



These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Kaplan held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 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
John Carbaugh
Melissa Guidry

Absent: Richard LeBlanc

Also Present: City Clerk: Christine L. Trahan, LMMC
City Attorney: Calvin Woodruff, Jr.
Engineer: Brett Bayard
Justin "JJ" Johnson – Appointee for Vacant District C Council seat

Mayor Kloesel called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an opening prayer was offered.

The minutes of the July 17, 2018 regular City Council meeting and the August 14, 2018 special City Council meeting were approved as submitted.

Item #1

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution calling a special election to be held October 12, 2019 with qualifying dates of August 6, 7, & 8, 2019 to fill the vacated seat of Alderman for District C of the City of Kaplan.

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to accept the appointment of Justin "JJ" Johnson to fill the vacated seat of Alderman for District C until such time an election can be held.

City Attorney Calvin Woodruff, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Justin "JJ" Johnson.

Item #2

The treasurer's report was given by the City Clerk, Christine L. Trahan.

Item #3

Brett Bayard updated the Council on the status of current projects. The following actions were adopted by the Council.

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to award the Water system Pressure Improvements Project to Construction Pro, Inc. of Eunice in the amount of \$95,810.44.

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to accept the Kerry Matthews Preliminary Subdivision Plat.

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to prepare and submit the 2019-20 Capital Outlay Request Application for the City –Wide Street and Drainage Improvements Project (Phase II).

Motion: Councilwoman Morrison, Second: Councilman Johnson

Unanimously carried to authorize the Mayor to prepare and submit the 2019-20 Capital Outlay Request Application for the Clement Park Pavilion Project.

Item #4

Chief of Police Joshua Hardy gave the report on behalf of the Kaplan Police Department.

Item #5

A public hearing was opened to give the public an opportunity to comment on a proposed ordinance banning the use of electric fencing inside the corporate limited of the City of Kaplan. One comment was made and the hearing was declared closed.

Item #6

Motion; Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilwoman Guidry

Unanimously carried to adopt ordinance 08-18-A; Banning the use of electric fencing within the corporate limited of the City of Kaplan.

Item #7

Motion: Councilwoman Guidry, Second: Councilman Carbaugh

Unanimously carried to adopt a resolution ordering and calling for an election to be held in the City of Kaplan to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds. The funds will be broken down 80% for Infrastructure and 20% for Recreation (Clement Park).

Item #8

Motion: Councilman Carbaugh, Second: Councilwoman Morrison

Unanimously carried to dispose of the surplus since no bids were received.

Item #9

A public hearing was opened to discuss installing a four way stop sign at the intersection of Church Ave. and Fourth Street. This matter was tabled until the next City Council Meeting for further review and discussion.

Item #10

A public hearing was opened to discuss the purchase of a new sewer pump at Westgate lift station and other upcoming pump needs for the sewer department. The purchase was unanimously approved.

Item #11

Discussion was opened to replace the awning on the east and west entrances of the Kaplan Museum. The replacement of the awning on the east and west entrances were unanimously approved.

Item #12

The prior wage(s) of \$325.00 per month to the Sewer Department Supervisors and creation of Meter Reading Permit Inspector at an additional \$350.00 per month was unanimously ratified.

Item #13

A public hearing was opened to discuss the Vermilion Parish Economic Development funding. A discussion was made by Anne Falgout and this matter was tabled until the next City Council Meeting.

Item #14

The hiring of Eric Meaux as a Distribution Operator with the Gas & Water Distribution Department at step 3, effective July 16, 2018 was unanimously ratified.

Adjourn

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

/s/ Mike Kloesel
MIKE KLOESEL, MAYOR