



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, November 16, 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  
Justin Johnson  
Melissa Guidry

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

Absent: Mike Renfrow

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 Justin Johnson.

City of Kaplan Past, Present, and Future Veterans were recognized as Citizens of the Month.

Special Guest Lola Thomas with Supervisor for Vermilion Parish Early Childhood Services gave a presentation and Bernadette Broussard with Mommy's Helping Hands talked about the program she will be opening.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Johnson  
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

#### Item #1

Presentation of the audit report for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by Rob Carter with the CPA firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to accept the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit report as presented.

#### Item #2

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

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to approve the October 2021 financials as presented.

#### Item #3

City Engineer Todd Vincent updated the council on current projects.

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the Resolution of Acceptance for the new mechanical bar screen installed at the Wastewater Treatment facility.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to award the bid for the new chassis truck for the Water Treatment Plant to the lowest bidder, Summit City Chevrolet out of Fort Wayne, Indiana in the amount of \$56,344.00.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the execution of the engineering and grant administrative agreements between Sellers & Associates, Inc. and the City of Kaplan for the water and sewer water sector projects and the commitment of the local funds (ARPA and City share) to both projects should they be funded.

#### Item #4

Police Chief Josh Hardy gave his update regarding the Kaplan Police Department.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the obligation to the Kaplan Fireman's Association in the amount of \$23,990.00.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to approve the obligation to the Kaplan Police Department for the 2020-2021 outings in the amount of \$2,070.00.

Item #7

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify and declare the following movables as surplus:

**2011 Gray Dodge Charger VIN #8995  
2010 White Chevy Tahoe VIN #9059  
2008 White Dodge Durango VIN #1124  
2002 Green Ford Pickup VIN #4309  
2003 White Ford Crown Vic VIN #1971  
2005 White Ford Crown Vic VIN #6655  
2005 White Ford Crown Vic VIN #9814**

Item #8

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the 5% pay increase of Heather S. Guidry for the Municipal Clerks Association certificate dated October 21, 2021

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the 5% pay increase of Jacob Faulk for the certification of Firefighter II, effective September 20, 2021.

Item #10

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify Dennis Hargrave as a member to the Board of Adjustments.

Item #11

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Tabitha Picard as Resident Commissioner for the Kaplan Housing Authority, effective September 30, 2021.

Item #12

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Ashley Abshire as Resident Commissioner for the Kaplan Housing Authority, effective September 30, 2021 through the term date of January 1, 2022

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel  
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR