

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY July 11, 2023
TOWN HALL MEETING
ROOM 205 WEST
PALMETTON 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.
4. **Roll Call** – Ms Hamiter, performed a roll call and verified that the town did have a quorum. The following members were present. Jeff Benson, Shanithia Gay, James Cook and Judith McGuffey. Emily Jennings was absent. Also present were Mayor Shavonda Gay, Town Attorney Doug Dominick and Ms. Hamiter.
5. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of the agenda.
6. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 regular meeting. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by, Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.
7. **Approve the Expense Report-Mayor** Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for June 2023. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Judith McGuffey to approve the expense report. There was no public comment. All members of the council voted in favor of the reports.
8. **Department reports:**
Police Department – May Gay read the report by Chief of Police. It was reported for the month of June the police department had a total 344 calls. 238 calls were for criminal and civil calls and 106 calls was the total traffic calls.

Public Works Department- there was none.
9. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

10. NEW BUSINESS -

- A. Vicki Case with Cook and Morehart was present to go over the financial statement and audit report for the year ending December 31, 2022. Ms. Case gave a comprehensive report and answered the questions of the Board of Aldermen.
- B. The Board of Aldermen will consider Resolution # 9 of 2022 being a Resolution to increase the community center rental fee to \$200.00 with the deposit to remain at \$50.00 per day. Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve Resolution # 9 of 2023. A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Jeff Benson. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of resolution # 9.
- C. Update on progress of water meters purchase by town attorney Doug Dominick. Mr. Dominick gave an update on the water meter project indicating that the Town was still waiting on final cost estimates and the town would then be able to proceed with the process.
- D. Alderman Cook then made a motion to amend the agenda to authorize the Town to approve the engagement of Bar Environmental Supply, Inc. to perform an inspection report of the water and sewer system for the sum of \$5750.00 per the quote of June 30, 2023. This motion was seconded by Jeff Benson. Pursuant to Louisiana Law, Mayor Gay called for a public hearing on this addition. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT. The motion to amend the agenda passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

The Board of Aldermen then indicated that this seemed to be a worthwhile project and would give the Town a detailed inventory of its equipment and suggestions on repairs that need to be made. A motion was then made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Jeff Benson for the Town to approve the hiring and engagement of Bar Environmental Supply, Inc. to perform an inspection report of the water and sewer system for the sum of \$5750.00 per the quote of June 30, 2023. There was no public comment and this motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

11. **COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:**

Boom or Bust Management meeting- August 2, 2023
Roychicka Green Ray- Family Reunion August 6, 2023

A motion was made by James Cook to approve the events at the Community Center and second by Shanithia Gay to approve this use. All members voted favor of this motion.

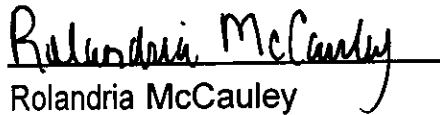
Council Remarks- Jeff Benson indicated that he wanted to thank Senator Mills for all of the hard work that he had done. He indicated that Senator Mills had done a lot for the Town, especially with the funds received for the Teal Jones project.

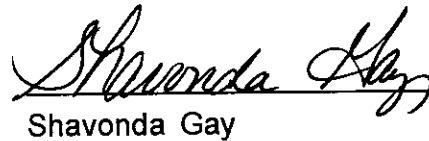
Mayor's Comments- Food Bank will be held on July 17, 2023 at 11:00 AM. at the Community Center.

There will be a Boom or Bust Byway Corridor Management meeting on August 2, 2023 starting at 5:00 P.M. Refreshment will be served.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Jeff Benson and seconded by James Cook to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM

Approved by:


Rolandria McCauley


Shavonda Gay

Plain Dealing Town Hall at 318-326-4234 describing the assistance necessary.