



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 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
Randy Campbell
Mike Renfrow
Justin Johnson
Chuck 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 Pastor Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Justin Johnson.

Special Guest Judge Jonathan Perry was introduced and gave an update on Kaplan Jumelage 2023 trip to twin city of Hannut.

Special Guest State Representative Ryan Bourriaque was introduced and gave a legislative update.

Special Guest Jarrod Meaux with Global Medical Response was introduced and briefed the council on their upcoming role they wish to pursue in the parish.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for August 2022 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilman Campbell Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the August 2022 financials as presented.

Item #2

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to approve City Engineer Todd Vincent update as presented.

Item #3

Police Chief Josh Hardy gave an update on the police department.

Item #4

Condemnation Hearing: 904 Faye, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to condemn the property located at 904 Faye, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548, to tear down the residence and place a lien on the property upon completion.

Item #5

Condemnation Hearing: 115 Wilson, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to condemn the property located at 115 Wilson, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548, to tear down the residence and place a lien on the property upon completion.

Item #6

Condemnation Hearing: 612 E. 5th Street, Kaplan, Louisiana 70548

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to table this matter until the October 18, 2022 city council meeting.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried introduce Ordinance 10-22-A – Salary Adjustment of the Police Chief. This Ordinance is set for public hearing on October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried introduce Ordinance 10-22-B – Salary Adjustment of the Mayor. This Ordinance is set for public hearing on October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Discuss appropriation of \$2,000.00 to Vermilion Economic Development Alliance (VEDA).

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to table this matter until October 18, 2022 to allow a representative from VEDA to make a presentation to council.

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the lease agreement with Leaf Capital Funding LLC for technology solutions and allow the mayor to sign same.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the property insurance renewal for the period of 9/1/2022 through 9/1/2023, with Star Surplus Lines Insurance Company in the amount of \$41,940.00, which excludes wind and hail coverage

Item #12

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program (CWEF).

Item #13

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution in support of Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District Capital Outlay Request, committing matching funds in the amount of \$52,360.00 to build a new facility.

Item #14:

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Councilman Renfrow

By a 4-1 vote, the motion passed to amend the City of Kaplan Policy and Procedures to include the revision that an employee must physically work 40 hours (excluding holidays) to receive any overtime compensation.

Item #15

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Dillion Turner as Lineman I, step 7 with the Electrical Department, effective September 12, 2022.

Item #16:

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Blake Lee-Bessard with the electrical department, effective September 1, 2022.

Item #17:

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Jeremy Marceaux with the Gas & Water department, effective August 26, 2022.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR