

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE
6:00 P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

1. Call meeting to order- Mayor Gay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Invocation • Doug Dominick, led all present in the prayer.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Alderman Cook led all present the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that five of members of the board were present.

4 A request to amend the agenda to include the approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2024 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was given by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to amend the agenda. All member of the council voted in favor of the amendment. There was no public comment.

5. Approve Agenda- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second approve the agenda of the July 9, 2024 as amended. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and James Cook. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the agenda.

5a. Approve Minutes- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. Four of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. Judith McGuffey voted nay.

5b. Mayor Gay asked for a motion and a second to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024 special meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook. Four of the council members voted in favor of the minutes. Judith McGuffey voted nay. There was no public comment.

6. Approve the Expense Report-Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for July 2024. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense reports. There was no public comment. Four of the members of the council voted in favor of the reports. Judith McGuffey voted Nay. There were no public comments.

7. Department reports:

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 191 civil and criminal calls in July 2024. There were 174 traffic stops.

Public Works Department- Kevin Whitton reported that the water meters have been installed and we are waiting for the radios for the meters. Birch street is in need of repairs. John Ed Jordan has been contacted to get millage for the road repair.

Kevin also asked that our residents attend the meeting at the community center on August 21, 2024 at 6 o'clock p.m. to discuss a possible consolidation with St. Mary's water system.

Kevin gave an update on a rate study. He informed us that the LRWA has lost the rate study that was sent in May however, they assured us that the next available appointment would be for us.

9. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Andy Freeman of Utility Service Database discussed a program that will help the town collect delinquent funds from previous customers.
- B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL vote on Resolution #12 of 2024 BEING A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT a milage rate for the tax year of 2024. This resolution to se our annual millage rate. Mayor Gay asked for a motion to accept resolution#12. James Cook made a motion to accept the resolution and Judith McGuffey seconded the motion. All of the members voted in favor of the resolution. There was no public comment.
- C. Attorney Doug Dominick gave an update on Allen's Custom Cabinet to lease the Industrial Building. Attorney Dominick stated that the contract is still being prepared.
- D. The Board of council will discuss property standards. Attorney Doug Dominick explain that the New ordinance did away with the property standard board and that the town has the right to clean up the property in resident is none compliant with the ordinance. The town could at that point put a lien on the property in an effort the retrieve funds from the property owner. The alderman requested that when letters are sent out, they want to be notified.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Shaka Lond- Repass- August 13, 2024

Hazel Johnson- Dinner- August 24, 2024

Sharleigh Washington- meet and greet for 2000's class reunion.

Robert Ford- meet and greet for the 1990' class reunion.

Betty Thompson- dinner- September 7, 2024

A motion was made Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the community center applications. All members voted in favor of.

Council Remarks:

- 11. MAYORS COMMENTS: There will be a homecoming parade held on October 3rd 2024 at 5:00 PM

ADJOURN: Mayor Gay asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by and seconded by Shanithia Gay. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.