**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2022.**

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, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

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

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 E. “Chuck” Robichaux, who stated that the Board was ready for the transaction of business.

There was a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot to approve, correct, and dispense with the reading of minutes of the November 2022 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet, and motion carried.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Calise Michael Doucet a budget hearing was opened for the purpose of a public discussion on:

- Ordinance # 2033-2022 – An Ordinance adopting an amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, and

- Ordinance # 2034-2022 – An Ordinance to amend Section. 2-94 (c) Compensation and benefits., of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry the public budget hearing was closed.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following ordinance was offered by Kenneth J. Guidry and seconded by Calise Michael Doucet.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2033-2022**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDED OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 – See attached Budget FYE 9/30/23 – estimated amounts.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Councilmen of the City of Rayne, State of Louisiana, in general session convened that:

**SECTION 1:** The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operation Budget of Revenues for the City of Rayne, during the same period.

**SECTION 2:** The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the City of Rayne during the same period.

**SECTION 3**: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

**SECTION 4:** Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2022-2023 budget document, presented as Estimated amounts.

**SECTION 5:** The Mayor of the City of Rayne shall have the authority to make changes within each department’s operating budget to the extent that the department’s total budget allocation is not modified without approval by the governing authority (Board of Councilmen). Modifications which change a department’s total budget allocation must be approved by the Board of Councilmen. Additionally, all modifications to budgeted capital outlay must be approved by the Board of Councilmen.

The above ordinance was adopted on a vote taken by yeas and nays entered on the minutes of the clerk as follows:

YEAS: 4 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet.

NAYS: 1 - James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The ordinance is declared PASSED AND ADOPTED AT CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, on this 12th day of December 2022.

ATTEST:

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**ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

The following ordinance was offered by Calise Michael Doucet and seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2034-2022**

**To amend Section. 2-94 (c) Compensation and benefits., of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Rayne, Louisiana that:

Section 2-94 (c) Work Conditions be amended to read as follows:

Section. 2-94(c). - Compensation and benefits

(c)  Insurance. Through programs selected by the board, the city shall offer group hospitalization and major medical insurance coverage and life insurance coverage for full-time employees who are eligible for retirement through a municipal retirement system. The city shall not pay less than one-half of the premiums for such insurance. The city may make supplemental insurance programs available to full-time employees who are eligible for retirement through a municipal retirement system. However, the employee shall pay all of the premiums for such supplemental insurance. Coverage in an insurance program shall be optional for each full-time employee who is eligible for retirement through a municipal retirement system.

The above ordinance was adopted on a vote taken by yeas and nays entered on the minutes of the clerk as follows:

YEAS: 4 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet.

NAYS: 1 - James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The ordinance is declared PASSED AND ADOPTED AT CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, on this 12th day of December 2022.

ATTEST:

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**ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR**

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the City of Rayne financials for November 2022 which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot the appointment of Mike Bourque to the Planning and Zoning Board to replace deceased member Sanders Senegal was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry the approval of Denise Underwood to fill a vacancy on the Municipal Employee Civil Service Board was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Angelique Credeur and Kim Gatte introduced their new business Bioactive Infusion and Wellness, located at 100 W Louisiana Ave and announced and invited all to their Grand Opening on Friday, January 6, 2023, at 2:00pm.

Hilda Wiltz announced events for the 2023 MLK Celebration scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2023, and a proclamation signing on Friday, December 16, 2022 at 11:00am.

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry a request to approve a liquor permit for The Warehouse Event Venue and Jason Smith, owner was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The Engineer’s Report was presented by Brett Bayard.

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry the DOTD Road Transfer Program (“W. Jeff Davis Ave., N. Polk St. & Stadium Dr. Improvements”) was approved by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion, contingent upon LCDBG approval, by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot LCDBG FY 2020-21 Project (Rehabilitation of the Sewerage Collection System in North Rayne) (Change Order #1 for $11,600) was approved by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Curtrese L. Minix that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet and carried.

YEAS: 5 - Curtrese L. Minix, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, CITY CLERK CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, MAYOR