



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall lobby, located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue. Due to the current state of emergency, this meeting was closed to the public, but the public was encouraged to email all public comments and/or questions to the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Present: Mayor: Mike Kloesel

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

Absent: Justin Johnson

Also Present: City Clerk: Heather S. Guidry
Engineer: Todd Vincent

Present by phone: City Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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

Mayor Kloesel recognized all essential workers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020, regular City Council meeting with the revision to item #9, changing Monceaux Ave. to Manceaux Ave..

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Carbaugh
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2020 emergency meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for February 2020 was presented in the council's packet for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the February 2020 financials as presented.

Item #2

The treasurer's report for March 2020 was presented in the council's packet for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the March 2020 financials as presented.

Item #3

An update by the City Engineer, Todd Vincent was on given on the status of current projects.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to approve the status update provided by the engineer.

Item #4

Due to the limitation on the number of people present at the meeting, the Mayor updated the council on the status of the police department acknowledging that the department is currently fully staffed.

Item #5

Due to the limitation on the number of people present at the meeting, the Mayor read an update from Mr. Don Fontaine, Chairperson/Liaison US Census Bureau, which gave the current statistics for the 2020 census and encouraged the participation of all Kaplan residents.

Item #6

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution extending the original declaration for a State of Emergency due to COVID- 19, for the City of Kaplan, which was originally adopted on March 19, 2020

Item #7

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant for the period beginning January 2019 and ending December 2019.

Item #8

Due to the limitations of the number of people present at the meeting, request for comments and/or questions were to be received by the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, regarding ordinance 03-20-A – which would implement a school zone from 7th Street and Cushing Ave. to 9th Street and Cushing Ave. and from 8th Street and Cushing Ave. to LeJeune Street, with a reduced speed limit to 15 mph from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. There were no questions and/or comments received by the City Clerk on this item and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #9

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried open up discussion on the adoption of ordinance 03-20-A – which would implement a school zone from 7th Street and Cushing Ave. to 9th Street and Cushing Ave. and from 8th Street and Cushing Ave. to LeJeune Street, with a reduced speed limit to 15 mph from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to amend ordinance 03-20-A to change 7th Street to 6th Street.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Gary

Adopt ordinance 03-20-A – which would implement a school zone from 6th Street and Cushing Ave. to 9th Street and Cushing Ave. and from 8th Street and Cushing Ave. to LeJeune Street, with a reduced speed limit to 15 mph from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes
Ms. Guidry: Yes

Motion carried.

Item #10

Due to the limitations of the number of people present at the meeting, request for comments and/or questions were to be received by the City Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, regarding ordinance 03-20-C – which would name the newly constructed pavilion The Charles P. Morrison Pavilion. There were no questions and/or comments received by the City Clerk on this item and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #11

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried open up discussion on the adoption of ordinance 03-20-C – which would name the newly constructed pavilion The Charles P. Morrison Pavilion.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to amend ordinance 03-20-C to strike the word The and have it read Charles P. Morrison Pavilion.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Adopt ordinance 03-20-C – name the newly constructed pavilion Charles P. Morrison Pavilion.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes
Ms. Guidry: Yes

Motion carried.

Item #12
Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary
Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Randy Campbell to Kaplan Civil Service Board, effective March 17, 2020

Item #13
Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Guidry
Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Whitney Simon with the Gas & Water Department, effective February 26, 2020.

Item #14
Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Carbaugh
Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Blake Lee-Bessard with the Electrical Department, effective April 3, 2020.

Item #15
Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Carbaugh
Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Chasity Harrington with the Streets and Bridges Department, effective April 6, 2020.

Item #16
Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison
Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Joe A. Clay as a Lineman I with the Electrical Department, Step 6, at a rate of \$12.56 per hour, effective April 9, 2020.

Item #17
Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry
Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Bobbie Campbell as a Maintenance Helper/Laborer with the Water Plant, Step 5, at the rate of \$8.94 per hour, effective March 12, 2020.

Item #18
Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the issuing of the following Alcohol License renewals:

#	BUSINESS NAME:	ADDRESS:
1.	DOLLAR GENERAL #3176	1403 W. VETERANS MEMORIAL
2.	MICKEY’S DRIVE INN	706 E. VETERANS MEMORIAL
3.	SPEAK EASY LOUNGE	701 N GUIDRY AVE
4.	B’S WILD WINGS	303 N CUSHING AVE
5.	BENGSTON ENTERPRISES LLC	301 E VETERANS MEMORIAL

Mayor Kloesel announced a soft opening for certain businesses and council gave announcements.

Adjourn

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR