

**MINUTES OF TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 23, 2024  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
205 WEST PALMETTO AVE  
6:00 P.M.  
LEON SANDERS JR., MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

**Call meeting to order-** Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Benson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Invocation • Town Attorney, Douglas C Dominick,** led all present in the prayer.
- 2. 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 members were present. Mayor Shavonda Gay was absent so, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Benson was in charge of the meeting.

- 4. Approve Agenda –** Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Benson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings. There was no public comment. This motion passed with all members voting in favor thereof.

- 5. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS-** Mayor Pro Tem introduced the Honorable Jill Sessions, Bossier Parish Clerk of Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, who administered the Oath of Office unto Mayor Elect James Cook and Councilmembers Emily Jennings, Shanithia Gay, Jeff Benson and Louis Welch.

- 6. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION #16 OF 2024 A RESOLUTION TO REPEAL AND RESCIND RESOLUTION #15 OF 2024.** A motion was made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve resolution #16 of 2024. There was no public comment and all council members voted in favor of thereof.

- 7. THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONSIDER RESOLUTION # 17 OF 2024 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT HEREINAFTER "ARPA" AWARDED UNTO THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING FOR EXPENSES FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF THE TOWN'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.** A motion was made by Judith McGuffey and seconded by Shanithia Gay to amend resolution # 17 to include a provision that the remaining funds are to be used for the repair, maintenance and upgrades of the Town's water and sewer system with the sum of \$ 10,000.00 being dedicated to be used for premium pay for employees who were employed with the Town of Plain Dealing during the pandemic from March 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020, and who are currently employed with the Town of Plain Dealing. Said premium pay to be allocated equitably among those employees.

There was no public comment and all council members voted in favor of thereof.

A motion was then made by James Cook and seconded by Emily Jennings to approve resolution # 17 as was amended. There was no public comment this motion passed as all council members voted in favor thereof.

8. ADJOURN - A motion was made by Shanithia Gay to Adjourn the meeting and seconded by James Cook. There was no public comment. All members were in favor of adjourning the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM

RESOLUTION # 16 OF 2024  
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING

On a motion duly made by Alderman James Cook and seconded by Alderman Emily Jennings the following resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING**, held at the 205 West Palmetto Avenue, Plain Dealing, Louisiana on December 23, 2024 pursuant to due notice according to the law and open to the public, at which meeting a quorum of the members of the Board of Aldermen were present:

A RESOLUTION REPEAL AND RESCIND RESOLUTION #15 OF 2024

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** had been awarded funds through AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT HEREINAFTER "ARPA"

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** currently has \$165,980.16 remaining in the Town's ARPA fund.

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** unable to use said funds for the waster sector grant as stated in resolution # 15 of the Board of Aldermen on December 10, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that resolution #15 of 2024 is hereby repealed and rescinded in its entirety.

The following vote was received by the Board of Alderman as follows:

ALDERMEN	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
J. Cook	X		
J. Benson	X		
E. Jennings	X		
S. Gay	X		
J. McGuffey	X		

**CERTIFICATE**

I, the undersigned, being the duly elected and acting Municipal Clerk of **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution duly and unanimously adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** on December 23, 2024.

I further certify, that according to the minute book of the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** which is in my possession the foregoing resolution has not been revoked, rescinded, or amended, directly or by inference to this date.

PLAIN DEALING, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, on December 23, 2024.

  
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**Rolandria McCauley**

**MUNICIPAL CLERK, TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING**

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RESOLUTION # 17 OF 2024  
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT HEREINAFTER "ARPA" AWARDED UNTO THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING FOR EXPENSES FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF THE TOWN'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM TOGETHER WITH THE SUM OF \$ 10,000.00 BEING DEDICATED TO BE USED FOR PREMIUM PAY FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WERE EMPLOYED WITH THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING DURING THE PANDEMIC FROM MARCH 1, 2020 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND WHO ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH THE TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** had been awarded funds through AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT HEREINAFTER "ARPA"

WHEREAS, the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** currently has \$165,980.16 remaining in the Town's ARPA fund.

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING cannot use the funds for the waster sector grant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** hereby approves the expenditure of the remaining ARPA funds being held by the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** in the amount of \$ 165,980.16 to be used by the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** to pay for expenses that were incurred by the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** from April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for the repair, maintenance and upgrades of the Town's water and sewer system with the sum of \$ 10,000.00 being dedicated to be used for premium pay for employees who were employed with the Town of Plain Dealing during the pandemic from March 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020, and who are currently employed with the Town of Plain Dealing. Said premium pay to be allocated equitably among those employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon obtaining the concurrence from the Town's CPA and Town's Auditor, the Mayor of the Town of Plain Dealing shall use the remaining ARPA funds being held by the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** to pay for expenses that were incurred by the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING** from April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, for the repair, maintenance and upgrades of the Town's water and sewer system, system with the sum of \$ 10,000.00 being dedicated to be used for premium pay for employees who were employed with the Town of Plain Dealing during the pandemic from March 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020, and who are currently employed with the Town of Plain Dealing. Said premium pay to be allocated equitably among those employees, as the Mayor deems in the best interest of the **TOWN OF PLAIN DEALING.**

The following vote was received by the Board of Alderman as follows:

ALDERMEN	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
J. Cook	X		

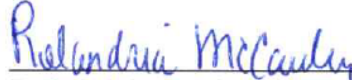
J. Benson	X		
E. Jennings	X		
S. Gay	X		
J. McGuffey	X		

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PLAIN DEALING, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, on December 23, 2024.

  
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