

**Minutes of May 26, 2021 – 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 Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Selectmen Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade, Jimmie Randle, Jr. and Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones

Absent: Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr.

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

In the absence of Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem Oscar S. Mellion presided over the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (MUST REGISTER WITH THE CLERK).

There were no public comments.

TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR PHASE 1 AND ALTERNATE FOR PLAQUEMINE LEVEE TRAIL PROJECT.

Received bids from the following:

Industrial Enterprises, Inc., P. O. Box 15414, Baton Rouge, LA 70895, License No. 5693, Total Base Bid of \$398,947.00, Additive Alternate No. 1 \$397,578.00, Total Bid of \$796,525.00.

Tullier Services, LLC, 58195 Homestead Drive, Plaquemine, LA 70764, License No. 31671, Total Base Bid of \$341,000.00, Additive Alternate No. 1 of \$273,000.00, Total Bid of \$614,000.00.

Comeaux Brothers Construction, P. O. Box 1000, Plaquemine, LA 70765, License No. 20759, Total Base Bid of \$280,000.00, Additive Alternate No. 1 of \$265,000.00, Total Bid of \$545,000.00.

LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, 1645 St. Patrick Street, Thibodaux, LA 70301, License No. 34263, Total Base Bid of \$413,325.00, Additive Alternate No. 1 of \$314,185.13, Total Bid of \$727,510.13.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, received bids for the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail Improvements – Phase One and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, upon the recommendation of CSRS, Inc., accept the low bid from Comeaux Brothers Construction, P. O. Box 1000, Plaquemine, LA 70765, License No. 20759, total base bid of \$280,000.00, additive alternate no. 1 of \$265,000.00 with a total bid of \$545,000.00 for Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail Improvements – Phase I.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, accept the low bid from Comeaux Brothers Construction, P. O. Box 1000, Plaquemine, LA 70765, License No. 20759, total base bid of \$280,000.00, additive alternate no. 1 of \$265,000.00 with a total bid of \$545,000.00 for Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail Improvements – Phase I.

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: None

TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO REPLACE FUEL PUMPS AND RELATED MATTERS THERETO.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded Selectman Shannon P. Courtade:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY TO ACQUIRE AND/OR REPAIR THE GASOLINE PUMPS AT THE CITY WAREHOUSE, 58155 CAPTAIN T. HARRIS AVENUE 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 replacement and/or repair of the two (2) Gasoline Pumps located at the City Warehouse, 58155 Captain T. Harris Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, acknowledge that one (1) of its Gasoline Pumps have been out of operation for more than 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, further acknowledge that the other Gasoline Pump has recently broken down for an extended period of time; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that its inability to have functioning Gasoline Pumps to immediately acquire fuel for the City's vehicles, engines and/or equipment, places the City's residents' health and safety in imminent danger; 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 to long to address this current crisis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find that it is essential that it replace and/or repair the two (2) Gasoline Pumps located at the City Warehouse, 58155 Captain T. Harris Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, find and acknowledge that any delay in replacing and/or repairing the two (2) Gasoline Pumps located at the City Warehouse, 58155 Captain T. Harris Avenue places the residents and businesses at a grave risk in receiving essential services from the City in the event of a natural disaster and/or emergency; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen, hereby declare an Emergency to replace and/or repair of the two (2) Gasoline Pumps located at the City Warehouse, 58155 Captain T. Harris Avenue, and further authorizes the Mayor, Edwin R. 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., Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 57830 GUIDRY STREET, OWNER MARK GASCON ALLAIN.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine grant owner of 57830 Guidry Street 30 additional days to comply with city code.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

NUISANCE HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 57935 JUMONVILLE STREET, OWNER RITA C. TOWNSLEY, ET AL.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceedings at 57935 Jumonville Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58159 MAIN STREET, OWNER ABEL J. DAIGLE.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade to amend the agenda to add property located at 58167 Main Street, owners Abel J. Daigle.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine have Brad Guerin, with Fusion Architect, to do a structural inspection of properties located at 58159 and 58167 Main Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23976 TAYLOR STREET, OWNER HILLERY JORDAN, JR. C/O CHERMAIN JORDAN.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine start condemnation proceedings at property located at 23976 Taylor Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 23955 JACKSON STREET, OWNER WALTER L. VARGAS.

Item tabled, no action taken.

CONDEMNATION HEARING – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58750 ALLEN STREET, OWNER PAUL SMITH, SR. C/O ALFRED SMITH.

Item tabled until Special Meeting of Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

/s/Oscar S. Mellion, Mayor Pro-Tem

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk