



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, October 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.
City Engineer, Todd Vincent

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.

Mrs. Vicki Betts was recognized as Citizen of the month.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 regular City Council as submitted.

Item #1

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

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the September 2019 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer, Todd Vincent updated the Council on the status of current projects.

Item #3

Chief Hardy gave a brief update on the status of his department.

Item #4

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to introduce ordinance 11-19-A, which amends ordinance 06-19-A – 2019 -2020 fiscal year budget.

Item #5

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of ordinance 10-19-A Abandoned Vehicles. There was a public comment from Irvin Cates and after that the hearing was declared closed.

Item #6

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Morrison

The motion to adopt ordinance 10-19-A Abandoned Vehicles was discussed.

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Substitute motion to amend item B of ordinance 10-19-A from 24 hours to 72 hours, allowing the resident to remove the abandoned vehicle.

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Motion to amend ordinance 10-19-A to change item A from city official or law enforcement officer to Mayor or his designee and amend item B of ordinance 10-19-A from 24 hours to 72 hours, allowing the resident to remove the abandoned vehicle.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes
Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Mr. Johnson: Yes
Ms. Guidry: Yes

Item #7

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of ordinance 10-19-B Limitations for Possessing Domestic Poultry. There were public comments from Ray Gaspard, Irvin Cates, and Misty Robinson, and after that the hearing was declared closed.

Item #8

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary

The motion to adopt ordinance 10-19-B Limitations for Possessing Domestic Poultry was discussed.

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Johnson

Motion to amend ordinance 10-19-B to exclude items 1 and 2 from the ordinance.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes

Mr. Johnson: Yes

Ms. Morrison: Yes

Ms. Guidry: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Item #9

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of ordinance 10-19-C Prohibiting the Throwing of Grass Clippings. There was a public comment from Randy Campbell and after that the hearing was declared closed.

Item #10

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

The motion to adopt ordinance 10-19-C Prohibiting the Throwing of Grass Clippings was discussed.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes

Mr. Johnson: Yes

Ms. Morrison: Yes

Ms. Guidry: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Item #11

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Audit.

Item #12

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Kaplan Fire Department and Fire Protection District 2 St. Helena Parish.

Item #13

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Christopher Butler, effective October 7, 2019.

Item #14

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the 5% pay increase for the EMR Certification of the following paid fireman/firewomen:

a. Jacob Mathiew

d. Jacob Faulk

b. Robbie Pommier

e. Paige Becker

c. Chad Domingue

Item #15

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Motion to ratify the change in the starting pay of all part time fireman/firewomen from \$8.25 to \$9.23.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes

Mr. Johnson: Yes

Ms. Morrison: Yes

Ms. Guidry: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Item #16

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Casey Jay Hoffman as a Policeman/Patrolman with the Kaplan Police Department, effective September 5, 2019.

Item #17

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Rodney Vincent as a Police Officer with the Kaplan Police Department, effective September 12, 2019

Item #18

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Tracey S. Trahan as Deputy Clerk with Kaplan City Court, effective August 12, 2019.

Item #19

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Michele Meaux, as Deputy Clerk with Kaplan City Court, effective September 16, 2019 at the rate of \$10.10 per hour.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR