



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, July 18, 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
Mike Renfrow
Justin Johnson

Absent: Chuck Guidry

Also Present: Heather Guidry, City Clerk
Todd Vincent, City Engineer
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 Campbell, Second: Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Campbell
Condemnation Hearing: Update on 704 N Guidry, Kaplan, Louisiana
Motion to set for a status update at the September 19, 2023 city council meeting.

Item #2

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

Item #3

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

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution granting permission to remove and demolish additional structures under the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2023 Clearance Program.

Item #4

Police Chief Josh Hardy was on vacation and Captain Irvin Cates gave an update on behalf of the police department.

Item #5

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 07-23-A – Utility Reconnects on Homeowner Accounts with Past Due Balance. Wayne Vidrine commented that lots of customers leave the city with unpaid bills and he is in agreement with this ordinance. With no other comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 07-23-A – Utility Reconnects on Homeowner Accounts with Past Due Balance.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to introduce an ordinance to re-zone American Legion Park to an R-1 and set for Public Hearing at 6:00 August 15, 2023.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit.

Public Comment:

Joe Taravella commented regarding the curfew ordinance adopted at the June meeting and pleaded that the council look at amending the curfew ordinance back to the original times of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. that were first proposed.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR