 11, 2022 – 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 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Selectwomen Geraldine H. Mellion and Wanda B. Jones

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).

Ms. Charlene Bishop invited Mayor Reeves and Board of Selectmen to the 10th anniversary of the Plaquemine Friends of the Locks scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees introduced.

TO RECOGNIZE L. PHILLIP CANOVA, JR. FOR HIS 36 YEARS OF SERVICE AS CITY ATTORNEY/CITY PROSECUTOR.

Mayor and Board presented a proclamation, upon his retirement, to L. Phillip Canova, Jr. recognizing his 36 years of service as City Attorney/City Prosecutor.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE REZONE OF 23835 EDEN STREET FROM R-6 RESIDENTIAL TO B-8 BUSINESS DISTRICT, PERSON REQUESTING REZONE: MICHAEL G. CABADING.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve the rezone of 23835 Eden Street from R-6 Residential to B-8 Business District, person requesting rezone: Michael G. Cabading.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays: Shannon P. Courtade

Absent: None

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

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE 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.

MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 58393 Court Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, pursuant to LSA R. S. 33:4712, offered the above described property for sale, at public auction, for a minimum price of \$22,000, which was its appraised price, the public auction, after due publication, was held November 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, no bids were received for the above described property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, have received a conditional offer from Ronald Richardson for \$8,000 to acquire the above-described property.

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine believe it is in the best interest of the City to sell the Property to Ronald Richardson, on the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. The sales price for the Property is \$8,000.
2. 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 Ronald Richardson and incorporated herein by reference.
3. Ronald Richardson 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.
4. Ronald Richardson’s responsible to ascertain and comply with all applicable laws.

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine hereby directs the City Clerk, to advertise three (3) 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 Private 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.

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The City’s Private Sale of the above-described property on the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

5. The sales price for the Property is \$8,000.
6. 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 Ronald Richardson and incorporated herein by reference.
7. Ronald Richardson 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.

8. Ronald Richardson's responsible to ascertain and comply with all applicable laws.

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., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPT A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING JANUARY 23 – JANUARY 29, 2022 AS PLAQUEMINE SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. offered the following proclamation, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING JANUARY 23 – JANUARY 29, 2022
AS PLAQUEMINE SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

WHEREAS, all children in Plaquemine should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemine recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in Plaquemine to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of Plaquemine; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemine is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, Plaquemine has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, do hereby recognize January 23 – January 29, 2022 as Plaquemine School Choice Week, and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Construction Manager Dow Hillhouse of PEC supplied update on drainage in the City of Plaquemine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Construction Manager Dow Hillhouse 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 not present, no report given.

d) FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez not present, no report given.

e) CHIEF OF POLICE KENNETH PAYNE

Chief of Police Kenneth Payne briefed 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 not present, no report given.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2021.

So acknowledged.

APPROVE PAYROLL VOUCHERS FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE FOR DECEMBER 2021.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for December 2021.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones asked questions about minutes on the appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem in which the appointment was for one year ending December 31, 2022. Mayor answered questions and advised item can be placed on next meeting.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the reading of the minutes of December 14, 2021 (regular 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, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. stated: "Since Mrs. Jones has brought that up and would like to request to put on next meeting, I would go ahead and say yes to approve minutes."

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Geraldine H. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/ Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk