

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023
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 6:03 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 all of the council members were present. The following Board of Aldermen were present: Shanithia Gay, James Cook, Jeff Benson, Emily Jennings and Judith McGuffey.

4. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Gay asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Emily Jennings Shanithia Gay and seconded by Shanithia Gay. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes
5. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 minutes. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. Four members voted in favor of the approved agenda. Judith McGuffey vote Nay.

Approve the Expense Report-Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for September 2023. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the expense report. There were questions from council. Alderwomen Judith McGuffey questioned an entry for doubtful accounts and an incorrect date on the balance sheet. Four members of the council voted in favor of the reports. Judith McGuffey voted Nay.

6. **Department reports:**
Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 124 civil and criminal calls in August 2023. There were 280 traffic stops.

Public Works Department-. No reports given.

OLD BUSINESS:
NONE

7. **NEW BUSINESS –**
NONE

Public Comment- None

8. **Community Center applications-**
Sandra Montgomery asked to rent the Community Center for a birthday party and Alyssa Barnard requested to use the Community Center for a baby shower. Judith McGuffey made a motion to approve the Community Center rentals and Shanithia Gay seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the vote. There were no public comments.

Council Remarks- James Cook asked if the new meters were in and when will they be installed. Shanithia Gay announced that the third annual breast walk will be held at the Pentecostal House of prayer on October 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Emily Jennings stated that the town's website is user friendly and easy to use. Emily also asked about the status of the property standard letters? A motion was made by Aldermen McGuffey and seconded by Aldermen Jennings to amend the agenda to include the following item – to authorize Alderman Jeff Benson to contact the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser's office to inquire about the Plain Dealing Lake becoming a state park.

Mayor Gay called for a public hearing. No one spoke in favor or against this amendment.

This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

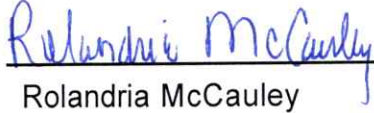
Alderman McGuffey then made a motion which was seconded by Alderman Jennings to authorize Alderman Jeff Benson to contact the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser's office to inquire about the Plain Dealing Lake becoming a state park. There was no public comment. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

Mayor's Comments-

Food bank will be held on October 23, 2023 at the community center. The start time will be 11:00AM. An application must be complete for assistance.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by Shanithia Gay to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM

Approved by:


Rolandria McCauley


Shavonda Gay