



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall lobby, located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue. Due to the current state of emergency, this meeting was closed to the public, but the public was encouraged to email all public comments and/or questions to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

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 Clerk: Heather S. Guidry
Engineer: Todd Vincent
Police Chief Josh Hardy
Tax & Permit Clerk: Monique Jameyson

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: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 Special City Council meeting.

Item #1

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

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the April 2021 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer Todd Vincent gave a status update on current projects.

Item #3

Chief of Police Josh Hardy updated the council on his request to restructure the department and use the remaining salary to fund additional training for officers and equipment purchases.

Item #4 & #5

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Renfrow
Unanimously carried to defer the condemnation of 601 W 8th Street, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548 until the June 15, 2021 regular meeting and have the owner provide the council with a detailed report on what repairs have been completed and what repairs remain to be completed. Also unanimously carried to defer the 10th Street property facing north between Lejeune & Church Street, Kaplan, Louisiana, until the July 20, 2021 meeting to provide the council with a detailed report on what repairs have been completed and what repairs remain to be completed.

Item #6

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to close the condemnation hearing on 712 W. 7th Street, Kaplan, 70548.

Item #7

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance 06-21-A – Amendment of Ordinance 06-20-A – 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. This Ordinance is set for public hearing on June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #8

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Renfrow

Unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance 06-21-B – 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget. This Ordinance is set for public hearing on June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #9

Motion: Mr. Renfrow, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution establishing the millage rates for the tax year 2021.

Item #10

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the monthly salary for Robert Pommier as interim fire chief in the amount of \$3,266.32.

Item #11

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Willis Gaspard with Streets and Bridges, effective May 11, 2021.

Item #12

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify and establish the number of positions within the Kaplan Police Department as follows:

- A) 1-Chief
- B) 2-Captains
- C) 4-Sergeants
- D) 6-Patrolman
- E) 1-Lieutenant
- F) 4-Dispatchers

Mayor Kloesel and the council gave announcements.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR