

TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 8, 2025
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** - Shanithia Gay, led all present in the prayer.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Alderman Emily Jennings 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 Emily Jennings and seconded by Jeff Benson. 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 June 10, 2025 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Shanithia Gay. 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 June 2025. A motion was made by Jeff Benson and seconded by Shavonda 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:**

The chief of Police reported that there were 205 calls to the Police Department in June of 2025. There were 79 traffic stops and 126 criminal and civil calls.

Public Works Department- No report given.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

The council will discuss insurance bids for the town. There aren't any updates from insurance companies.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Vickie Case an auditor from the office of Cook and Morehart appeared before the board of aldermen to discuss audit finding. Mrs. Case stated that there were four findings for the period ending year 2024. It is recommended that The Town should implement procedures to correct the errors.

B. The North Bossier Civic Club has requested to use the Cartwright building to hold monthly meeting once per month. Upon discussion, the board of aldermen agree to allow the Club members use of the club. It was also stated the North Bossier Civic Club should enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Town and provide insurance. Furthermore, the North Bossier Civic Club should update its information with the Louisiana Secretary of State. A motion was given by Jeff Benson and seconded Emily Jennings to authorize the Town attorney to prepare cooperative endeavor agreement with the North Bossier Civic Club for the August 5, 2025 special meeting. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.

C. Mayor James Cook read a PUBLIC NOTICE- A Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(8) that a public hearing of the Town of Plain Dealing, Bossier Parish, Louisiana will be held at its regular meeting place in the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Avenue, Plain Dealing Louisiana, on August 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to consider levying additional increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$44,877.65, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is 5,374.05

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held immediately following the adjournment of the public hearing to adopt the millage rate(s) discussed in the public hearing.

11. **COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:** There were three applications submitted to the council for approval

Jacqueline Jackson-July 19, 2025 for a birthday dinner

Lenora Green-Myers- Back to school Bash August 2, 2025

Dorothy Ford/Darryl Ford-August 30, 2025 birthday party

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 community center rentals.

12. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Emily Jennings ask about the status of the Property Standard letters and what was the next move.

Shanithia Gay asked if the area on North Calhoun be cleaned/ cleared.

13. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Cook mentioned that Officer Day will be in Plain Dealing two days per month with primary duties of cleaning the cemetery. Other request may follow if time permits.

Mayor Cook allowed Alberta Lindsey to speak. Mrs. Lindsey had a concern about her water meter and the amount being charged for two people in the household.

ADJOURN: On a motion given by Emily Jennings and seconded by Louis Welch, The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM. All members voted in favor thereof.