

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY August 8, 2023
TOWN HALL MEETING
ROOM 205 WEST
PALMETTON AVE
6:00
P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL
COMPLEX**

- 1. Call meeting to order-** Mayor Shavonda Gay called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. Invocation • Town Attorney, Douglas C Dominick,** led all present in the prayer.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance** - Alderman Cook led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four of the five members were present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Shanithia Gay, James Cook, Judith McGuffey and Emily Jennings. Jeff Benson was absent.

- 4. Approve Agenda** -Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of the approved agenda.
 - a. Approve Minutes-** Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook. There was no public comment. Three of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. Judith McGuffey vote nay.

Approve the Expense Report-Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for July 2023. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense report. There was no public comment. All members of the council voted in favor of the reports.

5. Department reports:

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 344 calls in July 2023. There were 233 criminal calls and civil calls. There were 67 traffic stops.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton gave an update regarding the collapsed road on Carolina St. He informed us that there has been a request for a grant to assist in fixing the road. The grant is mostly complete and we are waiting for the next allotment of funding from the State to proceed.

Kevin also informed us that the well have pumps have burned up on Dodson hill and a study is being performed by SWEPO to help determine the problem.

There has been Coal mix ordered for street repair for East College.

Lastly, the sawmill lines will be finished by next week.

6. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Adoption of Resolution of 2023-Adopt milage rate for the tax year of 2023. This resolution is required by law to be adopted each and every year. This is not an increase in taxes. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 10 of 2023 that is required by law each and every year by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Emily Jennings. All members were in favor of the adoption. There was no public comment.

B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN will consider A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Gay to submit an application for the Local Government Assistance Program to the office of community Development on behalf of the Town of Plain Dealing. This resolution is required in order for the Town to make application for this grant. The aldermen decided to table this item until the next meeting. A motion was made to table this item by James Cook and Seconded by Judith McGuffey. All member voted in favor.

Public Comment- None

C. The board of aldermen will discuss and vote on authorizing the Louisiana Hot Boats to perform a side-by-side tune and testing monthly at Plain Dealing Lake starting on August 19, 2023 from 6:00 AM until 6:00 PM. They will provide food trucks and collect fees at the gate. All fee will go to the town of plain Dealing. Susie Byrd gave information regarding the testing. A Motion was given by James Cook and Seconded by Emily Jennings. All members voted in favor of.

D. The board of Aldermen will discuss and vote on where to place the \$300,000.00 that the town received from the State. The town paid a sum of \$300,000.00 to the Teal Jones Project and the state issued a reimbursement back to the town. This was due to the fact that Senator Mills was able to obtain additional funding for the project. A motion was made By Judith McGuffey and seconded by Emily Jennings to discuss this next month so that there is time to search for better cd rates.

E. Attorney Doug Dominick gave an update on the water meter project. He informed us that Government Capital will be the financing source that we will use for the project. We will make Quarterly payments of \$8301.16 starting February 2024.

8. Community Center applications-

Sonni Washington- Birthday party August 26.2023

Kristy Young- Family reunion September 9, 2023

Roycheka Ray- 90's Decade Reunion September 013, 2023

A motion was made by James Cook to approve the events at the Community Center and second by Shanithia Gay to approve this use. All members voted *favor of the rentals.*

Council Remarks- Emily Jennings wanted to know if our residents were being fined for not cleaning up their residents.

Mayor's Comments-

Food bank will be held on September 14, 2023 at the community center. The start time will be 11:00AM. An application must be complete for assistance.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Emily Jennings to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM

Approved by:



Rolandria McCauley



Shavonda Gay