



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, September 21, 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
Justin Johnson
Melissa Guidry

Also Present: Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney
Todd Vincent, City Engineer
Heather S. Guidry, City Clerk

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Reverend Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Mike Renfrow.

Mr. Don Fontaine was recognized for his dedication to the City of Kaplan for the 2020 US Census.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison
Unanimously carried to remove the property located at 601 W. 8th Street, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548 from the clean-up/condemnation list.

Item #2

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to condemn the property located at 126 Cantey Ave., Kaplan, Louisiana 70548, to tear down the residence and place a lien on the property upon completion.

Item #3

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Condemn the property located at 213 N Manceaux, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548, tear down the residence and place a lien on the property upon completion.

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

Councilman Gary: Yes	Councilman Johnson: Yes
Councilwoman Morrison: Yes	Councilwoman Guidry: Yes
Councilman Renfrow: Yes	

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary
Condemn the property located at 709 W. 2nd Street, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548, tear down the residence and place a lien on the property upon completion.

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

Councilman Gary: Yes	Councilman Johnson: Yes
Councilwoman Morrison: Yes	Councilwoman Guidry: Yes
Councilman Renfrow: Yes	

Item #5

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

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

Item #6

Todd Vincent, City Engineer gave an update on the current projects.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute an engineering agreement with Sellers & Associates, subject to the concurrence of the FP&C, to begin the planning process for the 2021 Street Improvement project.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to commit to funding the engineering fees and the LCDBG grant administration fees with local funds for the Love Louisiana Outdoors CDBG-CV Funds program in order to qualify for the bonus points in the application process.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to approve advertising for public bids for the purchase of a truck for the Water Plant to dispose of lime sludge.

Item #8

Captain Irvin Cates gave an update on behalf of the Kaplan Police Department.

Item #9

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Approve COVID premium pay to elected council members.

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

Councilman Gary: No

Councilman Johnson: No

Councilwoman Morrison: No

Councilwoman Guidry: No

Councilman Renfrow: No

Item #10

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Johnson

Approve COVID premium pay to other elected officials (Police Chief, City Judge, City Marshal, and Mayor)

Substitute Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: dies for lack of second motion

Motion to approve COVID premium pay to other elected officials (Police Chief, City Judge and City Marshal)

Substitute Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Approve COVID premium pay to other elected officials (Police Chief and City Marshal)

Substitute Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Approve COVID premium pay to other elected officials (Police Chief, City Judge, and City Marshal)

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

Councilman Gary: Yes

Councilman Johnson: No

Councilwoman Morrison: Yes

Councilwoman Guidry: Yes

Councilman Renfrow: Yes

Item #11

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 to Vermilion Economic Development Alliance (VEDA).

Item #12

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the Amendment of Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid Gaseous Minerals by and between the City of Kaplan and Dunn Exploration Company, L.L.C., to include additional tracts of land that were omitted from the original mineral lease

Item #13

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the City of Kaplan Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Item #14

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Gary Borne as Sergeant, within the Kaplan Police Department, effective June 29, 2021.

Item #15

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Mitchell Guidroz as Policeman/Patrolman, within the Kaplan Police Department, effective June 17, 2021

Item #16

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Ryan Luke as Dispatcher within the Kaplan Police Department, effective March 18, 2021 at Step 1.

Item #17

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Ryan Luke as Dispatcher, within the Kaplan Police Department, effective August 23, 2021.

Item #18

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Kristina Johnson as Police Officer/Patrolman within the Kaplan Police Department, effective July 15, 2021, Step 4.

Item #19

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Ryan Domingue as Police Officer/Patrolman, within the Kaplan Police Department, effective July 22, 2021, Step 5.

Item #20

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Casey Landry, as Police Officer/Patrolman, within the Kaplan Police Department, effective August 18, 2021, Step 5.

Item #21

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the promotion of Corey Picard to Captain, within the Kaplan Police Department, effective April 15, 2021 at Step 11 monthly pay scale.

Item #22

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the transfer of Darien Glaze from the Streets and Bridges Department to the Wastewater Department, effective April 1, 2021.

Item #23

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Andrew Guidry within the Streets and Bridges Department effective March 29, 2021.

Item #24

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Darien Glaze from the Wastewater Department, effective August 23, 2021.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR