

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JULY 9, 2024
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE
6:00 P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

1. Call meeting to order- Mayor Gay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation • **Doug Dominick**, led all present in the prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Alderman Cook led all present the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and of members were present.

4. Approve Agenda- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second approve the agenda for the June 11, 2024 meeting. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the agenda.

5. Approve Minutes- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2024 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings. Four of the members voted in favor of the minutes. Judith McGuffey voted nay.

6. Approve the Expense Report-Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of June 2024. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense reports. All of the members of the council voted in favor of the reports.

7. Department reports:

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 217 civil and criminal calls in June 2024. There were 263 traffic stops. The chief reminded us to be mindful while being outside. Drink plenty of water and try not to get overheated and stay in shade as much as possible. Know the signs of heat injury and if you suspect you have heat injury contact 911.

8. Public Works Department Kevin Whitton gave an updated report of the streets. He stated that there are about 600 meters installed in the ground at the moment. There was a problem with the well at Dadson hill but has now been resolved. The culvert has not been replaced but will contact officer Day to assist with placement.

OLD BUSINESS

9. PUBLIC HEARING of Ordinance #4 of 2024- An ordinance for the Code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement Article III- RESIDENTIAL BRUSH AND DEBRIS of Chapter 22- SOLID WASTE of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Plain Dealing, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (this ordinance will initiate a fee of \$125.00 per hour to remove and debris that requires in excess of 15 minutes to be removed). A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to accept ordinance #4 of 2024, an ordinance for the code of ordinance to amend a supplement Article III- RESIDENTIAL BRUSH AND DEBRIS OF CHAPTER 22. Mayor Gay opened the for comment on the ordinance. There were no comments. The floor was then closed.

A The board of aldermen will consider the adoption of Ordinance #4 of 2024- An ordinance for the Code of ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement Article III- RESIDENTIAL BRUSH AND DEBRIS of Chapter 22- SOLID WASTE of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Plain Dealing, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto (this ordinance will initiate a fee of \$125.00 per hour to remove and debris that requires in excess of 15 minutes to be removed). A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to accept ordinance #4 of 2024, an ordinance for the code of ordinance to amend a supplement Article III- RESIDENTIAL BRUSH AND DEBRIS OF CHAPTER 22. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Jeff Benson to approve the ordinance. All members voted in favor of the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Vicki Case of Cook and Morehart appeared before the council to give the final audit report from 2023.

B. The Bossier Parish Fire District #7 would like to request the board of aldermen re-appoint Cindy Dodson and Lenora Green-Myers to the Board of Commissioners for Fire district#7. The appointment is set to start on August 1, 2024. On a motion given by Judith McGuffey to re-appoint Cindy Dodson to the board of commissioners for fire district #7 and seconded by James Cook, the board of aldermen agreed to appoint her for a two-year term. There were no public comments. All member voted in favor of the appointment.

On a separate motion, the board of aldermen were asked to re-appoint Lenora Green-Myers to the Board of commissioners for a two-year term for fire district #7. Emily Jennings gave a motion to re-appoint Lenora Green-Myers to the Board of Commissioners beginning on August 1 2024 and Shanithia Gay seconded the motion. There were no public comments. All of the members vote in favor of the re-appointment.

C. The board of aldermen will consider creating a property standards board. The property standard board will consist of members of the board of aldermen, who when sitting in such capacity, shall be specifically, so convened. Doug Dominick gave a brief overview of the revise ordinance for December of 2023. The ordinance states that the mayor or her designee shall send out letters to citizens that are in violation and they will have ten days to clean the area. If it not done, the town has the right to clean the property. There was no property standards board created.

Public comment was made by Cindy Barnett-Brown. She stated the conditions of her street is horrible and she has seen the trash truck back down the street because he has nowhere to turn due to too much cars and debris. The school bus does the same thing and it is not safe for the children.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

There were three families to request use of the community center. Lanae Collins requested to use the center for birthday party on July 26-27 2024.

Leenora Green-Myers requested use for a Back to School Bash on August 2, 2024

Charissa Richmond would like to have a dinner on August 10, 2024

A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the Rentals. All; member voted in favor of the rentals. There were no public comments.

11. COUNCIL REMARKS:

Judith McGuffey stated that qualifications for council members seating will be held from July 17-19 2024 at the court house. that there is no alcohol or weapons use at the community center. Jeff Benson informed us that the pavilion at the cemetery is now complete.

12. MAYORS COMMENTS: There was a request to amend the agenda to discuss payment of lawnmowers. A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Emily Jennings to amend the agenda. All member voted in favor thereof.

13. ADJOURN: Judith McGuffey gave a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.