



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall located at 701 N. Cushing Avenue.

Present: Mayor: Mike Kloesel

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

Present by phone: Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney

Absent: Heather S. Guidry, City Clerk  
Todd Vincent, City Engineer

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Reverend Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Eva Dell Morrison.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second Councilwoman Guidry  
Unanimously carried to amend the agenda to add an agenda item authorizing a fireworks demonstration conducted by the City of Kaplan at Clement Park on the Saturday prior to Labor Day, September 4, 2021, under the supervision of Blake Bessard, duly certified by the Louisiana State Fire Marshall.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilwoman Morrison  
Authorize a fireworks demonstration conducted by the City of Kaplan at Clement Park on the Saturday prior to Labor Day, September 4, 2021, under the supervision of Blake Bessard, duly certified by the Louisiana State Fire Marshall.

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	

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Gary  
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2021 Special City Council Meeting and the July 20, 2021 Regular City Council meeting

#### Item #1

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

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilwoman Guidry  
Unanimously carried to approve the July financials as presented.

#### Item #2

Mayor Kloesel gave the engineer on behalf of City Engineer, Todd Vincent.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Johnson  
Unanimously carried to approve contract change order #1 with TyBe Company, LLC to increase contract time by 60 calendar days (October 29, 2021) due to fabrication and shipping delays due to COVID-19.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Johnson  
Unanimously carried to approve contract change order #change order #1 with E. B. Feucht & Sons, LLC to adjust contract items to add the cost of removal and replacement of deteriorated 8-inch concrete sewer lines with 8-inch PVC sewer lines and delete the pay items that will not be needed in this project. This change order is a difference of \$11,224.00 and is hereby added to the total contract price and the adjusted contract price to date is \$637,399.50. The contract time will increase by 60 days, for a completion date of April 19, 2022.

Item #3

Councilwoman Melissa Guidry gave an update on the Police, Fire and Safety Committee meeting that met on August 5, 2021.

Item #4

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to approve 80 hours of COVID leave pay per employee, commencing June 1, 2021 through October 19, 2021.

Item #5

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the appointment of Jacob R. Faulk as Fire Chief, Step 1, effective August 5, 2021.

Item 6

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the promotion of Robert Rommier as Assistant Fire Chief, Step 1, effective August 5, 2021.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Stephen Decuir, as Full Time Fire Fighter/Operator, Step 1, with a monthly salary of \$1,682.00, effective August 5, 2021

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

There was no public comment.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel  
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR