



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at SSG Ulysse Trahan Council Chamber located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue.

Present: Mayor: Mike Kloesel

Board of Alderman: Dirk Gary
Eva Dell Morrison
Mike Renfrow
Melissa Guidry

Absent: Justin Johnson

Also Present: City Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
City Engineer: Larry Cramer
City Clerk: Heather Guidry

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Mayor Kloesel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kloesel.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 regular City Council meeting as submitted.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for March 2021 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the March 2021 financials as presented.

Item #2

Larry Cramer with Sellers and Associates updated the Council on the status of current projects.

Item #3

Police Chief Joshua Hardy updated the council on his department and spoke about the tasers recently received as part of grant.

Item #4

Mr. Arthur Richard updated the council on the progress made to the home located at 709 W 2nd Street, Kaplan, Louisiana and agreed to have the repairs made by the August 2021 meeting. He will appear at that meeting to give a final update.

Item #5

The property located at 205 N Frederick has been torn down by the landowner, therefore this item is moot.

Item #6

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to demolish the structure situated at 700 N Frederick, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548.

Item #7

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to condemn the property located at 1102 Irving, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548 and post notice to allow for 30 days to begin demolition and require Parish Inspections to inspect the structure and render a report.

Item #8

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to accept the discussion held at the March 16, 2021 regular city council meeting and the roll call vote for the city absorbing the unnatural one time increase cost due to the February ice storm and bill the customers at the normal rate.

Item #9

Due to the limitations of the number of people present at the meeting, request for comments and/or questions were to be received by the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, regarding ordinance 04-21-A – which amends ordinance 18-52 concerning building permit fees by adding the fee for a permit issued after work has commenced shall be 200% of the applicable fee issued prior to the commencement of work. There were no questions and/or comments received by the City Clerk on this item and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #10

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt ordinance 04-21-A – which amends ordinance 18-52 concerning building permit fees by adding the fee for a permit issued after work has commenced shall be 200% of the applicable fee issued prior to the commencement of work.

Item #11

Due to the limitations of the number of people present at the meeting, request for comments and/or questions were to be received by the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, regarding adopting Ordinance 04-21-B – No city utility services shall be provided to any building or structure determined by the building inspector to be non-compliant with the Code of Ordinance. There were no questions and/or comments received by the City Clerk on this item and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #12

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Gary

Discussion regarding ordinance carried to amend ordinance 04-21-B – No city utility services shall be provided to any building or structure determined by the building inspector to be non-compliant with the Code of Ordinance.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Gary

Amend ordinance 04-21-B to read as follows: No city utility services shall be provided to any unoccupied structure determined by the building inspector to be non-compliant with the Code of Ordinance.

Mayor Kloesel asked for a roll call vote, and the vote is as follows:

Mr. Gary: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes

Mr. Renfrow: Yes
Ms. Guidry: Abstain

Item #13

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (January 2020-December 2020).

Item #14

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution to participate in the LaMATS Administered Cooperative Purchasing Commission and to appoint Mayor Mike Kloesel as Commission Representative for the City of Kaplan.

Item #15

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Joschlyn Simon as Chairperson for the cleanest city contest.

Item #16

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Blake Stevens with the Electrical Department, effective March 19, 2021

Item #17

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Christopher Harrison with the Wastewater Department, effective March 10, 2021.

Item #18

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Ryan Luke as Deputy Marshal, effective March 18, 2021.

Item #19

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the change in the starting pay of a full-time deputy marshal from \$7.25 to \$9.23, with the Marshal's Office responsible for 40 hours in the pay period.

Item #20

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to table the discussion of full-time benefits to the Deputy City Marshal.

Mayor Kloesel and the council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR