

**MINUTES OF
THE
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, February 14, 2023 AT
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Shavonda Gay, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Invocation**• Town Attorney, Douglas C Dominick, led all present in the prayer.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Alderman Cook led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Town Clerk, performed a roll call and verified that the following members were present: Emily Jennings, Shanithia Gay, James Cook and Judith McGuffey. Absent were: Jeff Benson

4. **APPROVE AGENDA**: Mayor Shavonda Gay, asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. All members voted in favor of the approved agenda. There were no public comments.

5. **Approve Minutes**- Mayor Gay, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023. A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. There was no public comment.

6. **Approve the Expense Report**-Mayor Shavonda Gay, asked for an approval for the expense report for January 2023. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense report. Three of the members of the council voted in favor of the reports. Judith McGuffey voted against the approved reports. There was no public comment.

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORT**- Police Department - Mayor Shavonda Gay read the police department report from the chief of police indicating that for the month of January. The town of Plain Dealing Police Department had a total of 209 calls, 146 were traffic related and 63 traffic violations were written.

Public Works Department -Water/Sewer Superintendent Kevin Whitton gave an Update on the water. He indicated that there were 289 meters that did not read out of the 830. Kevin also indicated that our meters are at the end of it life and they all need to be change as soon as possible. Kevin presented the council with an estimate from Smart Earth Technologies for the replacement of the meters. The cost is estimated to be about \$300,000. It was explained o the counsel that there is financing available through Government Capital Corporation. Ben Jarrett from

Smart Earth Technologies, recapped what Kevin had explained.

8. Old Business- there was none.

9. New Business-

- A. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2023 - An ordinance for the code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement Chapter 24- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY to include ARTICLE IV- SPECIAL EVENTS of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Mayor Gay opened the floor for a public hearing. No comments were made so the public hearing was declared closed by the mayor.
- B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2023- An ordinance for the code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement Chapter 24- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY to include ARTICLE IV- SPECIAL EVENTS of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

A motion was made by Alderman James Cook and seconded by Alderman Emily Jennings, to approve ordinance number 1 of 2023, this motion passed with three of the members voting in favor thereof. Judith McGuffey voted no.

10. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS- NONE

11. COUNCIL REMARKS:

Shanithia Gay asked about the Perrin Street Bridge. Rolandria McCauley responded with an update stating that we are still waiting to hear from the state to proceed.

Judith McGuffey gave an update on the fence at cemetery. The contracts will have to be rebid once the weather gets better.

- 12. MAYORS COMMENT:** The Mayor gave an announcement to remind citizens to join the Chamber of Commerce for lunch at the Community Center on Tuesday February 21,2023 for a community forum.

A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the meeting being adjourned.
The meeting adjourned 6:55 PM.

Approved by:

Rolandria McCauley, Town Clerk

Shavonda Gay, Mayor