

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY September 12, 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 6:00 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 four of the five members were present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Shanithia Gay, James Cook, Jeff Benson and Emily Jennings. Judith McGuffey was absent.

4. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. 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 August, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All of the 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 August 2023. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings 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 were 165 civil and criminal calls in August 2023. There were 111 traffic stops.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton gave us an update regarding the wells at Dotson Hill. He informed us that there was a delta motor and not a Y motor which caused the pump to burn. The motor is in the process of being fixed,

We were successful in getting the emergency funds to repair the road a Carolina Ave.

The grant amount is \$36,500.00.

Water lines are being flushed at the sawmill in an effort to get the chlorine residual up and to pass state inspection.

The tank at Dotson hill needs to be cleaned and drained. The mixer broke and has to be replaced. The cost estimate is approximately \$9500.00 to be fixed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council is to discuss where to place the \$300,000.00 reimbursement from the Teal Jones Project. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Jeff Benson to place the funds into three separate CDs at Citizens National Bank. All members were in favor of the vote.

The council will discuss increasing the garbage rate by two dollars making the new fee twenty-three dollars per month. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to increase the garbage rates. All members were in favor of the vote.

The council will discuss increasing the bulk water fees from \$4.00 per 1000 gallons to \$25.00 per 1000 gallons. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to raise the bulk water fees to \$25.00 per 1000 gallons. All members were in favor of the vote.

7. NEWBUSINESS-

- A. Patrick Boggs appeared before the board of aldermen to request support for placing carp in the lake to help reduce vegetation. The board of aldermen agreed to support his request when there is a clear plan in place to do so. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to authorize the Mayor to drain the lake. All members were in favor of the vote.
- B. The board of Council will consider allowing the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to meet on a temporary basis at the community center every third Monday to conduct monthly meetings. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook to allow the PTO to meet temporarily at the community center for monthly meetings. All members were in favor of the vote.

Public Comment- None

- C. A member of Plain Dealing High School and Instructional Coach, Shanna Malone appeared before the council to inform citizens by way of presentation of the programs that are currently available to our students.

- D. The board of Aldermen will consider A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR GAY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR SHAVONDA GAY TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES RELATED TO THE SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN FOR TEAL JONES SAWMILL PROJECT. A motion was made by James Cook and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. All were in favor in thereof.

8. **Community Center applications-**

Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office has requested to use the Community Center for National Night Out on Tuesday, 10/3/2023 from 5:30-8:30PM. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor thereof.

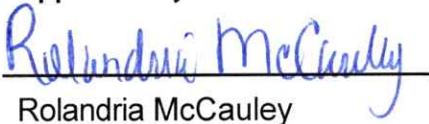
Council Remarks- Shanithia Gay reminded us of the Homecoming Parade that will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Mayor's Comments-

Food bank will be held on September 18, 2023 at the community center. The start time will be 11:00 AM. An application must be complete for assistance.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM

Approved by:


Rolandria McCauley


Shavonda Gay