

REGULAR SESSION
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The Plain Dealing Town Council met in regular session on the 10th day of November, 2020, 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 Cindy Dodson called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Howard Haynie. The Town Clerk, Ms. Sandra McMillan, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Alderman James Cook	Alderman Howard Haynie
Alderwoman Shanita Gay	Alderwoman Judy McGuffey
Alderwoman Emily Jennings	

Others present were: Mayor Cindy Dodson; Ms. Sandra McMillan, Town Clerk; Mr. Ronnie Murray, Marshal; and other guests.

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

Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, public hearing and the October 13, 2020, regular meeting, and dispense with the reading. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the expenses for the month of October, 2020. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Susie Byrd, Plain Dealing Proud, requested approval to close Palmetto and Lynch streets on Saturday, December 12, 2020 for the Christmas festival, and also asked that they be allowed to use the town's bleachers for the event. Mayor Dodson stated she will have Mr. Steve Smith set up the bleachers on Friday and leave the barrels needed for closing the streets for the festival, as requested. The town council concurred.

Mr. Tim Cannon proposed leasing the public alleyway that adjoins the back line of his property at 204 W. Palmetto Avenue, for 25 years at \$1.00 per year, to avoid any possible liability exposure should someone accidentally get hurt walking through his yard. Mr. Cannon stated that he has maintained the alleyway since he bought his home 14 years ago, advising that he was unaware of the alleyway adjoining his back-property line. Alderwoman J. McGuffey and Alderman J. Cook expressed concerns with the leasing of town property, and stated that they would like to table the matter until the town has legal counsel in place.

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook to table the matter until January when the town has legal representation. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

After further discussion, Mr. Cannon withdrew his proposal to lease the town's alleyway.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2020. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 4 of 2020 – An Ordinance amending the Town of Plain Dealing's Annual Budget of 2020 adopted by Ordinance Number 15 of 2019, to reflect changes in the 2020 Budget. (General Fund)

Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 4 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 5 of 2020 – An Ordinance amending the Town of Plain Dealing's Annual Budget of 2020 adopted by Ordinance Number 16 of 2019, to reflect changes in the 2020 Budget. (Sales Tax)

Motion was made by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 5 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 6 of 2020 – An Ordinance amending the Town of Plain Dealing's Annual Budget of 2020 adopted by Ordinance Number 17 of 2019, to reflect changes in the 2020 Budget. (Industrial Development Fund)

Motion was made by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 6 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 7 of 2020 – An Ordinance amending the Town of Plain Dealing's Annual Budget of 2020 adopted by Ordinance Number 18 of 2019, to reflect changes in the 2020 Budget. (Water Fund)

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 7 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No.

7 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 8 of 2020 – An Ordinance amending the Town of Plain Dealing's Annual Budget of 2020 adopted by Ordinance Number 19 of 2019, to reflect changes in the 2020 Budget. (Sewer Fund)

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 8 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 8 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 9 of 2020 – An Ordinance amending the Town of Plain Dealing's Annual Budget of 2020 adopted by Ordinance Number 20 of 2019, to reflect changes in the 2020 Budget. (Cemetery Fund)

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 9 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 9 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 10 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 10 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 10 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 11 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the General Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 11 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 11 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 12 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Sales Tax Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 12 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 12 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 13 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Industrial Development Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

Motion was made by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 13 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No.13 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 14 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Water Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021

and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 14 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 14 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 15 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Sewer Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 15 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 15 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 16 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Cemetery Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

Motion was made by Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 16 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 16 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There was one comment. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Alderman J. Cook introduced, and Mayor C. Dodson read in full Proposed Ordinance No. 17 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting detailed estimate and exhibition of the various items of receipts and expenditures for the Capital Outlay Fund of the Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, to serve as a Budget of expenditures during said fiscal year and appropriating the amounts herein set forth as a Budget of expenditures.

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Motion was made by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderman H. Haynie, to schedule a public hearing on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm to consider Ordinance No. 17 of 2020, and to adopt Ordinance No. 17 of 2020, at the December 8, 2020 regular meeting at 6:00 pm. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2020, a resolution from Citizens National Bank, N.A., designating Citizens National Bank, N.A. as a depository for funds of the Town of Plain Dealing, and authorizing designated signatures. The Mayor called for public comment. There were no comments. Upon a roll call vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings, Alderwoman J. McGuffey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

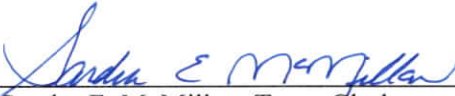
Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to approve the request from Coordinating & Development Corporation for membership dues in the amount of \$2,250.00 for the year 2021. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to approve the application of Martin Family Support Services for use of the Community Center on December 21, 2020. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Plain Dealing Town Council in regular and legal session on this 10th day of November, 2020, motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Cindy A. Dodson, Mayor



Sandra E. McMillan, Town Clerk