The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Louisiana, met in regular session at their regular meeting place the City Hall, Rayne, Louisiana, on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

There were absent: None.

The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, State of Louisiana, were duly convened as the governing authority of said City, by Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, who stated that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

There was a motion by Calise Michael Doucet to dispense with the reading of minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and motion carried.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and duly resolved and adopted on 12th day of February, 2018.

Resolution

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE THE MAYOR TO OBTAIN SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR COMPLEX LITIGATION CONCERNING CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES AGAINST OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE RESPONSIBLE (“OPIOID MATTERS”)

WHEREAS, Rayne City Government recognizes the necessity to retain special counsel to take direct responsibility to handle specific legal matters; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Rayne, it is imperative to have special counsel with experience in the areas of complex litigation, including the relevant opioid litigation and related Opioid Matters, to ensure that the best interests of the City and its citizens are served; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rayne Government recommends the appointment of (1) Berrigan Litchfield, LLC; (2) Huber Slack, Thomas & Marcella LLP; and, (3) Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP, and associated attorneys, firms and paralegals, as counsel in the Opioid Matters. The attorneys in these firms are experienced, with the requisite experience to render special counsel services and represent the City, its employees and the City’s interest regarding the Opioid Matters; and

WHEREAS, as are required for experience, knowledge and expertise, as required by the occasion, and at no additional cost or expense to the City of Rayne, the aforementioned counsel may choose to associate or retain any additional legal counsel in the Opioid Matters at no additional cost or exposure to the City of Rayne.

THE CITY OF RAYNE HEREBY RESOLVES that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in the areas of complex litigation concerning the opioid epidemic that is plaguing our city, as
well as other parts of the country, and, therefore, with its full binding and proper legal authority, the Rayne City Council authorizes, ratifies and approves the employment of (1) Berrigan Litchfield, LLC; (2) Huber Slack, Thomas & Marcelle LLP; and, (3) Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP and associated attorneys and paralegals, as special counsel for the City of Rayne and its employees, where applicable. The compensation authorized to be paid the three aforementioned firms shall be on contingency basis through a retainer agreement, and Larry Richard shall serve as liaison between the City of Rayne and the special counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (1) Berrigan Litchfield, LLC; (2) Huber Slack, Thomas & Marcelle LLP; and, (3) Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP, are authorized to conduct due diligence as to any claim or claims the City of Rayne may have as related to the subject matters and fully pursue said claim(s) on behalf of the City of Rayne.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (1) Berrigan Litchfield, LLC; (2) Huber Slack, Thomas & Marcelle LLP; and, (3) Barrios, Kingsdorf & Casteix, LLP, associated attorneys and paralegals, as are required for experience, knowledge and expertise, as required by the occasion, and at no additional cost or expense to the City of Rayne, may associate or retain any additional counsel in the Opioid Matters.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

This resolution was declared adopted on this 12th day of February, 2018.

Charles E. Robichaux
CHARLES E. ROBICHHAUX, MAYOR

Annette R. Cutrera
ANNETTE R. CUTREERA, CITY CLERK

CERTIFICATE

I, ANNETTE R. CUTREERA, City Clerk of the City of Rayne, LA, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the City of Rayne, LA in regular session on February 12, 2018.

BY: Annette R. Cutrera
ANNETTE R. CUTREERA, CITY CLERK

The City Clerk, Mrs. Annette R. Cutrera, presented the City of Rayne Monthly Financial Update as of December 31, 2017 included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds to the Council.

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot, the City Council approved the Jackie Wiltz representing the Ebonites Civic & Social Club request to extend their event hours at the Civic Center Auditorium on Saturday, May 5, 2018 past midnight.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Calise Michael Doucet, the City Council approved Mr. Farris Guillory representing the MDB Show request to host a Dog Show at the Rayne Fog Festival Pavilion on Saturday, March 24, 2018.
On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, the City Council approved a Street Dive for National Association of University Women to take place on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd on Hwy 90 / Texas Ave. & on Hwy. 90 / Hwy. 35.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, the City Council approved recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board to oppose a request by ARC of Acadian to re-zone a 1.15 acre tract of property located between South Eastern Ave and South Bradford St., Rayne, La from an R-1 to an R-3.

NAYS: 1 – Curtrese L. Minix ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, the City Council approved the request by Chief Stelly to declare a 2008 Dodge Charger, VIN # 283KA43H88I199080 as a surplus vehicle.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet carried.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Charles E. Robichaux
Charles E. Robichaux, Mayor

Annette R. Cutrera
Annette R. Cutrera, City Clerk