



# TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR MEETING

## Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm

205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA

### LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

**Minutes:**

The Plain Dealing Town Council met in regular session on the 9th day of March 2021, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room at the Leon Sanders, Jr. Municipal Complex, 205 W. Palmetto Avenue, Plain Dealing, Louisiana. Mayor Tammy Murray called the meeting to order.

#### 2. INVOCATION

**Minutes:**

The invocation was given by Mr. Doug Dominick

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Minutes:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderwoman S. Gay

#### 4. ROLL CALL

**Minutes:**

The Town Clerk, Mrs. Katelynn Rich, called the roll, with members present as follows:  
Alderman James Cook- ABSENT Alderman/Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Benson Alderwoman Shanita Gay  
Alderwoman Judy McGuffey Alderwoman Emily Jennings

#### 5. APPROVE AGENDA:

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Alderman J. Benson, seconded by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, to approve the agenda. The Mayor called for public comment: There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 6. APPROVE MINUTES:

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Aldermen J. Benson, to

approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021, regular meeting, and dispense with the reading. The Mayor called for public comment: There being none, votes were cast and the motion carried unanimously.

**a. Approve minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular meeting, and dispense with the reading**

**b. Public Comment**

**7. APPROVE EXPENSES:**

**a. Approve expenses for the month of January 2021**

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the expenses for the month of January, 2021. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

**b. Public Comment**

**c. Approve expenses for the month of February 2021**

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the expenses for the month of February, 2021. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

**d. Public Comment**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**8. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 1 OF 2021 OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN CLERK FOR THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING

**a. Public Comment**

**Minutes:**

No Questions or Comments

**9. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE #1 OF 2021**

--SEE AGENDA ITEM # 8

**Minutes:**

A motion by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by E. Jennings to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2021 to set the compensation of the Town Clerk A roll call vote was taken and the following result was: J. McGuffey- Ayes J. Benson -Ayes E. Jennings- Ayes S. Gay-Ayes J.-Cook--ABSENT

**10. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 2 OF 2021 OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING**

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY FOR THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING

**Minutes:**

No Questions or Comments

**a. Public Comment**

**11. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE FINAL ADOPTION OF THE ORDINANCE #2 OF 2021**

--SEE AGENDA ITEM # 10

**Minutes:**

A motion by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by J. Benson to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2021 to set the salary of the Town Attorney A roll call vote was taken and the following result was: J. McGuffey- Ayes J. Benson -Ayes E. Jennings- Ayes S. Gay-Ayes J.-Cook--ABSENT

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**12. Police Chief Ronnie Murray**

HIRING OF ONE POLICE OFFICER

**Minutes:**

Police Chief Ronnie Murray stated he had a vacant spot he would like to fill. An Applicant who was over the age of 60 and post certified and has 10 years law enforcement experience. Chief Murray Suggested pay started at \$11.50 an hour. After some discussion from the Board of Aldermen. A motion by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay table the Hiring of one Police Officer until the April 13th Council Meeting. Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

**a. Public Comment**

**Minutes:**

There were several Public Comments.

**13. UPDATE BY TOWN ATTORNEY REGARDING ALCOHOL SALES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING**

**Minutes:**

Town Attorney Doug Dominick stated he wanted to address how low and high octane alcohol sales would be allowed in the Town of Plain Dealing. The Town is currently sitting with low content sales in the city limits of the Town. The only way to have high content alcohol sales in the city limits would be to have a vote by the people. To add to the ballot, there must be a petition that the registered voters must sign. There are five proposition's that must be on the ballot. Mr. Dominick reviewed what those proposition's cover. We are still reviewing the Town's record's to find the original proposition concerning the sale of alcohol content. Mr. Dominick stated the petition when we get to that point needs to be sponsored by a citizen not on the board. Mr. Dominick also addressed that there is no zoning in the Town of Plain Dealing.

**a. Public Comment**

**Minutes:**

There was one public comment.

#### 14. Police Chief --Monthly report

**Minutes:**

The Mayor stated that the Police Monthly Report was located in the Council packets

#### 15. Water & Sewer Superintendent-- Monthly Report

**Minutes:**

Water & sewer Superintendent Steve Smith gave a monthly report consisting of an update on the S. Perrin Bridge. Mr. Smith stated that he had a meeting with Butch Ford, Mark Coutee and the Police Jury. The Police Jury stated they would help the Town pay for the repair. It would be cheaper for us to build another bridge, verses placing rail cars under the bridge. Mr. Smith stated that either way the Town makes the repair the utilities will have to be moved because OSHA says you cant run heavy machinery within 20 foot of the power lines. Mr. Smith stated that there was a meeting scheduled with the Utilities the week of the snow storm so the meeting obviously has been postponed. Mayor Murray stated that she has a meeting scheduled Thursday with the Police Jury to discuss assistance with the bridge. Mr. Smith stated that the engineers have given him a rough estimate of 50,000 for cost to replace the bridge. Mrs. Melody with Cenla Environmental presented a MWPP Resolution that must be completed annual. The resolution is as follows: MWPP Resolution Resolved that the Town of Plain Dealing informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by Town Councilmen:

1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for January 2020 — December 2020 which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, Number LA002004.
3. To continue being good environmental stewards by maintaining our wastewater treatment plant and continuing required analytical analysis in accordance with our current LDEQ permit, including monthly monitoring of influent CBOD.
4. Continue to seek funding for improvements and reconstruction as needed.

A Motion by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderman J. Benson was made to accept the MWPP Resolution. Votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 16. Discussion of Financial Report - CPA

**Minutes:**

Alderwoman E. Jennings requested that we shop local when possible, as she saw other body shops on the expense reports. A Motion was made by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay to approve the Financial report from CPA.

#### 17. Announcements by Mayor

**Minutes:**

There were no announcements from Mayor Murray.

#### 18. Announcements by Aldermen

**Minutes:**

Alderwoman E. Jennings stated that on April 4th at the Plain Dealing Lake Plain Dealing Proud will be hosting a Sunrise Service, Similar to what was done in the "Dogwood Days", Light refreshments of donuts and coffee will be provided by Plain Dealing Proud. Plain Dealing Proud is also selling tickets for the 50/50 "SPLIT THE POT". Alderwoman E. Jennings stated that Plain Dealing Proud has purchased locally from Rocky Mount Builders two picnic tables. The name "Plain Dealing Proud" will be written on the tables. They will have them installed and secured at the Lake. Alderwoman E. Jennings also commented on the storm and how we miraculously managed to get through the storm with power and water. Alderwoman J. McGuffey wanted to thank the Marshal, And all the Town Employee's and citizens that came out and helped through all the bad weather conditions during the snow storm. Alderman J. Benson Stated that there will be a benefit fish fry for Mr. Wiley Robinson on April 3rd to help with medical expenses, and requested any who wish to participate was welcome. Alderwoman S. Gay asked that everyone keep Mr. Wiley Robinson in their prayers.

## **19. ADJOURN:**

### **Minutes:**

There being no further business to come before the Plain Dealing Town Council in regular and legal session on this 9th day of March, 2021, motion was made by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.