



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 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
Eva Dell Morrison
John Carbaugh
Justin Johnson
Melissa Guidry

Also Present: Monique Jameyson, City Tax Clerk
City Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
Engineer: Brett Bayard

Absent: City Clerk: Heather S. Guidry

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Reverend Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kloesel.

Blake Bessard with the Electrical Department was recognized for 5 years of service to the City of Kaplan.

Stella Terro and Von Thibeaux were recognized as Citizens of the month.

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 regular City Council meeting as submitted.

Item #1

The treasurer's report was presented in the council's packet for their review and discussed by the Mayor.

Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the November financials as presented.

Item #2

Brett Bayard updated the Council on the status of current projects. He advised that the water project will not meet the deadline and the contractor is asking for an extension of time by 60 calendar days.

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to approve the Contract Change Order Number 1, increasing contract time by 60 calendar days and not changing the contract value.

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the payment to Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,198.00 to perform the cleaning and inspection of the Water System Ground Contract Change Order Number 1, increasing contract time by 60 calendar days and not changing the contract value.

Item #3

An update on the Police Department was given by Irvin Cates.

Item #4

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the 2019 City Council Meeting dates:
January 15, 2019 February 19, 2019
March 19, 2019 April 16, 2019
May 21, 2019 June 18, 2019
July 16, 2019 August 20, 2019
September 17, 2019 October 15, 2019
November 19, 2019 December 17, 2019

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the 2019 Holiday Closure dates:
January 1, 2019 – New Year’s Day
January 21, 2019 – Martin Luther King Day
February 18, 2019 – President’s Day
March 5, 2019 – Mardi Gras
April 19, 2019 – Good Friday
May 27, 2019 – Memorial Day
July 4, 2019 – Independence Day
September 2, 2019 – Labor Day
October 14, 2019 – Columbus Day
November 11, 2019 – Veteran’s Day
November 28, 2019 – Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2019 – Acadiana Day
December 24, 2019 – Christmas Eve
December 25, 2019 – Christmas Day
December 31, 2019 – New Year’s Eve

Item #6

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Kaplan, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 8, 2018, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Carbaugh
Unanimously carried to table the discussion of city trash ordinances and beautification project

Item #8

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the obligation to the Kaplan Police Department for the 2018 outings in the amount of \$1,010.00.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Carbaugh
Unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Aubrey J. Appling with the Electrical Department effective December 1, 2018.

Item #10

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Justin J. Obrien as a Laborer with the Streets & Bridges Department, at the rate of \$7.25 per hour effective December 6, 2018.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Mazie D. Kibodeaux as Deputy Marshal, at the rate of \$7.25 per hour with 20 hours paid by the City of Kaplan, effective November 29, 2018.

Mayor Announcements:

Mayor Kloesel advised everyone that the new phone system was installed on December 17, 2018 and was working great. He invited the Council to attend the Rene Rost Middle School Theatre Troupe Christmas performance December 21, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. He also mentioned that the City has saved \$11,093.35 by renewing its Physical Damage Insurance Policy and Equipment Floater Policy through Andrus/Hopkins Insurance.

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Announcements:

Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for their contribution to the food drive and explained the total amount collected was 22,329 lbs of food and thanked all the volunteers for the community effort. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded everyone the reason for Christmas is the birth of Jesus.

Councilwoman Morrison thanked everyone who voted on the bond proposition. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that you visit one shut in because it does make a difference.

Councilman Carbaugh reminded everyone that with the holidays approaching to be responsible and if you drink, please get a designated driver. It is common sense and people's lives will be saved. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Johnson and Councilman Gary both wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR