

REGULAR SESSION
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 08, 2020

The Plain Dealing Town Council met in regular session on the 8th day of September, 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 Ms. Judy McGuffey. The Town Clerk, Ms. Sandra McMillan, called the roll, with the following members present:

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

Others present were: Ms. Cindy Dodson, Mayor; 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 S. Gay, 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 Alderwoman S. Gay, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 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 Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman S. Gay, to approve the expenses for the month of August, 2020. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Cannon addressed the town council to request that they consider abandoning the public alleyway adjoining the back line of his property at 204 W. Palmetto Avenue. He further requested that the town consider donating this alleyway to him to allow him to place a fence across this property in an effort to restrict people from walking across his property.

Mr. Cannon stated that he has maintained the alleyway since he bought his home 14 years ago, advising that he was unaware of the approximate 12-foot alleyway across his back property line. He stated that he would like to install a privacy fence to keep people from walking through his yard and to avoid any possible liability exposure should someone accidently get hurt in his yard.

Marshal Murray stated that he opposes the donation of the alleyway to Mr. Cannon for security reasons for the police department. The alleyway adjoins town property along the back of the police department.

Mr. Marcus Gay stated that for the record, if the town is going to give away land, he will come before the council in the future because there is public land, he is also interested in. He further stated that he feels there will be other citizens making similar requests, and to approve Mr. Cannon's request will set a precedent that the council needs to consider before making its decision on this issue.

Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, to deny Mr. Tim Cannon's request for the town to donate or sell the alleyway that adjoins the back of his property and the Plain Dealing Police Department's back fence. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

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

Motion was made by Alderwoman J. McGuffey, seconded by Alderman H. Haynie, to approve the application of Victor's Fuel Stop, LLC dba Victors Plain Dealing, for a 2020 beer license at Victors Plain Dealing, 202 North Louisiana, Plain Dealing, Louisiana pending State approval and proper documentation. The application has been approved by Marshal Murray. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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 Alderwoman E. Jennings, to grant a Quietus on the 2019 Tax Roll. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Total Uncollected \$87.66

Mayor C. Dodson requested that Item Number 10 on the agenda be tabled at this time.

Motion was made by Alderman J. Cook, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to table the matter of a proposed amendment to Policy and Procedures for all employees whose salary is paid by the Town of Plain Dealing to add and further define "Part-Time" Employee as follows: **Part-Time Employee:** Any employee who is considered part-time only and whose salary is paid by the Town of Plain Dealing, shall not be allowed to work in excess of 30 hours per week. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, votes were cast, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor C. Dodson stated that she was contacted by Mr. David Smith regarding the old Capital One Bank building that was recently purchased by Walker Bros Drug. She stated that they have requested that the town council approve posting the alleyway running from East Palmetto Avenue south to Carolina Street as a "One-Way" only alleyway to allow one-way traffic only due to the location of a new drive-thru access for customers.

Alderwoman S. Gay stated that she is opposed to turning the alleyway from E. Palmetto Avenue to S. Carolina Street into a One-Way only alleyway.

Motion was made by Alderman H. Haynie, seconded by Alderwoman E. Jennings, to approve the request of Walker Brothers Drug to post the alleyway running from East Palmetto Avenue, south to Carolina Street as a "One-Way" only alleyway. The Mayor called for public comment. There being none, motion carried, with the following roll call vote recorded:

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

NAYS: Alderwoman S. Gay

ABSENT: None


ABSTAIN: None

Alderwoman J. McGuffey thanked the citizens who supported the fish fry benefit for the Jackson Family.

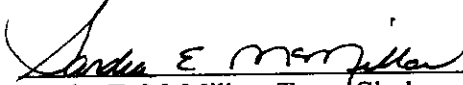
Alderwoman J. McGuffey encouraged the community to support Plain Dealing Proud in its efforts to raise funds for communitywide events and improvement projects for the town. She stated that they are currently selling 10 lb. boxes of Down-Home Sausage for a cost of \$40.00 per box.

The Mayor and members of the Council expressed their sincere appreciation to Randy and Karen Hays for their hard work in coordinating the Hickory House Flea Market.

There being no further business to come before the Plain Dealing Town Council in regular and legal session on this 8th day of September, 2020, motion was made by Alderman J. Cook seconded by Alderman H. Haynie, to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Cindy A. Dodson, Mayor



Sandra E. McMillan, Town Clerk