



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 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: Heather S. Guidry, City Clerk
City Attorney, Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
City Engineer, Todd Vincent

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.

Mrs. Eva Trahan Lange was recognized as Citizen of the month.

Tax/Occupational License Clerk, Monique Jameyson, was recognized for her five (5) years of service to the City of Kaplan.

Special Guest Sheriff Mike Couvillon was present and introduced himself as a candidate for Vermilion Parish Sheriff.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on July 11, 2019 and the July 16, 2019 regular City Council as submitted.

Item #1

The treasurer's report was presented in the council's packet for their review.

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to approve the July 2019 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer, Todd Vincent updated the Council on the status of current projects. The following actions were adopted by the Council.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to submit a "Letter of No Objection" to Southern Light for the purpose of boring cable down Cheneau Road.

Item #3

Chief Hardy gave a brief update on the status of his department.

Item #4

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to introduce an ordinance to amend Section 38-84 of the Code of Ordinances – Liquefied Petroleum Gas. A public hearing will be held on September 17, 2019.

Item #5

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to introduce an ordinance to regulate the removal of abandoned/junk vehicles, or any parts of vehicles, etc. A public hearing will be held on September 17, 2019.

Item #6

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

To ratify the hiring of Christopher Butler as Public Works Director/Street Commissioner at a salary of \$36,000.00 per year.

Mayor Kloesel asked for a roll call vote, and the vote is as follows:

Mr. Gary: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes
Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Mr. Johnson: Yes
Ms. Guidry: Yes

Item #7

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund Program (CWEF).

Item #8

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 to Vermilion Economic Development Alliance (VEDA)

Item #9

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to authorize the payment to Acadiana Ford in the amount of \$22,257.00 for the purchase of a 2016 Ford F-150 for the Electrical Supervisor.

Item #10

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to authorize the payment to Acadiana Ford in the amount of \$9,157.00 for the purchase of a 2012 Ford F-150 for the Public Works Department.

Item #11

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to authorize Mayor Mike Kloesel to sign the Agreement for Emergency Assistance by and between the LEPA member cities.

Item #12

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify amending the City of Kaplan Civil Service Employee positions to include the following requirements:

- 1) Must not be a convicted felon
- 2) Change the minimum age requirement to 18 years of age on all positions
- 3) Must be a high school graduate or possess a valid certificate of equivalency issued by a state department of education (except of laborer positions)
- 4) Must possess a valid Louisiana Driver license (Class of license depending on position)
- 5) Must be a registered voter

Item #13

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the acceptance of the 2018 Water We Drink Report. This report was published in the Kaplan Herald on June 12, 2019 to notify all customers.

Item #14

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Justin J. O'Brien effective July 17, 2019.

Item #15

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the promotion of Rosalino M. Beiza to Crew Foreman within the Wastewater Department at a Step 10, effective August 8, 2019.

Item #16

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously to accept the resignation of Vernita Grant from the Board of Adjustments.

Item #17

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Robert Rudd to the Board of Adjustments, who will replace Vernita Grant.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR