



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 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
Justin Johnson
Chuck Guidry

Absent: Mike Renfrow

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 Chuck Guidry.

The following city employees were recognized for years of service:

Dianna Hargrave – Police Secretary – 15 years of service

Sandra Lege – Billing Clerk – 20 years of service

Special Guest Preston Summers, Candidate for Sheriff of Vermilion Parish addressed the council.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for January 2023 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the January 2023 financials as presented.

Item #2

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

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to award the Water Sector Project – Water System Improvements to the lowest bidder, JWD Directional Inc. with a change order to reduce the scope of the project to within the project budget, subject to concurrence of the Water Sector Program.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to authorize to advertise for bids on the street improvement project, subject to approval of FP&C.

Item #3

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

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution in support of legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Eric Meaux as Superintendent for the Gas & Water Department, effective February 22, 2023.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Ashley Abshire as Resident Commissioner for the Kaplan Housing Authority, effective December 31, 2022.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Dana Rudd as Resident Commissioner for the Kaplan Housing Authority, effective December 31, 2022 to serve out the term date of January 1, 2024.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Robert M. Primeaux as Vice Chairman of the Housing Authority Board, effective October 28, 2022.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Donald C. Fontaine as Vice Chairman of the Housing Authority Board, effective January 23, 2022, to serve out the term date of January 1, 2024.

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Marlene Dronet, as Board Commissioner of the Housing Authority Board, effective January 23, 2022, to serve out the term date of January 1, 2024

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR