



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, July 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
John Carbaugh
Justin Johnson
Melissa Guidry

Absent: Eva Dell Morrison

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 Councilman Dirk Gary.

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

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

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the June 2020 financials as presented.

Item #2

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

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 the department was fully staffed at this time.

Item #4

Councilwoman Melissa Guidry gave an update on the Police, Fire, and Safety Committee meeting that was held on July 9, 2020

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

Mayor Kloesel gave an update on what savings the residents should expect to see with the new SLEMCO contract in effect and explained that the new bills will show the KW and cost comparison from 2019 and current.

Item #7

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Mr. Don Fontaine as Commissioner of the Kaplan Housing Authority Board.

Item #8

Motion: Mr. Carbaugh, Second: Mr. Gary

Approval of sending one (1) electrical lineman to attend SLCC in Crowley to obtain the training needed to become a certified line worker. Discussion was held and the benefits of the program were reviewed.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes

Mr. Johnson: Yes

Mr. Carbaugh: Yes

Ms. Guidry: Yes

Item #9

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 to Vermilion Economic Development Alliance (VEDA).

Item #10

Discussion by Mayor Kloesel on behalf of Bryce Quebodeaux regarding the Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital Sales Tax Renewal Election that is scheduled for August 15, 2020. Mayor Kloesel explained the benefits of this renewal and encouraged all residents to get out and support this tax renewal.

Mayor Kloesel gave his the council gave announcements.

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR