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MINUTES OF THE
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 AT
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Shavonda Gay, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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, performed a roll call and verified that the following members were present: Jeff Benson, Shanithia Gay, James Cook. and Judith McGuffey. Absent were: Emily Jennings.

4. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Mayor Shavonda 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. There was no public comment.

5. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Gay, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook. All members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. There was no public comment.

6. **Approve the Expense Report-**Mayor Shavonda Gay, asked for an approval for the expense report for December 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. There was no public comment.

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORT-** Police Department - Mayor Shavonda Gay read the police department report from the chief of police indicating that for the month of December. The town of Plain Dealing Police Department had a total of 384 calls, 118 were traffic related and 2 traffic violations were written.

Public Works Department -Water/Sewer Superintendent Kevin Whitton gave an Update on the water. He indicated that there were fourteen new meters installed and ten more are on the coming.

8. **Old Business-** there was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS-

A. The board of Aldermen will consider the hiring of Henry D Ainsworth as a part- time police officer. Chief Murray has requested that Henry Ainsworth starting rate of pay should be \$13 per hour. Henry Ainsworth is a retired police officer from Springhill and is already post certified. He will not have benefits and is seeking supplemental income. A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve the recommendation to hire Henry D Ainsworth as a part-time officer. All members were in favor of the recommendation.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2022 - An ordinance for the code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, of Chapter 24- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY to include Section 24-2 Obstructing Public passages. Mayor Gay opened the floor for a public hearing. No comments were made so the public hearing was declared closed by the mayor.

C. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2022-An ordinance for the code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL of chapter 24-STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY to include Section 24-2 Obstructing Public Passages.

A motion was made by Alderman James Cook and seconded by Alderman Shanithia Gay, to approve ordinance number 10 of 2022, this motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

D. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2022 -An ordinance for the code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL, of Chapter 24- STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY to include Section 24-3 Simple Obstructing of a Highway of Commerce. Mayor Gay opened the floor for a public hearing. No comments were made so the public hearing was declared closed by the mayor.

E. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2022 - An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, amend and supplement ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL of Chapter 24 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY to include Section 24-3 Simple Obstruction of a Highway of Commerce

A motion was made by Alderman James Cook and seconded by Alderman Shanithia Gay, to approve ordinance number 11 of 2022, this motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

F. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2023 -An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement Chapter 24 - STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PROPERTY to include ARTICLE IV- SPECIAL EVENTS of the code of Ordinance of the Town of Plain Dealing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. **THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE AT THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALINGS REGULARSCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 AT 6:00 PM LOCATED AT TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM 205 WESTPALMETTO AVE, LOUISIANA).** A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Jeff Benson to approve this ordinance. All members voted in favor of the ordinance.

10. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:

Sandra Montgomery- Birthday party 1/28/2023
Edwina Ford-Birthday Celebration 2/22/2023
Gloria Akins- Family Reunion 7/2/2023
Kristy Young Family Reunion- 9/9/2023
Ronnie Griggs- 10/07/2023

A motion was made by Alderman Shanithia Gay and seconded by Alderman Judith McGuffey to approve the community center applications. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

11. COUNCIL REMARKS:

James Cook commented that he appreciates the register. He also requested a copy of what the employees make per hour.

Jeff Benson inquired about the water well on Dodson. Kevin Whitton gave an update. Kevin stated that the part on the well needs to be replaced and it would approximately cost between \$40-50 thousand dollars to be properly fixed. He is working with Chandler to see if there are grants available for this project. Jeff also gave an update on the Perrin St bridge. As of right now the state is still evaluating the bridges in area.

Judith McGuffey gave an update on the fence at cemetery

Kevin Whitton Stated that we are working with Bossier Parish Police Jury to clean area ditches.

Andre Stromile made a comment concerning the letters that were received by residents. He stated that he did not have a problem with the clean-up he just needed more time to correct the issue.

