

These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, December 19, 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

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

Also Present: Heather Guidry, City Clerk

Todd Vincent, City Engineer Joshua Hardy, Police Chief

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 also led by the Mayor.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

Item #1

The treasurer's report for November 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 November 2023 financials as presented.

Item #2

City Engineer Todd Vincent gave an update on current city projects.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to award the Water Sector Program – Sewer System Improvement Project to the one and only bidder, E.B. Feucht & Sons, L.L.C. in the amount of \$1,597,410.00 plus alternate two (2) in the amount of \$69,975.00 for a total of \$1,667,385.00, subject to concurrence of the Office of Community Development.

Item #3

Police Chief Joshua Hardy gave an update on behalf of the police department.

Item #4

Motion: Councilman Renfrow, Second: Councilman Campbell

Unanimously carried to approve the 2024 City Council Meeting dates:

January 16, 2024 February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024 April 16, 2024
May 21, 2024 June 18, 2024
July 16, 2024 August 20, 2024
September 17, 2024 October 15, 2024
November 19, 2024 December 17, 2024.

Item #5

Motion: Councilman Gary, Second: Councilman Johnson Unanimously carried to approve the 2024 Holiday Closure dates:

January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day
February 13, 2024 – Mardi Gras
March 29, 2024 – Good Friday
June 19, 2024 – Juneteenth
September 2, 2024 – Labor Day
November 11, 2024 – Veteran's Day
November 29, 2024 – Acadiana Day
December 25, 2024 – Christmas Day
January 15, 2024 – Martin Luther King Day
February 19, 2024 – Memorial Day
July 4, 2024 – Independence Day
October 14, 2024 – Columbus Day
November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day
December 24, 2024 – Christmas Eve
December 31, 2024 – New Year's Eve

Item #6

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of proposed Ordinance 12-23-A Amendment to Ordinance 11-15-B Establishing the City of Kaplan Ordinance Settling and Regulating Fees for Permits and Hook-Ups to the City Utilities System. With no comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed.

Item #7

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Gary

Unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 12-23-A Amendment to Ordinance 11-15-B Establishing the City of Kaplan Ordinance Settling and Regulating Fees for Permits and Hook-Ups to the City Utilities System.

Item #8

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of proposed Ordinance 12-23-B Extensions of Utility Payments. With no comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed.

Item #9

Motion: Councilman Campbell, Second: Councilman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 12-23-B Extensions of Utility Payments.

Item #10

A public hearing was opened to get public comment on the adoption of proposed Ordinance 12-23-C – Amendment to Section 22-51- Code of Ordinance - Occupational Licenses Taxes – Schedules. With no comments forthcoming, the hearing was declared closed.

Item #11

Motion: Councilman Johnson, Second: Councilman Renfrow

Unanimously carried to adopt Ordinance 12-23-C – Amendment to Section 22-51- Code of Ordinance - Occupational Licenses Taxes – Schedules.

Public Comment:

No public comment was given.

Mayor Kloesel and council gave announcements.

Motion: Councilman Guidry, Second Councilman Johnson Unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR