



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 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
Mike Renfrow
Melissa Guidry

Also Present: Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney
Todd Vincent, City Engineer
Heather S. Guidry, City Clerk

Absent: Eva Dell Morrison
Justin Johnson

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Mayor Mike Kloesel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mike Kloesel. The meeting was dedicated to the late Councilwoman Delores Broussard.

Joschlyn Simon was recognized as Citizen of the Month.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2022 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for March 2022 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to approve the March 2022 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer Todd Vincent updated the council on current projects.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to approve Contract Change Order No. 3 for the LCDBG project with E.B. Feuchet & Sons, LLC, increasing the contract price by \$9,231.80, subject to the concurrence of LCDBG.

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow
Unanimously carried to authorize Sellers & Associates to apply for round 2 funding for the Water Sector Project (Sewer Application) and to authorize the mayor to execute an amendment to the Water Sector engineering agreement to add round 2 application fees not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry
Unanimously carried to designate and appoint the following roles for the ARPA reporting:

- Heather Guidry and Mayor Mike Kloesel as Account Administrators.
- Todd Vincent, Olivia Habetz, Heather Guidry and Mayor Mike Kloesel as Points of Contact for Reporting.
- Heather Guidry and Mayor Mike Kloesel as Authorized Representatives for Reporting.

Item #3

Police Chief Josh Hardy updated the council on his department. Chief Hardy and Captain Cates honored Sergeant Terry Kraut and Patrolwoman Bobbie Domingue for going above the call of duty in January when they worked a car accident on American Legion road.

Item #4

The council reviewed the COVID use from March 16, 2022 through current and decided to review it again next month.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of a used dump truck with the purchase price not to exceed \$100,500.00.

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of a used excavator with the purchase price not to exceed \$79,499.08.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt a financing resolution for the purchase of a dump truck and excavator, financed through Government Capital, with the total purchase price not to exceed \$179,999.08.

Item #8

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (January 2021-December 2021).

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to accept and approve the qualifications to hire and receive additional steps for classified positions.

Item #10

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Eligous Ledet with the Kaplan Police Department, effective April 7, 2022.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Stephen Decuir as full time fire fighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, effective April 7, 2022.

Item #12

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Stephen Decuir as a part time fire fighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, at the rate of \$9.23 per hour, effective April 8, 2022.

Item #13:

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Daniel Herpin as a part time fire fighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, at the rate of \$9.23 per hour, effective March 28, 2022.

Item #14:

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Lukas Meaux as a part time fire fighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, at the rate of \$9.23 per hour, effective March 28, 2022.

Item #15:

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Tyler Guidry as a part time fire fighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, effective March 28, 2022.

Item #16:

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of April Bodin as a part time fire fighter with the Kaplan Fire Department, effective March 28, 2022.

Item #17:

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Mathew Landry as a Laborer with Streets and Bridges, Step 7, effective March 21, 2022.

Item #18:

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Paige Gaspard as a full time dispatcher with the Kaplan Police Department, Step 2, effective March 11, 2022.

Item #19:

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Dawn Young, as a full-time police officer with the Kaplan Police Department, Step 1, effective March 14, 2022.

Item #20:

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Ratify the two weeks (March 29, 2022 through April 12, 2022) unpaid suspension of Danny Choate.

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to amend the agenda to enter executive session.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to enter into executive session to discuss agenda item number 20.

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to return to regular session.

Unanimously carried to ratify the two weeks (March 29, 2022 through April 12, 2022) unpaid suspension of Danny Choate.

Public comment was received from Kendal Primeaux, Joe Taravella, and Joschlyn Simon.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements. .

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR