

TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR MEETING LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA
MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
Tuesday, MARCH 10, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - James Cook, Mayor

INVOCATION -Attorney Douglas Dominick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Alderman Shanithia Gay

ROLL CALL -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four of members were present. Jeff Benson was absent.

1. APPROVE AGENDA: Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay to approve the agenda. A second was given by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the agenda.
2. APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the **February 10, 2026** meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanitha Gay. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the motion.
3. APPROVE MINUTES: Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the **February 17, 2026 special** meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of this motion.
4. APPROVE EXPENSES: Mayor Cook asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of February 2026. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanitha Gay to approve the expense reports. This motion carried as all members voted in favor of the reports. There were no public comments.
5. DEPARTMENT REPORT: The chief of Police reported that there were 229 calls to the Police Department in February of 2026. There were 92 traffic stops and 137 criminal and civil calls. He urges citizen to call if there are any questions.

Water Superintendent Kevin Whitton stated that they have fixed leaks through of the Town. He also stated that we should be breaking ground for the sewer project at the end of March.

6. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The board of aldermen will discuss the rental/leasing of the Cartwright Building. The Mayor indicated that the potential renter was not ready to complete the leasing process. Therefore, this matter will be set for a review decision when renter is ready for to move forward.
- B. The board of aldermen will discuss the grand opening of the laundromat. Mayor Cook mention that the Laundromat is up and running and they had been in contact with the chamber of commerce concerning the ribbon cutting.
- C. The board of aldermen will discuss organizing and setting a date for Love the boot Week, the week that is set aside for Town clean up. (April 18-26, 2026). Mayor Cook stated that we are in need of volunteers and will place the information on the Town's website when there is more information available.
- D. The board of aldermen will consider a resolution# 4 of 2026 - BEING A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MUNICIPAL WATER PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025 – DECEMBER 2025, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. Shavonda Gay made a motion to approve resolution #4 of 2026 BEING A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MUNICIPAL WATER PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025 - December 2025, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. A second was given by Emily Jennings. All members voted in favor of the resolution. There were no public comments.
- E. The Board of Aldermen will consider Resolution # 5 of 2026 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A 2011 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLE TO THE CITY OF SPRINGHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT. A motion was made by Emily Jennings to approve Resolution# 5 of 2026-A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF A 2011 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLE TO THE TOWN OF SPRINGHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT. A seconded was given be Shanitha Gay. All members voted in favor of the donation. There were no public comments.
- F. The board of aldermen will consider the approving the purchase of office equipment. There was no action taken because this is already in the budget. This is for informational purposes only. There were no Public Comments.

- G. Me Kayla Garrett from Four States Fiber presented information regarding internet services and to enter into a franchise agreement. This is a ten-year term and this will grant them permission to use the town's right of ways. The town will also receive 4% of gross sale of internet services and voice phone services.
- H. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE NO 1_OF 2026 OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY, LLC, D/B/A FOUR STATES FIBER, TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN FA(HJTIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION; DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF INTERNET SERVICES AND VOICE PHONE SERVICES; AUTHORIZING USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; IMPOSING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption at the Town's regular meeting place in the Town Hall Meeting Room located at the LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX, 205 WEST PALMETTO AVE, PLAJN DEALING, LOUISIANA ON APRIL 14, 2026 AT6:00PM}. A motion was given by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the introduction of ordinance NO 1 of 2026. There was no public comment. This motion carried as all members voted in favor thereof.
8. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:
One application was submitted for Community Center rental.
Rita Gibson requested the center for a - Family Reunion- July 25, 2026.
Shavonda Gay made a motion to approve the rental of the building and seconded by Emily Jennings. This motion carried as all members voted in favor of the rental-. There were no Public comments.
9. COUNCIL REMARKS: Alderman Shavonda Gay had concerns regarding a property on N Calhoun Street.
10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS: NONE
11. ADJOURN: Alderman Louis welch made a motion the adjourn the meeting. Shanitha Gay seconded the motion. There was no public comment. This motion carried as all members voted in favor thereof. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

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