

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 13, 2025
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE
6:00 P.M.
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

1. **Call meeting to order-** Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation Alderman** – Shavonda Gay, led all present in the prayer.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Alderman Emily Jennings led all present with the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Roll Call** -Town Clerk Rolandria McCauley, performed a roll call and verified that four of members were present. Shanithia Gay was absent.
5. **Approve Agenda** -Mayor Cook for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. Four of the members voted in favor of the agenda.
6. **Approve Minutes-** Mayor Cook asked for a motion and a second approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 regular meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.

Approve Minutes- Mayor James Cook asked for a motion and a second approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 special meeting and dispense with the reading. A motion was made by Emily Jennings and seconded Shavonda Gay. There was no public comment. All of the members voted in favor of the approval of the minutes.
7. **Approve the Expense Report-**Mayor Cook asked for an approval for the expense report for the month of April 2025. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay 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. There were no public comments.

8. **Department reports:**

Police Department - The Chief of Police reported that there were 253 calls in April of 2025. There were 126 traffic stops and 127 criminal and civil calls.

Public Works Department- There are repair being done to the potholes in the area. Senator Bass asked for a wish list for us which included extending lines from Frankie Steet to the Demoss hill.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

The council will discuss insurance bids for the town. The hasn't been any calls from the suggested insurance companies.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Chief Murray made a recommendation to hire Maverick Caldwell, with a starting pay of \$14.00 per hour as full-time police officer to replace Steven Rodriguez who resigned in February of 2025. On a motion given by Jeff Benson and seconded by Shavonda Gay, it was recommended that Maverick would replace Steven Rodriguez as a police officer. There were no public comments. All members voted in favor thereof.
- B. Danny Kirkland expressed his plans to expand Destination Plain Dealing, A plan to include and bring citizens more events and business to Plain Dealing.
- C. The board of Aldermen will discuss and vote of opening a new checking account to receive funds from the Teal Jones water bill. A motion was made by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings to open a new checking account to receive funds from Teal Jones water bill. There were no public comments. All members voted in favor thereof.
- D. Jamesha Johnson will approach the council regarding the \$50.00 fee that is being charges to customers who pay after the 26th of the month and to discuss the interaction between her and the water superintendent. After a brief discussion and viewing of the video it was determined that the Kevin Whitton did not raise his hands to the customer and the \$50.00 is an enforced policy of the Town.
- F. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION # 17 OF 2025 - A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR JAMES COOK TO SIGN AND EXECUTE AN AMENDED AND RESTATED WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING, BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY, CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION AND TEAL JONES-PLAIN DEALING LLC, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO. A motion was given by Jeff Benson and seconded by Shavonda Gay. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.

- G INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2025 - An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2023 – Chapter 14 - ENVIRONMENT of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing to include ARTICLE III. - GRASS, WEEDS, AND WILD GROWTH, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (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 June 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Ave, Plain Dealing, LA Emily Jennings gave a motion and seconded by Jeff Benson, to introduce ordinance 7 of 2025. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- H. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2025 - An ordinance for the Code of Ordinance, Town of Plain Dealing, Louisiana, to amend and supplement Ordinance No. 4 of 2023 – ARTICLE II. - JUNKED, WRECKED, AND ABANDONED PROPERTY of Chapter 14 – ENVIRONMENT of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Plain Dealing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. (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 June 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 205 West Palmetto Ave, Plain Dealing, LA) LA eff Benson gave a motion and seconded by Emily Jennings, to introduce ordinance 8 of 2025. All members voted in favor thereof. There were no public comments.
- I. COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATIONS:
Essie Graham requested to use the community center on July 11, 2025 for a meet and greet. A motion was given by Jeff Benson and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve the rental. All members voted in favor of the rental.
- J. COUNCIL REMARKS: Shavonda Gay announced that The North Bossier Civic Club is currently taking donations to help with the rebuilding of the Civic center that recently burned in St. Mary. The donations should be mailed to the P O Box 10 in Plain Dealing, La. if anyone is interested.

Lenora Myers wanted to thank everyone for their involvement in the festival.

- L. MAYORS COMMENTS : NONE

ADJOURN: On a motion given by Shavonda Gay and seconded by Emily Jennings, The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM. All members voted in favor thereof.