

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2025
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE
6:00 P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

1. **Call meeting to order-** Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation Alderman** – Jeff Benson, led all present in the prayer.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Alderman Louis Welch led all present with the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Roll Call** -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that all of members were present.
5. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Cook asked for a motion to approve the agenda. 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 the agenda.
6. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Louis Welch. There was no public comment. All of the Members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.
7. **Approve the Expense Report-**Mayor Cook asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of May 2025. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve the expense reports. All of the members of the council voted in favor of the reports. There were no public comments.
8. **Department reports:**

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 244 calls in May of 2025. There were 124 traffic stops and 120 criminal and civil calls.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton reported that there are repairs being done to the potholes in the area. There are also metal meter boxes being changed out to plastic boxes.
9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

The council will discuss insurance bids for the town. The hasn't been any calls from the suggested insurance companies.
10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Bill Clements appeared before the board of aldermen to discuss the placement of a wooden fence at the cemetery. The fence will be 48 feet long and 6 feet wide all paid by Bill Clements. Jeff Benson made a motion to accept Mr. Clements proposal and Shanithia Gay seconded the motion. There were no public comments. All members voted in favor thereof.
- B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION RESOLUTION # 16 OF 2025 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JAMES COOK TO SIGN AND EXECUTE the assignment and acceptance agreement from Get Rid of It of Arkansas, INC to Waste Connections Bayou, INC. Joshua Worn, site manager for Waste Connections and Steven Townsley sales manager appeared before the board of aldermen the give updates about the transition. It was stated that Waste Connection will take over beginning June 16, 2025. This will be a lateral transfer and the operations will remain the same for the remainder of the contract. A motion was given by Jeff Benson and seconded by Shavonda Gay. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- C. The board of aldermen will discuss the possible expansion of the Town. There was no action needed or taken.
- D. The board of aldermen will discuss the increase of the 2025 millage rate. The current millage rate is 7.35%. The new amount will be 8.73% which will produce an approximate increase of \$7417 with an approximate income of \$46,920.00 in sales tax revenue. After a brief discussion, Jeff Benson made a motion to increase to 8.35% instead of 8.73% starting in 2025. Shavonda Gay seconded the motion. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- E. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #7 OF 2025- An ordinance for the code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE #3 OF 2023- Chapter 14- ENVIRONMENT of the code of ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing to include ARTICLE III- GRASS, WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH AND TO OTHERWISE provide with respect thereto. There were no public comments.
- F. The board of aldermen will consider the adoption of ordinance #7 OF 2025- An ordinance for the code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE #3 OF 2023- Chapter 14- ENVIRONMENT of the code of ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing to include ARTICLE III- GRASS, WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH AND TO OTHERWISE provide with respect thereto. Jeff Benson gave a motion the adopt ordinance 7 of 2025 An ordinance for the code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE #3 OF 2023- Chapter 14- ENVIRONMENT of the code of ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing to include ARTICLE III- GRASS, WEEDS AND WILD GROWTH AND TO OTHERWISE provide with respect thereto. and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. There were no public comments. All

members voted in favor thereof.

- G. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #8 OF 2025- An ordinance for the code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE #4 OF 2023- Chapter 14- ARTICLE II- JUNKED, WRECKED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY OF CHAPTER 14-ENVIRONMENT of the code of ordinance of the Town of Plain Dealing AND TO OTHERWISE provide with respect thereto. There were public comments from Karen Souter.
- H. The board of aldermen will consider the adoption of ordinance #8 OF 2025- An ordinance for the code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE #4 OF 2023- ARTICLE II- JUNKED, WRECKED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY of Chapter 14- ENVIRONMENT OF THE CODE of ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Emily Jennings gave a motion to adopt ordinance #8 OF 2025- An ordinance for the code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE #4 OF 2023- ARTICLE II- JUNKED, WRECKED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY of Chapter 14- ENVIRONMENT OF THE CODE of ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Jeff Benson seconded the motion. All members of the board voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- I. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:
NONE
- J. COUNCIL REMARKS
NONE
- K. MAYOR'S COMMENTS
NONE

ADJOURN: On a motion given by Louis Welch and seconded by Jeff Benson, The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM. All members voted in favor thereof.