

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY December 12, 2023
TOWN HALL MEETING
ROOM 205 WEST
PALMETTO AVE
6:00
P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL
COMPLEX**

- 1.Call meeting to order-** Mayor Shavonda Gay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 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 Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four of the five members were present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Shanithia Gay, James Cook, Jeff Benson and Emily Jennings. Judith McGuffey was absent.

- 4.Approve Agenda** -Mayor Gay asked to amend the agenda to include resolution #12 of 2023 being a resolution to adopt the 2023 Bossier Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazzard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve and amend the agenda to include resolution #12 of 2023. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of the amended agenda.

A request to make a motion and a 2nd to approved the agenda as amended was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor thereof. There was no public comment.

- 5a. Approve Minutes-** Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.

b. Approve Special Minutes- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 special meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.

Approve the Expense Report- Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for November 2023. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve the expense report. There was no public comment. All members of the council voted in favor of the reports.

6. Department reports:

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 411 civil and criminal calls in November 2023. There were 115 traffic stops.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton gave us an update regarding East College St. He stated that the gates have been ordered for the clarifiers. It was also noted that the supervisor's work truck is in need of a transmission and the cost will be more than the value of the truck.

7 A. OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #2 OF 2023- AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE IV.- PROPERTY STANDARDS CODE OF CHAPTER 8-BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Mayor Gay opened the floor up for public hearing. There was no comment from the floor. The mayor declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to approve Ordinance # 2 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #3 OF 2023- AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OD ORDINANCE, TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, TO AMAMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 14- ENVIRONMENT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING TO INCLUDE ARTICLE III.-GRASS WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH.

Mayor Gay opened the floor up for public hearing. There was no comment from the floor

The mayor declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Emily Jennings And seconded by James Cook to approve Ordinance # 3 of 2023. All member voted in favor thereof.

- C. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #3 OF 2023- AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 14- ENVIRONMENT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING TO INCLUDE ARTICLE III.-GRASS WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH. A motion was given by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to approve Ordinance #3 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof.
- D. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #4 OF 2023- AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE II.- JUNKED, WRECKED, AND ABANDONED PROPERTY OF CHAPTER 14- ENVIRONMENT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. Mayor Gay opened the floor up for public hearing. There was no comment from the floor. The mayor declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to approve Ordinance # 4 of 2023. All member voted in favor thereof.
- E. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #4 OF 2023- AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCE, TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ARTICLE II.- JUNKED, WRECKED, AND ABANDONED PROPERTY OF CHAPTER 14-ENVIRONMENT OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. There was no public comment. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to approve Ordinance #4 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof.
- F. PUBLIC HEARING IN ORDINANCE # 6 OF 2023-AN ORDINANCE AMENDING #9 OF 2022- THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1,2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. Mayor Gay opened the floor up for public hearing. There was no comment from the floor. The mayor declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve Ordinance # 6 of 2023. All member voted in favor thereof.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 6 OF 2023- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING #9 OF 2022- THE OPERATION BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023. There was no public comment. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve Ordinance #9 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The council had a discussion to consider changing the bulk water rates to \$25.00 per billing cycle and \$6.00 per 1000 gallons of water. James Cook made a motion to change the bulk water pricing and Shanithia Gay seconded. All member were in favor of the decision.
- B. The board of Aldermen discussed an ordinance to cease the installation of mobile homes and RV's from entering the Town's city limits if it is more than ten years old.
- C. The board of aldermen will consider the adoption of resolution #12 of 2023 being a resolution to adopt the 2023 Bossier Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazzard Mitigation Plan. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings. All members voted in favor thereof. There was no public comment.

A list of alcohol and beer license was given to the aldermen to approve for the 2024 operating year.

A motion was given by Emily Jennings to approve the alcohol license for the 2024 operating year and was seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor of approving the license.

- 9. Mayor Gay asked for a motion and a second to approve the community center applications. James Cook made the motion and Jeff Benson seconded the motion to approve the community center applications. There were no public comments. All member voted in favor thereof.

Council Remarks-

James Cook had a question concerning the water meters installation.
Jeff Benson wanted to know the statues of the lake

Mayor's Comments-

Food bank will be held on December 18, 2023 at the community center. The start time will be 11:00 AM.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM

Approved by.

Rolandria McCauley

Shavonda Gay