



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, May 16, 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  
Chuck Guidry

Absent: Mike Renfrow  
Justin Johnson

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

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 Mayor Mike Kloesel.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell  
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

#### Item #1

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary  
Condemnation Hearing: Update on 704 N Guidry, Kaplan, Louisiana  
Unanimously carried to allow 30 days to initiate repairs and completion of repairs to be done within 60 days.

#### Item #2

The treasurer's report for April 2023 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.  
Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell  
Unanimously carried to approve the April 2023 financials as presented.

#### Item #3

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

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Guidry  
Unanimously carried to reject the bids received for the construction of the splash pad at Dr. Padmini Gupta Park and authorize the re-advertisement along with the utilizing of LaMats for procurement assistance once plan revisions are made to attempt to bring the project closer to the budget.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell  
Unanimously carried to award the Street Improvement contract to Glenn Lege Construction subject to concurrence of Facility Planning and Control.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Guidry  
Unanimously carried to approve the resolution granting authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, appoint an administrative consultant and to commit costs for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2023 Clearance Program.

#### Item #4

Police Chief Josh Hardy gave an update on behalf of his department.

#### Item #5

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Campbell  
Unanimously carried to approve the update given by Councilman Guidry on the finance committee meeting held on May 15, 2023.

#### Item #6

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Campbell  
Unanimously carried to approve the increase of the annual cost of living raise from 2.5% to 5% effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Item #7

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of proposed ordinance 05-23-A – General Cleanliness of Property. With no comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to adopt ordinance 05-23-A – General Cleanliness of Property.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance 06-23-A –Amendment of Ordinance 06-22-B – 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget and set for Public Hearing on June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance 06-23-B – 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget and set for Public Hearing on June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to Introduce Ordinance 06-23-C – Public Safety Curfew and set for Public Hearing on June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #12

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution establishing the millage rates for the tax year 2023.

Item #13

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Jan C. Gaspard as Administrative Accounting Clerk, Step 5, effective April 24, 2023.

Item #14

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Christopher Crosby as Distribution Operator, Step 6, with the Gas & Water Department, effective May 11, 2023.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

/s/ Heather S. Guidry

HEATHER S. GUIDRY, CITY CLERK

/s/ Mike Kloesel

MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR