

**Minutes of June 8, 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, June 8, 2021 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, Thomas D. LeBlanc and Shannon P. Courtade. Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones was absent at roll call but arrives at 6:36 p.m. Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. was absent at roll call but arrives at 6:38 p.m.

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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new employees introduced.

PRESENTATION – 2019/2020 AUDIT REPORT WITH MARGARET PRITCHARD OF HUGH BAXLEY AND ASSOCIATES.

Ms. Margaret Pritchard, of Hugh Baxley and Associates, reviewed the 2019/2020 audit report.

PRESENTATION – RESHONDA DICKERSON, WITH CIRCLE OF SISTERS, ON SICKLE CELL EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021 AT POTTER'S FIELD ON CAPTAIN T. HARRIS STREET.

Circle of Sisters member ReShonda Dickerson reported a Sickle Cell event is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Potter's Filed on Captain T. Harris Street.

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24210 CHURCH STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Attorney John W. Wilbert, III gave an update on locating the heirs to property located at 24210 Church Street.

Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine condemn and demolish property located at 24210 Church Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58044 FORT STREET AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Attorney John W. Wilbert, III gave an update on locating the heirs to property located at 58044 Fort Street.

Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc moved, seconded by Selectwoman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine condemn and demolish property located at 58044 Fort Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING – TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE RE-SUBDIVIDE OF LOT 7, LOT 8 AND LOT 9 (CANE ESTATES SUBDIVISION) LOCATED IN SECTION 15, T9S, R12E SOUTHEAST LAND DISTRICT FOR CK REEVES, L.L.C.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve the re-subdivide of lot 7, lot 8 and lot 9 (Cane Estates Subdivision) located in Section 15, T9S, R12E Southeast Land District for CK Reeves, L.L.C.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 23965 HARMASON STREET.

Bids were received from the following:

Collins Property Maintenance, LLC, Lionel R. Collins, Jr., 4862 Myrle Drive, Addis, LA 70710 in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Jason Reed, Sr., 52740 H Lewis Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764 in the amount of \$4,500.00.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, 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 the demolition of 23965 Harmason Street and

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, through its Mayor and Board of Selectmen accept the low bid of \$4,500.00 from Jason Reed, Sr., 52740 H Lewis Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764, for the demolition of 23965 Harmason Street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, accept the low bid of \$4,500.00 from Jason Reed, Sr., 52740 H Lewis Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764, for the demolition of 23965 Harmason Street.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING FOR PUBLIC BID THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58393 COURT STREET.

The city has not received appraisal on property located at 58393 Court Street, item tabled until regular meeting of July 13, 2021.

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR A DRAINAGE STUDY ON DISTRICT 5 DRAINAGE.

Item heard first on the agenda. Comments were made by Donna Fontenot, Carrie Bousch, Tianya LaBauve, Malcom Anderson, Louis Clement, Ernest Foret, Timmy Aucoin and Mark Migliacio.

Selectmen Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine do a citywide drainage study.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

DISCUSSION – PLACING STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF REGINA STREET AND DELACROIX AVENUE.

Selectman Shannon P. Courtade moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine place a stop sign at the corner of Regina Street and Delacroix Avenue.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion 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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade 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 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, 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, 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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY L. PHILLIP CANOVA, JR. TO PURSUE COLLECTION OF THE DELINQUENT 2021 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. 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, 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 2021 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 2021 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, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE 2021 CLASS T ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR PLAQUEMINE MAIN STREET PROGRAM FOR THE JULY 4TH CELEBRATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class T Alcohol Beverage Permit for Plaquemine Main Street Program for the July 4th celebration.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

Board Member ReShonda Dickerson provided an update of the Main Street Board.

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 was not present, no report given.

d) FIRE CHIEF DARREN RAMIREZ

Fire Chief Darren Ramirez was 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 issues.

f) FINANCE DIRECTOR LAUREN BERTHELOT

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

g) CUSTOMER SERVICE DIRECTOR KEDRIC EDWARDS

Customer Service Director briefed Mayor and Board regarding his department and related issues.

ACKNOWLEDGE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS FOR MAY 2021.

So acknowledged.

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

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve payroll vouchers for May 2021.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING) AND MAY 26, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the reading of the minutes of May 11, 2021 (regular meeting) and May 26, 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., Oscar S. Mellion, Wanda B. Jones, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADDENDUM – TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A 2021 CLASS A RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR BIG6 BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 22903 LA 1 FOR OWNER BRANDY BATTISTE.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine amend the agenda for the discussion and approval of a 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit for Big6 Bar & Grill located at 22903 LA 1 for owner Brandy Battiste.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit for Big6 Bar & Grill located at 22903 LA 1 for owner Brandy Battiste.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Wanda B. Jones that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. 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