



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at SSG Ulysse Trahan Council Chamber located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue.

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore: Dirk Gary

Board of Alderman: Dirk Gary
Randy Campbell
Justin Johnson
Chuck Guidry

Absent: Mayor Mike Kloesel
Mike Renfrow
Todd Vincent, City Engineer

Present by Phone: Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney

Also Present: Heather Guidry, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tempore Dirk Gary called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Mayor Pro Tempore Dirk Gary.

The Kaplan Knights of Columbus organization was recognized for their tireless service and hospitality to the community for the warming station they provided during the January 2024 freeze.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Campbell
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for January 2024 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to approve the January 2024 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer Todd Vincent was absent from the meeting and City Clerk Heather Guidry gave the update on current city projects.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to award the Splash Pad Construction Project to Elite Pools and Spa in the amount of \$219,800.00, contingent upon approval from the State.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the engineer report as presented.

Item #3

Police Chief Joshua Hardy gave an update on his department.

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the issuing of an Alcohol License to La Fiesta Mexican Grill – 901 E Veterans Memorial Drive Kaplan.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to approve 120 hours of vacation and 960 hours of sick leave towards retirement for Melicia A. Broussard, to be paid weekly commencing January 29, 2024 and ending July 12, 2024, with a retirement date expected on July 15, 2024.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to ratify the transfer of Kane Hebert from the Water & Gas Department to the Water Plant, effective February 1, 2024.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell
Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Jade Migue as Deputy Marshal with the Kaplan City Marshal’s Office, effective January 31, 2024.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Paige Vidrine as Deputy Marshal with the Kaplan City Marshals office, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour with 20 hours per week paid by the City of Kaplan, effective February 1, 2024.

Public Comment:
No public comment was given.

Mayor Pro Tempore and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

/s/ Heather S. Guidry
HEATHER S. GUIDRY, CITY CLERK

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR