

These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, December 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 Chuck Guidry

Absent: Justin Johnson

Also Present: Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney (by telephone)

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 Mayor Kloesel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Mike Renfrow.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the audit report for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year presented by Rob Carter with the CPA firm of Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Company.

Item #2

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

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to approve the November 2022 financials as presented.

Item #3

City Engineer Todd Vincent gave a status update on current projects.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the final plat of the partition of property for Dollar General Development.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to advertise for bids for the Street Improvement project for Montgomery and Herpin.

Item #4

Police Chief Josh Hardy gave an update on the call volume from the beginning of his term to present.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell Unanimously carried to table this item until the next meeting.

Item #6

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Renfrow Unanimously carried to table this item until the next meeting.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Lance Naumann as Laborer, Step 7, with the Streets & Bridges Department, effective December 15, 2022.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Benjamin Heath as Lineman 1, Step 4, with the Electrical Department, effective November 30, 2022.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to approve the 2023 City Council Meeting dates:

January 17, 2023February 28, 2023March 21, 2023April 18, 2023May 16, 2023June 20, 2023July 18, 2023August 15, 2023September 19, 2023October 17, 2023November 21, 2023December 19, 2023

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the 2023 Holiday Closure dates:

January 2, 2023 – New Year's Day
January 16, 2023 – Martin Luther King Day
February 20, 2023 – President's Day
February 21, 2023 – Mardi Gras
April 7, 2023 – Good Friday
May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day
June 19, 2023 – Juneteenth
July 4, 2023 – Independence Day
September 4, 2023 – Labor Day
October 9, 2023 – Columbus Day
November 10, 2023 – Veteran's Day
November 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day
November 24, 2023 – Acadiana Day
December 25, 2023 – Christmas

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Campbell Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel

MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR