

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2022
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTON AVE
6:00 P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

1. **Call meeting to order-** Mayor Shavonda Gay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation • Town Attorney, Douglas C Dominick,** led all present in the prayer.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Alderman Cook led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four members were present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Jeff Benson, Shanithia Gay, James Cook. Judith McGuffey. Emily Jennings was absent.

4. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor of the approved agenda.
 - a. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by James Cook. All members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.
 - b. **Approve the Expense Report-**Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for July 12, 2022. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay to approve the expense report. All members of the council voted in favor of the reports.

5. Department reports:

Police Department - Mayor Gay reported that the Chief of Police had provided a written report activity of the Plain Dealing Police Department. In June there were 266 total calls, 85 traffic stops and 15 violations. In July there were 228 total calls, 55 traffic stops and 12 violations.

Public Works Department- No update given.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE #2 OF 2022-** being an ordinance to adopt Section 30-3-Industrial water rates and Sewer rates (outside of the city limits) of ARTICAL I-IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 30 UTILITIES of the Code of Ordinance of the Town of Plain Dealing. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing. No comments were made so the public hearing was declared closed by the mayor.

B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #2 2022- being an ordinance to adopt Section 30-3 Industrial Water rates and sewer rates (outside of the Town limits) of Article I -IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER UTILITIES of the code of Ordinance of the Town of Plain Dealing. Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve Ordinance #2 of 2022.

A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Jeff Benson. All members were in favor of the considering the ordinance adoption.

7. NEW BUSINESS –

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION #3 OF 2022 SETTING THE MILLAGE RATES WITHIN THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Judith McGuffey to approve resolution 3 of 2022. All member voted in favor of the resolution setting the new millage rates.

A. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE # 3 OF 2022 - being ordinance to adopt Water and Sewer rates (inside and outside of the Towns limits) of article I- IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 30 UTILITIES OF THE Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing. This will be an ordinance to increase the water and sewer rates) THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE AT THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 6:00 PM LOCATED AT TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM 205 WEST PALMETTO AVE, PLAIN DEALING, LOUISIANA). A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Jeff Benson to approve this ordinance. All members voted in favor of the ordinance.

B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER THE CHIEF OF POLICE RECOMMENDATION THE APPOINT / NAME OFFICER MEGAN THOMAS AS THE assistant Chief if Police for the Town of Plain Dealing. James Cook made a motion to consider appointing Megan as assistant chief of police and seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members were in favor of appointing Megan Thomas as the chief of police for the town of Plain Dealing.

C. Community Center applications-

Vicki Harris- Birthday Dinner-August 27, 2022

Plain Dealing Community Group- BBQ Cookoff October 15, 2022

Macedonia Baptist Church- Thanksgiving dinner (feed the community) requesting a fee waived for November 22, 2022.

A motion was made by Jeff Benson and seconded by James Cook to approve the use of the community center and to waive the fee for Macedonia Church. All members were in voted favor of the rentals. Shanithia Gay abstained from voting.

Council Remarks- Shelia Player thanked everyone for their participation in the back-to-school bash.

Shanithia Gay asked for prayer for Emily Jennings.

Mayor's Comments- None

Adjourn: A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Shanithia Gay to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Approved by:

Rolandria McCauley

Shavonda Gay