

MINUTES

TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR MEETING LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
205 WEST PALMETTO AVENUE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA
Tuesday March 11, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER –The meeting was called to order by James Cook, Mayor, at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION -Alderwomen Shanithia Gay led all in the invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -Alderwomen Emily Jennings led all in the invocation

ROLL CALL - Ms. Rolandria McCauley, Town Clerk, performed roll call. All members were present with the exception of Aldermen Benson who was absent. There was a quorum.

1. **APPROVE AGENDA: A.** Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to amend the agenda to include 2025. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 5 OF 2025 - An Ordinance to amend Ordinance # 1 of 2025 Water and Sewer Rates (inside and outside the Town limits) of ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 30 UTILITIES of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing , and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

A motion was made by Aldermen Emily Jennings. There was not second, so this amendment to the agenda failed for a lack of a second.

- B. Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to amend the agenda to include Resolution #15 of 2025 Being a Resolution to Approve the Municipal Water Prevention Environmental Audit Report for January 2024 Through December 2024, A motion was given by Emily Jennings and second by Shanithia Gay. The Mayor called for public comment, there was none. All members voted in favor to amend the agenda to include resolution # 15. This item was added to the agenda under New Business Item i.
- C. Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to amend the agenda to add discussion and consideration of property standards options. This will be listed under New Business Item j on the agenda. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to add the item to the agenda. There were no public comments. Shavonda Gay, Emily Jennings and Shanithia Gay voted for the addition of this item, Louis Welch voted against adding the amendment. The town attorney indicated due to the fact that there was not a unanimous vote then the item did not get added to the agenda. Louis Welch made a motion to reconsider this motion and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. There was no public comment All members voted in favor of this amended. It was added to the agenda as under New Business Item j.
- D. Mayor Cook then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as was amended. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shovanda Gay. All members voted in favor of this motion. Therefore, the agenda was approved.

2. APPROVE MINUTES:

Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second to approve minutes for the February 11, 2025 town meeting and dispense with the reading and the February 27, 2025 minutes of

special meeting and to dispense with the reading. . A motion was given by Shanitha Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the February 11, 2025 minutes and the February 27, 2025 special meeting minutes in Globo and dispense with the reading. There were no public comments. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

3. APPROVE EXPENSES:

Emily Jennings made a motion to approve the expenses for February 2025. A second motion was given by Shanithia Gay. There were no public comments. All members voted in favor of the expense report.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Police Department-Ronnie Murray's report stated that the Plain Dealing Police Department has had 288 civil and criminal calls. There 167 total traffic stops and 121 Civil and criminal calls.

Street Report-Kevin Whitton gave a street report. His report included the crew filled in some potholes and the flushing of hydrants to reduce the smell of water.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The board of aldermen will discuss Ronnie Murray's request to remove employee insurance for pay. There is no current information from the Attorney General's Office.
- b. The council will discuss insurance bids for Town. No quotes have been received for insurance companies.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lenora Green-Myers would like for the council to discuss a car show being added to the festival held on May 9 and 10, 2025.
- b. Susie Byrd would like to discuss having a farmers' market in town. Once approved, The farmer's market will be held on private property.
- c. Susie Byrd would like for the board of aldermen to discuss a clean-up for the Town. Flyer have been made for the business regarding the den-up. It was also mentioned There is a program that can include the students from the local high school. Students that volunteer can receive points for participation. Ms. Bryd also mentioned that she could contact Louisiana Main Street to help with the beautification of the Town.

- d. The board of council will approve a resolution the receive a donated vehicle from the Town of Benton. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Louis Welch to approve resolution # 16 of 2025 to approve the donation of a vehicle from the Town of Benton. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public Comments.
- e. RE- INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #13 OF 2024- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 3 OF 2024- THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. (There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of this ordinance the Town of Plain Dealings regular schedule meeting to be held on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Ave, Plain Dealing, LA). A motion was given by Emily Jennings and seconded by Louis Welch to re-introduce ORDINANCE #13 of 2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 3 OF 2024-THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- f. RE- INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE# 2 OF 2025- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. ((There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of this ordinance the Town of Plain Dealings regular schedule meeting to be held on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Ave, Plain Dealing, LA). A motion given by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to re-introduce ORDINANCE #2 of 2025- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- g. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #3 OF 2025- An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of PLAIN DEALING, Louisiana, to amend chapter 30 - UTILITIES to adopt ARTICLE IV - METERS Section 30-180 - New meter sets; Section 30-181 Fees and cost to install a new meter are as follows; Section 30-182 Maintenance, replacement and relocation of meter boxes and vaults; Section 30-183- interference with meter reading; Section 30-184 - Submetering or re-selling of water; Section 30-185. - Meters to be approved by department; and Section 30-186. (There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of this ordinance the Town of Plain Dealing's regular schedule meeting to be held on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Ave, Plain Dealing, LA).

A motion given by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to introduce ORDINANCE #3 of 2025 an ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of PLAIN DEALING, Louisiana, to amend chapter 30 - UTILITIES to adopt ARTICLE IV - METERS Section 30-180 - New meter sets; Section 30-181 Fees and cost to install a new meter are as follows; Section 30-182 Maintenance, replacement and relocation of meter boxes and vaults; Section 30-183- Interference with meter reading; Section 30-184- Submetering or re-selling of water; Section 30-185. - Meters to be approved by department; and Section 30-186. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.

- h. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #4 OF 2025- An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of PLAIN DEALING, Louisiana, to amend Chapter 20 - OFFENSES IN MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE 1- IN GENERAL to include Section 20.5 theft of utility service, inference commission of theft (There will be a public hearing prior to the adoption of this ordinance the Town of Plain Dealing's regular schedule meeting to be held on April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Ave, Plain Dealing, LA) A motion given by Emily Jennings and seconded by Louis Welch to introduce ORDINANCE #4 of 2025- An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of PLAIN DEALING, Louisiana, to amend Chapter 20-OFFENSES IN MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, ARTICLE I - IN GENERAL to include Section 20.5 theft of utility service, inference commission of theft. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- i. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER Resolution #15 of 2025 Being a Resolution to Approve the Municipal Water Prevention Environmental Audit Report for January 2024 Through December 2024, and to Otherwise Provide with respect thereto. A motion given by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shavonda Gay to approve Resolution #15 of 2025 Being a Resolution to Approve the Municipal Water Prevention Environmental Audit Report for January 2024 Through December 2024, and to Otherwise Provide with respect thereto. All members voted in favor of Resolution # 15 of 2025. There were no public comments.

j. Discussion and consideration of property standards options. Attorney Doug Dominick gave an overview about the property standards. The attorney explained that there will have to be a board created to enforce the property standard rules. A code enforcement office will have to be hired and there has to be a magistrate to run the court not the mayor. If someone is fined, that individual would have to appear in Code enforcement court. The town attorney is to look into the legalities of this matter and if there is a board that currently is in place. This matter is to be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

7. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:

None

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

Shanithia Gay asked when will the Christmas banners be removed? Be in Prayer for the Davis family.

9. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Cook allowed Roy Williams to speak. Roy Williams asked the council to investigate a leaking flush valve that is in front of his home. According to Mr. Williams, this was reported to the council last year and he is expecting an answer or a solution to fix the valve.

10. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Shavonda Gay to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. All members voted in favor thereof.

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