



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, September 15, 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: Eva Dell Morrison  
Joyce Carbaugh  
Justin Johnson  
Melissa Guidry

Absent: Dirk Gary

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.

Andy Veazey, Candidate for District Judge introduced himself and asked everyone for support.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 regular City Council meeting and the minutes from the September 8, 2020 special City Council meeting.

#### Item #1

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

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to approve the August 2020 financials as presented.

#### Item #2

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

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to authorize bids for the mechanical bar screen at the wastewater plant and to allow bidders until October 20, 2020 to submit sealed bids. The bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. on October 20, 2020.

#### 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 has an opening for a nighttime dispatcher and anyone interested in applying can contact the Kaplan Police Department. The chief also informed everyone that the department has made more drug arrest and if anyone was interested in joining the neighborhood watch program they can contact the police station.

#### Item #4

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to table the condemnation hearing of 709 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kaplan Louisiana until October 20, 2020 and allow the owner until October 10, 2020 to clear the inside of the home to allow the inspection to take place.

#### Item #5

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 09-20-A – Restricting the Use of City Vehicles. There were no questions and/or comments received by the City Clerk on this item and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #6

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to open up discussion on the adoption of ordinance 09-20-A Restricting the Use of City Vehicles.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to amend ordinance 09-20-A to include language that any city employee who operates a city vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs that precludes such employee from performing the duties of his/her position in a safe, proper and efficient manner shall be terminated.

Item #7

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to approve the resolution to offer two (2) tracts of land being a 31.98 acres tract and a 4.11 acres tract for lease for mineral exploration and advertise publically for sealed bids.

Item #8

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit.

Item #9

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 #10

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Lukas Meaux as an Apprentice Lineman, Step 6, with the Electrical Department, effective August 10, 2020.

Mayor Kloesel and the council gave announcements.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the 9/11 memorial walk that will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020, which will be hosted by the Kaplan Fire Department.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel  
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR