



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at SSG Ulysse Trahan Council Chamber located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue.

Present: Mayor: Mike Kloesel

Board of Alderman: Mike Renfrow
Justin Johnson
Chuck Guidry

Absent: Dirk Gary
Randy Campbell

Present by Phone: Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney

Also Present: Heather 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 the Mayor.

Special Guest Kayla Link from Vermilion Economic Development Alliance (VEDA) was introduced.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

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

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to approve the December 2023 financials as presented.

Item #2

Mayor Mike Kloesel gave the update on current city projects.

Item #3

Police Chief Joshua Hardy was not present at the meeting.

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to include the name of Dr. Jack Gupta to the park name where the splash pad will be located. The park will now be named Drs. Jack & Padmini Gupta Park and Splash Pad

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to ratify the Intergovernmental Agreement by and among the City of Abbeville, Vermilion Parish Police Jury, Vermilion Parish School Board, Town of Erath, Town of Delcambre, Town of Maurice, Town of Kaplan, Town of Gueydan and Vermilion Parish Sheriff Office offering mutual aid assistance during declared State or Federal emergency events and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Kaplan.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Nathaniel Bates with the Streets and Bridges Department, effective December 12, 2023.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of James Tullis with the Streets and Bridges Department, effective December 5, 2023.

Item #8
Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Jaylin Veney with the Streets and Bridges Department, effective December 4, 2023.

Public Comment:
No public comment was given.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilman Guidry
Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR