

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE  
MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10, 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 Louis Welch led all present with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four of members were present. Shavonda Gay was absent.

- 1. Amend Agenda-** Mayor Cook asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include an application for the community center. The application is for Boys to Young Men, a 501c3 organization who has also requested a fee waiver. Jeff Benson gave a motion to amend the agenda and Louis Welch seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a public hearing. There were no public comments. This motion carried as all four 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 Emily Jennings to approve the agenda as amended. A second motion was given by Shanithia Gay. 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 January 13, 2026 as amended regular and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings to amend the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting to state that the Public Hearing on Ordinance # 11 of 2025 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance #13 of 2025 and the Adoption of Ordinance # 11 of 2025 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance # 13 of 2025 was actually on Ordinance # 11 of 2025 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance #2 of 2025. And the Adoption of Ordinance # 11 of 2025 was actually - An Ordinance amending Ordinance # 2 of 2025 and not Ordinance # 13. This motion carried as all members voted in favor thereon. A motion was then made by Jeff Benson and seconded by Emily Jennings to adoption the minutes of January 13, 2026 as amended and to dispense with the reading. This motion carried as all members voted in favor thereof.
- 4. Approve the Expense Report-**Mayor Cook asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of January 2026. A motion was made by Jeff Benson and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense reports. All 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 274 calls to the Police Department in January of 2026. There were 107 traffic stops and 167 criminal and civil calls. He urges citizen to call if there are any questions.

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

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.** Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing For 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; ELETOR PROTEST PROCEDURES; AND RECORDATION OF THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS. There were no public comments during the public hearing. The Mayor then closed the public hearing.

**B.** THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 13 OF THE TOWN OF .PLAIN DEAUNG, LOUISIANA; REQUESTING AND PROPOSINNG 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; ELETOR PROTEST PROCEDURES; AND RECORDATION OF THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS. A motion was given by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the request to change the Town Charter. There were no public comments. This motion carried as all members voted in favor thereof.

**8. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:**

There are four applications submitted for the council to approve.

Stephanie Player- Repast on January 31, 2026 (Approved by council with phone calls).

Melissa Stromile- Birthday Party- February 14, 2026

Boys to Young Men- March 6, 2026. A motion was given by Jeff Benson and seconded by Louis Wei-eh to approve the community center rentals.

**9. COUNCIL REMARKS**

Shanitha Gay reminded us to support the local basketball team. Emily inquired about the property standards.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Cook reminded the council to take their yearly classes. He also mentioned that there is a person who is interested in renting the Cartwright building.

**ADJOURN:** Shanithia Gay made a motion the adjourn the meeting. Louis Welch seconded to motion. All members were in favor thereof. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 P.M.

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I make a motion to amend minutes of the January 13, 2026 under paragraph 7 A and D in the which it states and adoption ordinance number 11 to 2025 ordinance amending ordinance number 13 of 2025 to specifically state this was an ordinance amending ordinance number 2 of 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy B/emp". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.