



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, June 15, 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, arrived after roll call  
Eva Dell Morrison  
Mike Renfrow  
Justin Johnson  
Melissa Guidry

Also Present: Heather S. Guidry, City Clerk  
Engineer: Todd Vincent  
Special Guest: Sarah Dake, Liaison to Senator John Kennedy

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

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry  
Unanimously carried to amend agenda item #10 to change the word introduce to adopt.

A presentation was given by Sarah Dake Liaison to Senator John Kennedy.

Ms. Joyce Carbaugh was recognized as Citizen of the month.

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Renfrow  
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 regular City Council meeting as submitted.

#### Item #1

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry  
Unanimously carried to defer the condemnation of 601 W 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548 until the July 20, 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.

#### Item #2

City Attorney recommended a 10 day demand letter be sent to the owner of the home that was torn down, along with a copy sent to the property owner, advising them both that if the debris was not removed within 10 days, the City would hire a contractor to remove the debris and a lien would be placed against the property.

#### Item #3

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

Motion: Mr. Renfrow, Second: Mr. Gary  
Unanimously carried to approve the May financials as presented.

#### Item #4

Todd Vincent updated the council on the status of current projects.

#### Item #5

An update on the Police Department was given by Chief Hardy.

#### Item #6

Councilman at Large Dirk Gary updated the council on the Finance Committee meeting that was held on June 10, 2021 and advised that the committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the amended 2020-2021 fiscal year budget and the 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Item #7

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 06-21-A – Amendment of Ordinance 06-20-A-2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget. With no comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed.

Item #8

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 06-21-A – Amendment of Ordinance 06-20-A-2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

Item #9

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 06-20-B – 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year Budget. With no comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed.

Item #10

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 06-20-B – 2021 - 2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution to offer a tract of land being 50.55 acres for mineral exploration and advertise publically for sealed bids.

Item #12

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the acceptance of the 2021 Water We Drink Report (monitoring period January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31, 2020). This report was published in the Kaplan Herald on May 26, 2021 to notify all customers.

Item #13

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Lukas Meaux with Electrical Department, effective May 21, 2021.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel  
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR