



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at SSG Ulysse Trahan Council Chamber located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue.

Present: Mayor: Mike Kloesel

Board of Alderman: Dirk Gary
Eva Dell Morrison
John Carbaugh
Justin Johnson
Melissa Guidry

Also Present: Heather S. Guidry, City Clerk
City Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
Engineer: Brett Bayard

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Reverend Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kloesel.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Carbaugh
Unanimously carried to amend the agenda to include an item that was inadvertently omitted from the original agenda.

Linda Vincent was recognized as Citizen of the month.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 regular City Council meeting as submitted.

Item #1

The treasurer's report was presented in the council's packet for their review.

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the December financials as presented.

Item #2

Brett Bayard updated the Council on the status of current projects.

Item #3

An update on the Police Department was given by Chief Hardy.

Item #4

An update on the finance committee meeting that was held on January 9, 2019 was given by Mr. Gary.

Item #5

A discussion was to approve Notice to SLEMCO of intent to terminate the Power Contract.

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Morrison

Mayor Kloesel asked for a roll call vote, and the vote is as follows:

Mr. Gary: Yes

Mr. Johnson: No

Ms. Morrison: Yes

Ms. Guidry: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Item #6

Discussion was held on the need to amend all city wide garbage/trash ordinances and enforcement of those ordinances. Mayor Kloesel asked that the Industrial Inducement committee led by Mr. Johnson, to look into and eliminate outdated ordinances and update to current needs, including penalties for non-compliance.

Item #7

A discussion was had on introducing an ordinance to amend Ordinance 12-14-A, Establishing Compensation of Mayor and City Attorney, Calvin Woodruff explained that the compensation of the Mayor can't be reduced during his term. This agenda item is moot.

Item #8

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve 120 hours of vacation and 844.36 hours of sick leave towards retirement for Rhonda D. Baudoin, to be paid weekly commencing January 24, 2019 and ending June 20, 2019, with a retirement date expected on July 1, 2019.

Item #9

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve 120 hours of vacation and 960 hours of sick leave towards retirement for Harold J. Marceaux, to be paid bi-weekly commencing January 29, 2019 and ending July 4, 2019, with a retirement date expected on July 4, 2019.

Item #10

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to discuss and approve the increase in Employee Health Insurance premiums from \$59.09 monthly to \$65.00 monthly. This increase of \$5.91 will be paid by the employees.

Item #11

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the issuing of Alcohol License renewals to the following:

Food-n-Fun

Silverstop LLC DBA Kaplan Express

Silverstop LLC DBA Nick's Food Mart

Silverstore LLC DBA Kaplan Quick Stop

Item #12

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation in the matter of a claim for wages made by former employee Christine Trahan.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Mayor Announcements:

Mayor Kloesel reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed Monday January 21, 2019 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and invited everyone out to the annual Martin Luther King March that starts at noon on January 21, 2019.

Council Announcements:

Ms. Guidry informed everyone that Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser would be at the March 19, 2019 meeting to discuss tourism. She invited everyone to a Network Luncheon presented by Kelly Davis with Christian Service Center from 12-1. She invited everyone to attend a cake bingo on Sunday February 10, 2019 at the American Legion; all funds go directly to Kaplan Elementary.

Mr. Johnson apologized if he was abrupt in his comments regarding SLEMCO and asked that they get a heads up on all big contracts. Mayor Kloesel said that he did bring the SLEMCO issue to the council, the previous administration did not. He explained that he is doing the best he can since there was no transition period between administrations. He looks forward to working with the Utility Chair, Mr. Carbaugh, in the future to resolve this issue.

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

/s/ Heather S. Guidry
HEATHER S. GUIDRY, CITY CLERK

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR