

**MINUTES OF
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 14, 2022
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE
6:00 P. M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL
COMPLEX**

1. **Call meeting to order** - Mayor Stumon called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.
4. **Roll Call** - Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that a quorum was present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Jeff Benson, Shanithia Gay, Emily Jennings, James Cook and Judith McGuffey.
5. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor of the approved agenda.
6. **Approve Minutes**- Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 minutes. Motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. All members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.
7. **Approve the Expense Report**- Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for May 2022. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve the expense report. All members of the council voted in favor of the reports.
8. **Department reports:**
 - a. **Police Department** - Mayor Gay reported that the Chief of Police had provided a written report on activity of the Plain Dealing Police Department. There were 324 total calls, 72 traffic stops and 11 violations written for the month of May of 2022.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton gave an update on the lift stations. He also informed us of a need to hire another person. Comments were given by Jeff Benson.

9. **OLD BUSINESS- FIRE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT.** The Mayor informed the Board of Aldermen that there will be two appointments to the board to be made by the Town. Two of the members' terms will expire in July of 2022 therefore a replacement will be needed for August 1, 2022. The members of the council were given an opportunity to make suggestions for the upcoming fire district seats. The Town Attorney will look into the possible ethical issue of 2 of the proposed appointees due to the fact that they had both served as Mayor for the Town of Plain Dealing within the last 2 years.

10 NEW BUSINESS – TEAL JONES UPDATE – Attorney Doug Dominick gave an update on Teal Jones sawmill. He indicated that he and the Mayor had recently met with Butch Ford, Parish Administrator for Bossier Parish. He indicated that he was working with the Town's engineer to come up with an industrial rate charge for Teal Jones. He also made a comment about the water and sewer rates within the Town and the fact that the Town had a negative revenue balance in its utility fund. It is known that the last rate increase occurred in 2016. It was suggested that the water rates increase in three-year increments. Attorney states that the sawmill is coming and there is a tentative ground breaking date scheduled for July 11, 2022.

Public comment was given by Ineice Long. She thanked Sheila Player and Kim Allums for the nice job that they did for the festival. Kim Allums made a suggestion to put letters in the mail to inform the customers of rate changes. Mrs. Allums also stated that there should be additional officers hired.

Community Center applications- A motion was made by Emily Jennings to approve the applications for use of the community center and it was seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members were in favor of the rentals. All members were in favor of the rentals.

11. Council Remarks-

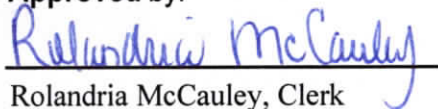
Judith McGuffey-Thanked Jeff Benson, Hershel Malone and others for the cleanup of the cemetery.


Jeff Benson-Ask for an update for the cleaning of the sidewalk near the church.

Jeff needed clarification on when to stop the quarterly payments to contractors for sawmill.

12. Adjourn: Motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM

Approved by:


Rolandria McCauley, Clerk


Shavonda Stumon, Mayor