

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE  
MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY JANUARY 13, 2026  
6:00 P.M.  
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Call meeting to order- Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation Alderman – Attorney Doug Dominick led all in the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance - Alderman Shavonda Gay led all present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that three of members were present. Shanitha Gay and Jeff Benson were absent.

**1. Amend Agenda-** Mayor Cook asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include item 6 C to the agenda which is a PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE# 13 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, REQUESTING AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER PURSANT TO LA R.S. 33:1181. Shavonda Gay gave a motion to amend the agenda and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. There were no public comments. This motion carried as all three of the members were in favor of the amendment.

- 1a.** Mayor Cook asked for a motion to amend the agenda to consider the adoption of ordinances 11, 12 and 13 of 2026. Shavonda Gay gave a motion to amend the agenda and Emily Jennings seconded the motion There were no public comments. This motion carried as all three of the members were in favor of the amendment.
- 1b.** Mayor Cook asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Lynn Bryan to discuss Arbor Day on January 16, 2026. Emily Jennings gave a motion to amend the agenda and Shavonda Gay seconded the motion There were no public comments. This motion carried as all three of the members were in favor of the amendment.

**2.Approve Agenda** -Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay to approve the agenda as amended. A second motion was given by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the amended agenda.

**3. Approve Minutes-** Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of The December 9, 2025 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. All three of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.

**4. Approve the Expense Report-** Mayor Cook asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of December 2025. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense reports. All three of the members of the council voted in favor of the reports. There were no public comments.

**5. Department Report:**

The chief of Police reported that there were 215 calls to the Police Department in December of 2025. There were 55 traffic stops and 160 criminal and civil calls. Chief reports that traffic includes the following: assist motorist, change tire, unlock car doors, direct traffic, malfunctioning signal, accidents, radar, school zone and traffic stops. He urges citizen to call if there are any questions.

**Public Works Department-** No December report given.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**7. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

- A.** Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing For Ordinance 11 of 2025 PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE # 11 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #13 OF 2025- THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. There were no public comments. The public hearing was declared closed. All members voted in favor thereof.
- B.** Mayor Cook opened the floor for a PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE# 12 OF 2025-AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNIG JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DEEMBER 31, 2026. There were no public comments. The public hearing was declared closed. All members voted in favor thereof.
- C.** Mayor Cook opened the floor for a PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE# 13 OF 2025 OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, REQUESTING AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER PURSANT TO LA R.S. 33:1181, SPECIFICALLY SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION 9: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR; REVIEW BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; ELECTOR PROTEST PROCEDURES; AND RECORDATION OF THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS. A motion was given by Shavonda Gay and seconded by

Emily Jennings to There were no public comments. All members voted in favor thereof.

**D.** The board of aldermen will consider the ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #11 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #13 OF 2025- THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. There were no public comments. The public hearing was declared closed. All members voted in favor thereof.

**E.** The board of aldermen will consider the adoption of ORDINANCE #12 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNIG JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DEEMBER 31, 2026. There were no public comments. The public hearing was declared closed. All members voted in favor thereof.

**G.** THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER moving THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 13 OF 2025 to February 10, 2026 which is an - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, REQUESTING AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER PURSANT TO LA R.S. 33:1181, SPECIFICALLY, SUBSECTION (A) OF SECTION 9: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR; REVIEW BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; ELECTOR PROTEST ROCEDURES; AND RECORDATION OF THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS. This amendment is being requested by the chief of police and will give the chief the authority to appoint police personnel, promotion of officers, to effect disciplinary action, and for dismissal of police personnel, all being subject to the budgetary limitations of the mayor ad board of alderman pertaining to the number of allotted positions for the police department. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. All three of the members voted in favor thereof.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Lynn Byran of Keep Bossier Beautiful appeared before the board of aldermen to discuss Arbor Day and request volunteers to assist with the planting of Dogwood trees throughout the town.

**B.** The board of aldermen will consider and approve resolution #1 of 2026 a resolution to approve and authorize the CPA firm Cook and Morehart to conduct the town audit and perform statewide agreed upon procedures for the fiscal year December 31 of 2025. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to authorize the CPA firm Cook and Morehart to conduct the town audit and perform statewide agreed upon procedures for the fiscal year December 31 of 2025. All three of the members voted in favor thereof.

**C.** Mayor Cook gave an update on the property located in E. Palmetto Ave. The property Owners have cleaned the front porch and painted the house. The next property to be considered will be 807 E Palmetto Ave.

**COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:**

There are two applications submitted for the council to approve.

Sylvia Williams- Repast on December 27, 2025 (Approved by council with phone calls).

Plain Dealing Community Group- Plain Dealing Festival May 8-9 2026 requested use of the center for toy give-a-way on December 19, 2025.

A motion was given by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approved the community center rentals. All members voted in for thereof.

**COUNCIL REMARKS:** Emily Jennings states the ditch near the Blakey property on Carolina Street needs the cleaned.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** NONE

**ADJOURN:** Shavonda Gay made a motion the adjourn the meeting. Louis Welch seconded to motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.