

REGULAR SESSION
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
STATE OF LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 13, 2020

The Plain Dealing Town Council met in regular session on the 13th day of October, 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 Pro Tem Howard Haynie called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Mr. James Southerland, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. James Cook. The Town Clerk, Ms. Sandra McMillan, called the roll, with all members present as follows:

Alderman James Cook	Alderman/Mayor Pro Tem Howard Haynie
Alderwoman Shanita Gay	Alderwoman Judy McGuffey - Absent
Alderwoman Emily Jennings	

Others present were: Alderman/Mayor Pro Tem Howard Haynie; Mr. James Southerland, Town Attorney; 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 Pro Tem 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 minutes of the September 8, 2020, regular meeting, and dispense with the reading. The Mayor Pro Tem called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the expenses for the month of September, 2020. The Mayor Pro Tem called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman/Mayor Pro Tem Howard Haynie, presented Mr. James Southerland with a plaque for 50 years of dedicated service as the Town Attorney for the Town of Plain Dealing. Alderman/Mayor Pro Tem Haynie thanked Mr. Southerland on behalf of the Mayor, Town Council, the employees of Plain Dealing, and the citizens of Plain Dealing for his service and dedication to the community. Mr. Southerland stated that it has been an honor to serve Plain Dealing.

Ms. Susie Byrd, Plain Dealing Proud, reported that Plain Dealing Proud is planning a Christmas Festival in Plain Dealing on December 12, 2020. She stated that the event will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., around the Community Center and will feature fun activities for children. She stated that a visit from Santa is expected and invited everyone to attend.

Ms. Byrd asked the council to consider closing Palmetto and Lynch streets at noon on December 12, 2020 for the festival. Council members concurred to table the matter of closing streets until the next council meeting on November 10, 2020.

Ms. Susie Byrd thanked the mayor and council for all they have done for Plain Dealing Proud these last few years.

Mr. Cedric White, Men of Standards, requested approval to hold a Community bike ride event for the kids on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., at the Plain Dealing Community Center. The route planned for the event is to start at the Plain Dealing Community Center and ride to the old elementary school. The children will then take a break and ride back to the community center. Mr. White also requested that Lynch Street be blocked off during this event. He stated that refreshments and Halloween candy will be provided

free for the kids. Mr. White also stated that they would be bringing some BBQ pits to cook for the children. Mayor Pro Tem Haynie advised Mr. White that no grilling is allowed underneath the canopy at the Community Center. It was further noted that the Community Center Calendar will be checked to ensure its availability on October 31, 2020.

Marshal Murray requested that the town provide barrels and block off the street.

Motion was made by Alderwoman J. Cook, seconded by Alderman S. Gay, to approve the closing of Lynch Street with the proper barricades on October 31, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Mayor Pro Tem called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to Adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2020 – An Ordinance adopting the General Alimony “Adjusted” millage rates in the Town of Plain Dealing for 2020 tax year. The Mayor Pro Tem called for public comment. There being none, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

NAYS: Alderwoman S. Gay

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Alderwoman J. McGuffey

Alderwoman S. Gay stated that she did not understand the ordinance and therefore she was voting no.

After further discussion and several public comments, a new motion was made to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2020.

The following Ordinance was offered and adopted:

Public Comments: There were several public comments.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
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ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2020

MOTION BY: Alderman J. Cook

SECONDED BY: Alderwoman E. Jennings

ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GENERAL ALIMONY “ADJUSTED” MILLAGE RATES IN THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING FOR 2020 TAX YEAR.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plain Dealing Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the Town of Plain Dealing of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 13, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of each assessed valuation of all property which is subject to ad valorem taxation within said Town for the year 2020 for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Alimony (5080 001):

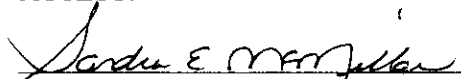
8.230 mills

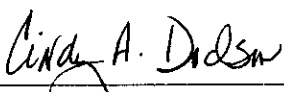
SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Bossier, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing ordinance was read in full, and was duly adopted on this 13th day of October, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Alderwoman J. McGuffey

ATTEST:


Sandra E. McMillan, Town Clerk
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING


Cindy A. Dodson, Mayor
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING

The following Ordinance was offered and adopted:
Public Comments: None

STATE OF LOUISIANA
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ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2020

MOTION BY: Alderman J. Cook
SECONDED BY: Alderwoman E. Jennings

ORDINANCE WHICH SETS FORTH THE GENERAL ALIMONY "ADJUSTED" MILLAGE RATE AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE "MAXIMUM" AUTHORIZED RATE.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plain Dealing of the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on October 13, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:


	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>
General Alimony (5080 001):	8.230 mills	8.730 mills

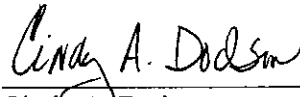
SECTION 2. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plain Dealing of the Parish of Bossier Louisiana, that the Assessor of the Parish of Bossier, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the ordinance was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) on this 13th day of October, 2020. The votes were as follows:

YEAS: Alderman J. Cook, Alderwoman S. Gay, Alderman H. Haynie, Alderwoman E. Jennings
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Alderwoman J. McGuffey

ATTEST:


Sandra E. McMillan, Town Clerk
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Cindy A. Dodson
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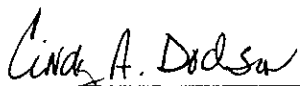
New Business:


Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31, 2020. The Mayor Pro Tem called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderwoman E. Jennings, seconded by Alderman J. Cook, to accept the audit engagement letter with Marsha O. Millican for the annual audit FYE 12/31/2020. The Mayor Pro Tem called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the application of the Macedonia Baptist Church for use of the Community Center on November 23, 2020, and to waive the fees. The Mayor Pro Tem 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 13th day of October, 2020, motion was made by Alderman J. Cook seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Cindy A. Dodson, Mayor


Sandra E. McMillan, Town Clerk