



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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  
Joyce Carbaugh  
Justin Johnson  
Melissa Guidry

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: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry  
Unanimously carried to amend the agenda to discuss the issuing of a permit to KYAA for a softball tournament to be held on February 12 -13, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Johnson  
Unanimously carried to issue a permit to KYAA for a softball tournament to be held on February 12-13, 2021 and waive the permit fee that would apply to this type of permit.

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry  
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

#### Item #1

The treasurer's report for December 2020 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the December 2020 financials as presented.

#### Item #2

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

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to approve Contract Change Order No. 2 with Tomahawk Construction, LLC for the Clarifier Equipment Repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Facility, in the amount of \$4,322.85 with an additional 10 calendar days for the completion date January 17, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution of Acceptance from Tomahawk Construction, LLC pertaining to the completion of the contract for the clarifier equipment repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to accept the estimate from Tomahawk Construction, LLC in the amount of \$23,100.00 and to authorize the repair of the Dust Collector on the Lime Silo at the Water Treatment Plant.

#### Item #3

Due to the limitation on the number of people present at the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged that the Kaplan Police Chief wanted to update on the yearly grant that was applied for in the amount of \$10,000 and would be used to purchase Tasers for the department to replace the ones that did not work. He also acknowledged with the help of the US Marshal's Office and the Vermilion Parish Sheriff Department, his department was able to apprehend the suspect wanted in connection with a homicide.

Item #4

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Guidry

Unanimously carried to change the February city council meeting from February 16, 2021 to Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Item #5

Motion: Mr. Gary, Second: Ms. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to ratify and declare the following movables as surplus:

2008 White Dodge Durango: vin # 1124

White Ford Crown Vic: vin # 1971

Item #6

Motion: Ms. Guidry, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Stephen Decuier, as part time firefighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, effective January 1, 2021 at the rate of \$8.66 per hour.

Item #7

Motion: Mr. Johnson, Second: Ms. Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to ratify the rehiring of Blake Lee-Bessard, as Utility Foreman, Step 6, with the Electrical Department, effective December 15, 2020.

Item #8

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Spence Richardson as Lineman II, Step 1, with the Electrical Department, effective December 17, 2020.

Mayor Kloesel and the council gave announcements.

Motion: Ms. Morrison, Second: Mr. Johnson

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel  
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR