

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2025
6:00 P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Call meeting to order- Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation Alderman – Alder lady Shanithia Gay led all in the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance – Alder lady Emily Jennings led all present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four of members were present. Shavonda Gay was absent.

1. Approve Agenda- Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to approve the agenda. Shanithia Gay gave a motion to approve the agenda and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. There were no public comments. This motion carried as all four of the members were in favor of the approval.

2. Approve Minutes- Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of The **November 18**, 2025 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Jeff Benson. This motion carried as all four members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.

4. Approve the Expense Report-Mayor Cook asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of November 2025. A motion was made by Jeff Benson and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense reports. This motion carried as all four members of the council voted in favor of the reports. There were no public comments.

5. Department Report:

The chief of Police reported that there were 244 calls to the Police Department in November of 2025. There were 113 traffic stops and 131 criminal and civil calls. Chief reports that traffic includes the following: assist motorist, change tire, unlock car doors, direct traffic, malfunctioning signal, accidents, radar, school zone and traffic stops. He urges citizen to call if there are any questions.

Public Works Department-NO Report given.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The mayor gave an update on the status of the insurance. He informed the council that the town does currently have insurance through Parnell Robinson. Other companies did not submit quotes.
- B. There was a PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 10 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CHAPTER 30-UTILITIES TO INCLUDE ARTICLE IV-ALLOCATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WATER LINE AND METER OWNERSHIP, MAINTENCE, AND ACCESS FOR APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND MOBILE HOMES PARKS. The hearing was declared closed. There were no public comments.
- C. The board of Aldermen will consider the ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 10 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF CHAPTER 30-UTILITIES TO INCLUDE ARTICLE IV-ALLOCATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WATER LINE AND METER OWNERSHIP, MAINTENCE, AND ACCESS FOR APARTMENT COMPLEXES AND MOBILE HOMES PARKS. Jeff Benson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE 10 OF 2025. Emily Jennings seconded the motion. Three of the voted in favor of the ordinance. Shanithia Gay voted Nay. This motion carried. There were no public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 11 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 13 OF 2025- THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPEDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY I, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. (There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption at the Town's regular meeting place in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at the LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 205 WEST PALMETTO AVE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA ON JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 6:00PM. Jeff Benson gave a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NO 11 OF 2025. Emily Jennings seconded the motion. This motion carried as all members vote in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- B. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE# 12 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY I, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026. (There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption at the Town 's regular meeting place in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at the LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 205 WEST PALMETTO AVE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA ON JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 6:00PM). Jeff Benson gave a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NO 12 OF 2025 and Louis Welch seconded the motion. All members vote in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- C. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 13 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, REQUESTIG AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER

PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 33:1181, SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION 9; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR; REVIEW BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; ELECTOR PROTEST PROCEDURES; AND RECORDATION OF APPROVED AMENDMENTS. This amendment is being requested by the chief of police and will give the chief the authority to appoint police personnel, promotion of officers, to effect disciplinary action, and for dismissal of police personnel, all being subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor and board of aldermen pertaining to the number of allotted positions for the police department. There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption at the town's regular meeting place in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at the LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 205 WEST PALMETTO AVE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA ON JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 6:00 PM. Jeff Benson gave a motion to introduce ORDINANCE 13 OF 2025 and Louis Welch seconded the motion. All voted in favor thereof.

D. Mayor Cook gave an update regarding the audit findings. It was stated that the Town is has rectified the exceptions that were given during last year's audit.

E. The board of aldermen will consider the approval of the 2026 alcohol and beer license. Shanithia Gay gave a motion to approve the 2026 alcohol and beer license and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. All members voted in favor thereof.

F. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION 19 OF 2025- A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH KNIGHTS SERVICES LA, LLC FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION, MATERIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, ANCILLRY DOCUMENTS, BUDGET AND FUNDING, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay. This motion carried as all four of the members voted in favor thereof.

G. Mayor Cook provided an update on the garbage proposals. There was no action taken.

H. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:

There are three applications submitted for the council to approve.

Tammie Roberson- Repast- November 29, 2025- already approved by council.

James Martin- December 13, 2025- Martin Family Services Christmas Dinner

Israelite Missionary Baptist Church- December 21, 2025- Christmas Dinner Fellowship

A motion was given by Jeff Benson and seconded by Emily Jennings to approved the community center rentals. All members voted in favor thereof.

COUNCIL REMARKS: Shanithia Gay wanted to remind the residents to come to support the local basketball team. Jeff Benson asked for prayers for the Stanford family.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURN: Shanitia Gay made a motion the adjourn the meeting. Louis Welch seconded to motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.