

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 James 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 a resolution authorizing the Town attorney to obtain an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General's office regarding the proposed salary increase ordinance for the chief of police, this item will be listed under new business item B. A motion was given by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook to amend the agenda. The Mayor called for public comment, there was none. All members of the Board voted in favor of the amendment.

5. Approve Agenda- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second approve the agenda of the October 8, 2024 as amended. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded by James Cook. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the agenda.

6. Approve Minutes- Mayor Shavonda Gay asked for a motion and a second approve the minutes of the September 10 ,2024 meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. Four of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes. Judith McGuffey voted nay. This motion carried.

7. Approve the Expense Report-Mayor Gay asked for an approval for the expense report for September 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. This motion carried. There were no public comments.

8. Department reports:

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 174 civil and criminal calls in September 2024. There were 225 traffic stops.

Public Works Department- NONE

9. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12 OF 2024 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARY OF THE TOWN MARSHAL OF THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA to remain at \$38,353.20 per year in addition to all full-time benefits: however, the Town Marshal shall have the option per each four-year term to opt out of the town's health insurance. In event that the chief of police elects to opt out of the Town's health insurance, then in that event, the health insurance premiums that would be paid by the town shall be added in to the Chief of Police's monthly payroll check for the entire four-year term. Emily Jennings made a motion to table the resolution until the legalities are worked out and James Cook seconded the motion. All of the members voted in favor of the resolution. There was no public comment.
- B. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL consider a Resolution to authorize the Town Attorney to obtain an attorney General Opinion regarding the legality of the proposed ordinance on the chief of police's salary. Shanithia Gay made a motion to approve the resolution and Emily Jennings seconded the motion. All of the members voted in favor of the resolution. This motion carried. There was no public comment.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Wanda Gail Burnes- Birthday Party 10/19/2024 and Morgan Taylor- Family Reunion 11/9/2024 requested to use the community center on the dates listed above. A motion was made by Shanithia Gay and seconded by Jeff Benson to approve the community center rentals. All member voted in favor of the minutes. This motion carried. A public comment was given by Kim Allums. She would volunteer her time to edge the community center grass area.

Council Remarks:

Shanitha Gay asked for prayer for the family involve in the automobile accident. She also requested that a warning sign be place in that area.

Emily Jennings stated that there will be a vacancy in the office and wanted to know if someone would be place in that position.

Emily Jennings stated that she has received several phone calls concerning property standards. The residents in her areas a feed up with the conditions of the properties on the street.

Lenora Green Myers stated that the alumni from Plain dealing High School made a board of what they would like to see done in the Town.

11. MAYORS COMMENTS:

ADJOURN: Mayor Gay asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by James Cook seconded by Shanithia Gay. All members voted in favor thereof. This motion carried. There was not public comment. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.