

**MINUTES OF  
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR  
MEETING LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL  
COMPLEX  
205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING,  
LOUISIANA  
Tuesday April 11, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson, 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** – Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call-** Roll call was performed, and verified that the following members were present: Emily Jennings, Shanithia Gay, James and Jeff Benson. Mayor Shavonda Gay, Alderman James Cook and Alderman Judith McGuffey were absent.

4. **APPROVE AGENDA: Emily Jennings made a motion to amend the agenda to include resolution # 7 being a resolution concerning Louisiana Municipal Water Pollution Prevention this motion was seconded by Shanithia Gay. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson called for public comment. There was none. This motion passed with all members voting in favor to amend the agenda.**

Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson then called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the agenda as amended. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. There was no public comment.

- 5 Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor thereof.

There was no public comment

6. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson asked for a motion to approve the expenses for the month of March, 2023. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor thereof.

There was no public comment

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORT-** Police Department- Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson read the police department report from the chief of police indicating that for the month of March. The Town of Plain Dealing Police Department had a total of 165 calls. 135 calls were criminal and civil calls and 30 traffic stops.

Public Works Department -Water/Sewer Superintendent Kevin Whitton gave an update, that ditches were being cleaned and some potholes were being repaired. Jeff

Benson inquired about the railroad crossing. Kevin Whitton, noted that it was supposed to be the railroad's responsibility and they were supposed to come out and look at the railroad but no one has come out at this time. They were still working on trying to get this repaired.

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

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION# 4 of 2023: BEING A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL WATER METERS FOR THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve resolution # 4 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof. There was no public comment
- B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION # 5 of 2023: BEING A RESOLUTION REGARDING A FINANCE CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSED OF PROCURING "WATER METER" PROJECT. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve resolution # 5 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof. There was no public comment
- THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION #6 of 2023: BEING A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (For Audit Engagements of Governments). A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve resolution # 6 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof. There was no public comment
- C. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION # 7of 2023: BEING A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (this will set forth actions necessary to maintain permit requirements) A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve resolution # 7 of 2023. All members voted in favor thereof. There was no public comment
- D. DISCUSSION OF SALE OF PROPERTY TO COMCAST - Town attorney, Doug Dominick gave an update indicating that Comcast had reached out to the Town to possibly purchase a 1-acre tract for a building hub. Comcast has yet to make any final decisions and the town attorney will advise of further information once the town receives it.

There was not public comment

**10. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:**

Kirby Jackson Jr.- Party 4/15/2023  
Melba Ashworth (Haynes)-Family Reunion  
4/29/2023 Lenora Green Myers- Western Attire  
Dance 5/5/2023 Plain Dealing Community Group-  
5/6/2023  
LaTarla Manning- Party 5/12/2023  
Vicki Harris- Graduation-5/13/2023

Ms. Lanora Green Myers was presenting Indicating that her organization was requesting a special event permit and that they had proper insurance. Kim Allums also spoke requesting why applications were not being provided to the Board of Aldermen in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Jeff Benson to approve the community center applications. This motion passed with 2 members voting in favor and Shanithia Gay abstaining.

**11. COUNCIL REMARKS: there were none**

**12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Benson, indicated that the Food Bank will be held on April 24, 2023 at the Community Center. One must submit an application/ eligibility form for assistance.**

**13. ADJOURN: A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting thereof. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM**

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