

**MINUTES OF  
THE  
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY, May 9, 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 6:00 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: Emily Jennings, Shanithia Gay, James Cook, Judith McGuffey and Jeff Benson.

- 4. APPROVE AGENDA:** There is a request to amend the agenda to include a resolution # 8 of 2023, being a resolution authorizing the Town of Plain Dealing to pursue loan and/or grants through the clean water state revolving fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of improving the town's waste water collection and treatment system. This item will be listed an item C on the agenda under new business.  
A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings. The mayor opened the meeting up to public comments prior to any vote pursuant to the open meetings law. There was no public comment. All members voted in favor of the amended agenda.

Mayor Shavonda Gay, then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook. Four of the members voted in favor of the approved agenda. Judith McGuffey voted against the April 3,2023 minutes. There were no public comments.

- 5. APPROVE MINUTES:** Mayor Shavonda Gay, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2023 special meeting. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanita Gay. Four of the members voted in favor of the approved agenda. Judith McGuffey voted against the April 11,2023 minutes. There were no public comments.

- 6. Approve Minutes-** Mayor Gay, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings. Four of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. Judith McGuffey voted against the approval of the minutes. There was no public comment.

**7. Approve the Expense Report-**Mayor Shavonda Gay, asked for an approval for the expense report for May 2023. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense report. Four of the members of the council voted in favor of the reports. Judith McGuffey voted against the approved report. There was no public comment.

**8. DEPARTMENT REPORT-** Police Department- Mayor Shavonda Gay read the police department report from the chief of police indicating that for the month of May. The town of Plain Dealing Police Department had a total of 223 calls. 166 calls were criminal and civil calls and 57 traffic stops.

Public Works Department -Water/Sewer Superintendent Kevin Whitton gave an Update on the water. He indicated that the town had received coal mix and there were some holes being repairs throughout the town. He also informed us that the clarifier and valve at the sewer plant were not working properly.

9. Old Business- there was none.

10. NEWBUSINESS:

A. The chief of police requested the board of aldermen to consider the hiring of Jeremy D Carter as a part-time police officer with a starting rate of pay of \$13.00 per hour. A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Jeff Benson to approve the hiring of Jeremy D Carter. All members of the council voted in favor of the hiring of Jeremy D Carter. There was no public comment.

B. The Board of aldermen will consider a request for a new alcohol license for the sale of liquor, wine and high content liquor at the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree for the remainder of 2023. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve the license for the sale of alcohol at the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree. All member voted in favor of the alcohol sales. There was no public comment.

C. The board of aldermen will consider resolution 8 of 2023 being a Resolution Authorizing the Town of Plain Dealing to pursue loan and/or grants through the clean water state revolving fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of improving the town's waste water collection and treatment system. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve resolution 8 of 2023. All members of the board voted in favor of the resolution.

**11. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS**

LaTarla Manning- Graduation Party 5/12/2023

Vicki Harris- Graduation Party 5/13/2023

William Young- 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party 6/4/2023

JoEllen Paul- BBQ Plate in exchange for time (Calhoun CME)

A motion was made by Shanita Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the rental of the community center. All member vote in favor of the rentals.

**12. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Jeff Benson asked about the status of the water meters. Jeff also suggested that there should be more fire hydrants/plugs on and near the sawmill and Carstarphen Heights areas. The last thing Jeff Benson asked about the lift station on the Demoss Hill. The estimated amount to fix the lift station will be about \$20,000.00. The Police Jury will assist with the projects.

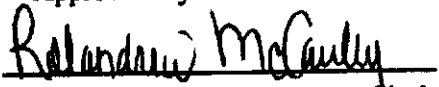
Shanithia Gay inquired about the Sink hole that occurred at E Carolina.

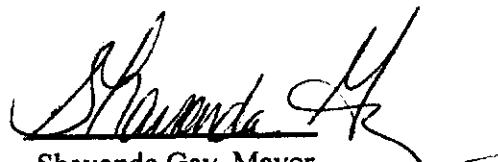
**13. MAYORS COMMENT:** The Mayor gave an announcement to inform the aldermen of a meeting that will be held on June 26, 2023 in Haughton and requested all members of the council to attend.

The mayor also announced that there will be a Food give away at the community center on May 22, 2023 starting at 10:00 AM.

A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor of the meeting being adjourned.  
The meeting adjourned 7:03 PM.

Approved by:

  
Rolandria McCauley, Town Clerk

  
Shavonda Gay, Mayor