

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY June 13, 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 6:02 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 all members were present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Jeff Benson, Shanithia Gay, James Cook, Judith McGuffey and Emily Jennings.

4. **Approve Agenda -**Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of the approved agenda.

- a. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. All 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 May 2023. A motion was made by James Cook 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.

5. **Department reports:**

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there have been recent issues at the lake and suggested that someone be hired to assist with the negative actives.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton gave an update regarding the water. He stated That there have been repairs around the town and the kiddie park is back up and going. Dodson hill's pump went out but should be under warranty.

6. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

7. **NEW BUSINESS -**

A. Jessica Hemmingway of the Bossier Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the forums that were held earlier in the year. Brenda Autry from Senator Mills' office provide additional information to Ms Hemmingway's presentation. Ms. Autry stated that there will be a new LGAP starting July 1, 2023.

B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN had a discussion to increase the Garbage rates. It was noted that the fees being paid by the residents was not covering the cost of the service. This matter will be placed back on the agenda at the next Town's meeting for the Board to consider an increase.

Public Comment- None

8. Community Center applications-

Carolyn Harris, Tranika Campbell, Herman Dupree, By Faith Living Word Ministries and Vickie Harris requested use of the Community Center for events. 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 the rentals.

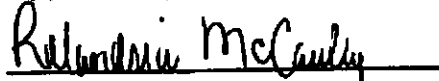
Council Remarks- James Cook stated that Kevin did a great job on the park and the repairs on collage St. Jeff Benson stated that the foundation for the pavilion has been poured and will continue to move forward with the project.

Mayor's Comments- Mayor Gay informed members that there will be a movie night held at community center on June 22, 2023 and June 23, 2023. Thursday will be for elementary and Friday will be for middle and high school students.

Food bank will be held on June 26, 2023 at the community center. The start time will be 11:00AM. An application must be complete for assistance.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM

Approved by:


Rolandria McCauley


Shavonda Gay