

**Minutes of March 9, 2021 – 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, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones

Absent: Selectman Oscar S. Mellion

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 – 58776 ALLEN STREET, OWNERS ALBERT & FRANCES WILLIAMS.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 58776 Allen Street 30 days to remove vehicles.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LDOTD) FOR \$1,000,000 GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLAQUEMINE RIVERFRONT RECREATIONAL TRAIL, PHASES 3 AND 4, WHEREBY LDOTD WILL REIMBURSE THE CITY 80% OF THE COST AND THE CITY WILL FUND 20%.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. offered the following resolution, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones:

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WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, intends to execute an agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) and City of Plaquemine regarding a \$1,000,000 grant for the construction of the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail, Phases 3 and 4, whereby LDOTD will reimburse the City 80% of the cost and the City will fund 20%; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Mayor and Board of Selectmen, Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Mayor of the City of Plaquemine, be authorized, directed and empowered to sign any and all documents relative to the agreement; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Mayor of the City of Plaquemine, be authorized, directed and empowered to sign any and all documents relative to the agreement between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) and City of Plaquemine regarding a \$1,000,000 grant for the construction of the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail, Phases 3 and 4, whereby LDOTD will reimburse the City 80% of the cost and the City will fund 20%.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR DERRICK DIGGER TRUCK.

Bids were received from the following:

St. Martin Parish Acquisition, LLC d/b/a Courtesy Ford, 2022 T-Rees Street, Breaux Bridge with a total final bid of \$196,400.00.

Altec, Industries, Inc., 2106 S. Riverside, Saint Joseph, MO 64507 with a total final bid of \$197,600.00.

iTA Truck Sales & Services, LLC 2835 NW Evangeline THR, Lafayette, LA 70507 with a total final bid of \$205,292.72.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, received bids for a Derrick Digger Truck and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, accept the second lowest bid from Altec, Industries, Inc., 2106 S. Riverside, Saint Joseph, MO 64507 for \$197,600.00 due to the other bidders varied from the specifications to an unacceptable degree and/or the bid price was too high.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana accept the second lowest bid from Altec, Industries, Inc., 2106 S. Riverside, Saint Joseph, MO 64507 for \$197,600.00 due to the other bidders varied from the specifications to an unacceptable degree and/or the bid price was too high.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR BUCKET TRUCK.

Bids were received from the following:

St. Martin Parish Acquisitions, LLC, d/b/a Courtesy Ford, 2022 T-Rees Street, Breaux Bridge, LA 70517 with a total final bid of \$203,184.00.

Altec Industries, Inc., 2106 S. Riverside, Saint Joseph, MO 64507 with a total final bid of \$203,000.00.

iTA Truck Sales & Services, LLC, 2835 NW Evangeline THR, Lafayette, LA 70507 with a total final bid of \$211,614.66.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, received bids for a Bucket Truck and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, accept the lowest bid from Altec, Industries, Inc., 2106 S. Riverside, Saint Joseph, MO 64507 for \$203,000.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana accept the second lowest bid from Altec, Industries, Inc., 2106 S. Riverside, Saint Joseph, MO 64507 for \$203,000.00.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

TO INCREASE THE CAR ALLOWANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE BY \$500.00.

No action taken, item tabled.

UPDATE ON MAIN STREET BOARD AND RELATED MATTERS WITH CHAIRPERSON KEITH DESSELLE.

Chairman Keith Desselle not present, item tabled.

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 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 advised monthly budget to actual financial update were reviewed in Committee Meeting of February 23, 2021.

g) CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR KEDRIC EDWARDS

Customer Service Director Kedric Edwards not present, no report given.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021.

So acknowledged.

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

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for February 2021.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING), FEBRUARY 4, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING), FEBRUARY 9, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING), FEBRUARY 24, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) AND FEBRUARY 25, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the reading of the minutes of February 2, 2021 (special meeting), February 4, 2021 (special meeting), February 9, 2021 (regular meeting), February 24, 2021 (special meeting) and February 25, 2021 (special meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

At this time, Ms. Jasmine Jackson addressed the Mayor and Board pertaining to her non-profit organization called Egohood with a community event scheduled for April 21, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Oscar S. Mellion

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk