



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Wednesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at SSG Ulysse Trahan Council Chamber located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue.

Present: Mayor: Mike Kloesel

Board of Alderman: Dirk Gary
Eva Dell Morrison
Mike Renfrow
Justin Johnson
Melissa Guidry

Also Present: City Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
City 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 Councilwoman Morrison.

Councilwoman Joyce Carbaugh was recognized for her service to the community and the City of Kaplan.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Amend the agenda to discuss the city absorbing the unnatural one time increase cost due to the February ice storm and bill the customers at the normal rate.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes	Mr. Renfrow: Yes	Ms. Guidry: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes	Mr. Johnson: Yes	

Item #18:

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to allow the homeowner at 10th Street facing north between Lejeune & Church Street, eight (8) weeks to complete the repairs and to appear at the May 18, 2021 city council meeting to provide an update and/or progress report on where the repair process stands at that time.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes	Mr. Renfrow: Yes	Ms. Guidry: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes	Mr. Johnson: Yes	

Item #19

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to allow the homeowner at 601 W 8th Street, eight (8) weeks to complete the repairs and to appear at the May 18, 2021 city council meeting to provide an update and/or progress report on where the repair process stands at that time.

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

Mr. Gary: Yes	Mr. Renfrow: Yes	Ms. Guidry: Yes
Ms. Morrison: Yes	Mr. Johnson: Yes	

Item #20

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to condemn the home located at 1009 N Wilson, and the owner 60 days to demolish the home. The demolition will be reviewed at the May 18, 2021 city council meeting to make sure it meets to council's satisfaction.

Recognize Dillion Turner for 5 years of service to the City of Kaplan.

Recognize Robert Eleazar for 10 years of service to the City of Kaplan.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2021 regular City Council meeting as submitted.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for February 2021 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to approve the February 2021 financials as presented.

Item #2

Todd Vincent with Sellers and Associates updated the Council on the status of current projects.

Item #3

Due to the limitation on the number of people present at the meeting, the Mayor acknowledged that the Kaplan Police Chief relayed to him that everything was going well with his department, but he is looking for people interested in a career with law enforcement.

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Blake Stevens with the Electrical Department as Lineman II Step 7, effective February 25, 2021.

Item #5

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve 120 hours of vacation, 24 hours of personal time, and 230.50 hours of sick leave towards retirement for Robert Eleazar, to be paid weekly commencing March 3, 2021 and ending May 5, 2021 with a retirement date expected on May 6, 2021.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Kurtis Boeve with the Kaplan Police Department, effective February 19, 2021.

Item #7

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Devin J. Richard as Operator I, Step 3, with Streets & Bridges, effective February 11, 2021.

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Darien P. Glaze as Laborer, Step 7, with the Streets & Bridges, effective February 11, 2021.

Item #9

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the 5% pay increase for Blake Stevens for lineman certification, effective March 5, 2021.

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to table the resolution to levelize a customer's utility bill over a three to four month period due to the surge in energy cost from the February ice storm, beings this item is now moot.

Item #11

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 amending ordinance 09-20-A – Restricting the Use of City Vehicles to include the following sentence: The ordinance shall not apply to elected officials/employees. There were no questions and/or comments received by the City Clerk on this item and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #12

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to amend ordinance 09-20-A - Restricting the Use of City Vehicles to include the following sentence: The ordinance shall not apply to elected officials/employees.

Item #13

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to allow Chic-A-La Pie to solicit donations at the red lights to benefit Heather Theall, who is battling cancer.

Item #14
Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to ratify the Declaration of State of Emergency/State at Home Order due to the ice storm, signed February 15, 2021.

Item #15
Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution proclaiming April 5-9, 2021 as National Community Development Week.

Item #16
Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to introduce ordinance 04-21-A – that amend ordinance 18-52 concerning building permit fees and set for public hearing on April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Item #17
Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to introduce ordinance 04-21-B – denying utility services to properties that are in violation of the code of ordinance and set for public hearing on April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to amend the alcohol license renewals to include the following businesses: B’s Wild Wings, Speak Easy Lounge, and Mickey’s Drive Inn.

Item #21
Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second Councilman Johnson
Unanimously carried to approve the issuing of the following Alcohol License renewals:

#	BUSINESS NAME:	ADDRESS:
1	HOME ASSOCIATION	1007 N. LEJEUNE
2	SUE’S SADDLE UP, LLC	916 W. VETERANS MEM
3	LARRY’S SUPERFOODS	1313 W. VETERANS MEM
4	DAIQUIRI DIVA’S KAPLAN, LLC	205 W. VETERANS MEM
5	DG LOUISIANA, LLC	1403 W. VETERANS MEM
6	SILVERSTOP, LLC DBA NICK’S FOOD MART	1301 W. VETERANS MEM
7	SILVREMART, LLC DBA KAPLAN EXPRESS	507 W. VETERANS MEM
8	SILVERSTORES, LLC DBA KAPLAN QUICK STOP	501 E. VETERANS MEM
9	B WILD WINGS	303 N. CUSHING AVE
10	SPEAK EASY LOUNGE	701 N. GUIDRY AVE
11	MICKEY’S DRIVE INN	706 E. VETERANS MEM

Mayor Kloesel and the council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison
Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR