



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 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
Randy Campbell
Mike Renfrow
Justin Johnson
Chuck Guidry

Absent: Todd Vincent, City Engineer

Also Present: Heather Guidry, City Clerk
Calvin Woodruff, Jr., City Attorney

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

An opening prayer was offered by Pastor Farley Painter and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mike Kloesel.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary
Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for July 2023 was presented on the council's iPads for their review of the budget to actual comparison.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to approve the July 2023 financials as presented.

Item #2

Mayor Mike Kloesel gave the update on current projects on behalf of City Engineer Todd Vincent, who was absent from the meeting.

Item #3

Police Chief Josh Hardy gave an update on behalf of the police department. He also announced that he was hiring an Assistant Police Chief and introduced Mr. Robert LeMay, who will be hired effective August 17, 2023

Item #4

Councilman Chuck Guidry gave an update on his recent visit to Kaplan's Twin City Hannut Belgium.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution pertaining to the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (January 2022-December 2022).

Item #6

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to appropriate \$2,000.00 to Vermilion Economic Development Alliance (VEDA).

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the acceptance of the 2023 Water We Drink Report (monitoring period January 1st to December 31, 2022).

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Christopher Harrison, as Operator with the Waste Water Department, Step 5, effective June 8, 2023.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the promotion of Blake Cashat to Foreman with the Electrical Department, effective July 27, 2023, with a 5% pay increase.

Item #10

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Terrance Jones as a Distribution Operator, Step 3 with the Gas & Water Department, effective July 27, 2023.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to ratify the hiring of Aarron Gaud as a Distribution Helper, Step 7, with the Gas & Water Department, effective July 27, 2023.

Item #12

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to ratify the resignation of Paul Landry with Streets & Bridges effective August 3, 2023.

Item #13

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to ratify the termination of Lance Naumann with Streets & Bridges effective July 14, 2023.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

/s/ Heather S. Guidry

HEATHER S. GUIDRY, CITY CLERK

/s/ Mike Kloesel

MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR