



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

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

Absent: Eva Dell Morrison

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 Councilwoman Melissa Guidry.

Tanya Trahan was recognized as Citizen of the Month.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2021 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

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

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the November 2021 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer Todd Vincent updated the council on current projects.

Item #3

Police Chief Josh Hardy updated the council regarding the Kaplan Police Department.

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to condemn the property located at 406 ½ N Guidry, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548, to notify the owner they have 30 days to tear down the structure and in the event of no action being taken, the city will proceed with demolition.

Item #5

An update was given by Councilman at Large, Dirk Gary, on the Finance and Recreation committee meeting held on December 20, 2021.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to approve the proposed new pay scales for all positions, effective January 1, 2022.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to approve a 5% pay increase to all employees to compensate the employees who do not benefit from the new pay scales, effective January 1, 2022.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second Councilman Gary

Adopt a resolution granting the authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, appoint an administrative consultant and engineer, and commit cost for CDBG-CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Program

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to defer this item to a Special Meeting to be held on January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Blake Cashat as Lineman I, with the Electrical Department, Step 7, effective December 2, 2021.

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Ty Champagne with the Kaplan Police Department, effective November 30, 2021.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the 2022 City Council Meeting dates:

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| January 18, 2022 | February 15, 2022 |
| March 15, 2022 | April 19, 2022 |
| May 17, 2022 | June 21, 2022 |
| July 19, 2022 | August 16, 2022 |
| September 20, 2022 | October 18, 2022 |
| November 15, 2022 | December 20, 2022. |

Item #12

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to approve the 2022 Holiday Closure dates:

January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King Day
February 21, 2022 – President's Day
March 1, 2022 – Mardi Gras
April 15, 2022 – Good Friday
May 30, 2022 – Memorial Day
July 4, 2022 – Independence Day
September 5, 2022 – Labor Day
October 10, 2022 – Columbus Day
November 11, 2022 – Veteran's Day
November 24, 2022 – Thanksgiving Day
November 25, 2022 – Acadiana Day
December 26, 2022 – Christmas

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR