



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, May 19, 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 Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
City Clerk: Heather S. Guidry
Engineer: Todd Vincent

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.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020, regular City Council meeting and the May 7, 2020 Special City Council meeting.

Item #1

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

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the April 2020 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer Todd Vincent gave a status update on current projects.

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Tomahawk Construction, L.L.C., subject to review of their familiarity with the project and the checking of references by Todd Vincent, to install the components and repair the hydraulic power control unit at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Prices will be obtained on Friday May 22, 2020 to address drainage issues in order to close out the grant on the walking trails.

Unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the low bidder subject to the review of Sellers & Associates of all bids submitted.

Item #3

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 Officer Terry Kraut and Officer Mitchell Guidroz had completed the police academy.

Item #4

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 #5

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of Ordinance 05-20-A – Amendment of Ordinance 06-17-C– Rate Schedule. There was no public comment and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #6

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary

Adopt Ordinance 05-20-A – Amendment of Ordinance 06-17-C – Rate Schedule with the amendment to remove the schedule A, schedule B, and schedule C that is no longer necessary.

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

Item #7

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance 06-20-A – 2020 -2021 Fiscal Year Budget and set for public hearing on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #8

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to introduce Ordinance 06-20-B – Amendment of Ordinance 06-19-A – 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget and set for public hearing on June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #9

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution in opposition of all proposed legislation that enables the legislature to remove the authority of local governments to administer and collect local sales & use taxes.

Item #10

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Ms. Morrison

Unanimously carried to approve 960 hours of sick leave towards retirement for Jimmie P. Breaux, to be paid weekly commencing April 1, 2020 and ending October 7, 2020, with a retirement date expected on October 8, 2020.

Mayor Kloesel gave his announcements and congratulated the 2020 Kaplan High School Seniors.

The council gave announcements.

Adjourn

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR