

**Minutes of August 24, 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 Tuesday, August 24, 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, Shannon P. Courtade and Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Absent: Selectwoman 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).

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES.

There were no new city employees to introduce.

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION – UPDATE GIVEN BY COORDINATOR LORRAINE HIDALGO.

Mayor Reeves and Board of Selectmen presented Ms. Lorraine Hidalgo a framed July 4<sup>th</sup> picture with a Certificate of Commendation in recognition of exceptional service as Coordinator for the Plaquemine July 4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Celebration since its inception 20 years ago.

DISCUSSION – SECRET CLOSET ORGANIZATION WITH KATHLEEN CAIN.

Mrs. Kathleen Cain, Founder and Executive Director of Secret Closet, addressed the Mayor and Board on the community outreach program and asked for their support.

TO APPROVE A 2021 CLASS A RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR TWISTED BURGERS, LLC LOCATED AT 22325 HIGHWAY 1, OWNER CHALACEY YOUNG.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Oscar S. Mellion that the City of Plaquemine approve a 2021 Class A Retail Liquor Permit for Twisted Burgers, LLC located at 22325 Highway 1 for owner Chalacey Young.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

TO APPROVE A 2021 CLASS C RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT FOR THE KITCHEN TABLE LOCATED AT 23400 RAILROAD AVENUE, OWNER DIANA RILEY.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a Class C Retail Liquor Permit for The Kitchen Table located at 23400 Railroad Avenue for owner Diana Riley.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

INSPECTION UPDATE – PROPERTY LOCATED AT 58159 AND 58167 MAIN STREET, OWNER ABEL J. DAIGLE, C/O ELIZABETH D. AVANTS.

Mr. Brad Guerin, of Fusion Architects, reported on inspection/condition of properties located at 58159 and 58167 Main Street.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine grant owners of 58159 and 58167 Main Street 60 days to start substantial improvements on both properties.

The foregoing was adopted by the following votes:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade  
and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST IN A RESIDENTIAL R-6 ZONE FOR A DAYCARE CENTER LOCATED AT 58830 ANNEX STREET FOR CHIEF CORNERSTONE DAYCARE/SONDRA WASHINGTON.

Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. that the City of Plaquemine approve a special use permit request in a Residential R-6 Zone for a daycare center located at 58830 Annex Street for Chief Cornerstone Daycare/Sondra Washington.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade  
and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

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

City Attorney L. Phillip Canova, Jr. reported the appraisal for 58393 Court Street was appraised at \$22,000.00 with public notice of the City's intent to propose an ordinance to declare the property is no longer needed for a public purpose will begin running in the *Post South* on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

ADDENDUM – DISCUSS NEW COVID-19 POLICY FOR THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Selectman Oscar S. Mellion moved, seconded by Selectman Jimmie Randle, Jr. to amend the agenda to discuss new Covid-19 policy for the City of Plaquemine.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade  
and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

Selectman Mellion reported he would like to see a policy created for the city pertaining to COVID-19. City Attorney L. Phillip Canova, Jr. will research and item to be placed on agenda for Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN CITY OF PLAQUEMINE.

Public Works Director Richard Alleman provided status of drainage in City of Plaquemine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a) PEC

Due to the absence of Tony Arikol of PEC, no report given.

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

Due to the absence of Chief of Police Kenneth Payne, no report was given.

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 JULY 2021.

So acknowledge.

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

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

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade  
and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2021 (REGULAR MEETING), JULY 20, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) AND JULY 28, 2021 (SPECIAL MEETING) WITH NECESSARY CORRECTIONS.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, second by Selectman Thomas D. LeBlanc that the reading of the minutes of July 13, 2021 (regular meeting), July 20, 2021 (special meeting) and July 28, 2021 (special meeting) were waived and approved as accepted with necessary corrections.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade  
and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Lindon A. Rivet, Jr. moved, seconded by Selectman Shannon P. Courtade that the City of Plaquemine adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

The foregoing was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Lindon A. Rivet, Jr., Oscar S. Mellion, Thomas D. LeBlanc, Shannon P. Courtade  
and

Jimmie Randle, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: Wanda B. Jones

CITY OF PLAQUEMINE

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

/s/Roxane M. Richard, City Clerk