**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2020. NOTE: MEETING VIA ZOOM ON COMPUTER-BROADCAST OUTSIDE FOR ANY OVERFLOW.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Rayne, Louisiana, met in regular session at City Court located at 301 E Louisiana Avenue, Rayne, Louisiana, on Monday, August 10, 2020 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.

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 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 July 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

July 13, 2020 Minute Corrections----------------------------------------------------------------------------

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux to consider a request by the Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee to approve a variance from Donvohn ONeil to add a 10’ addition to the east side of his home at 621 East G St. This would violate the city’s 5’ minimum setback on side property lines. He also intends to add 3’ to the south side of his garage, which would violate the 25’ setback in an R-1 was carried.

YEAS: 4 – Curtrese L. Minix, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1- Kenneth J. Guidry

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Kenneth J. Guidry introduced Ordinance# 2020- An Ordinance to Amend the City of Rayne’s October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020 Budget.

Kenneth J. Guidry introduced Ordinance# 2021- An Ordinance to adopt an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.

Kenneth J. Guidry introduced Ordinance# 2022- An Ordinance to Sell Property Not needed for Public Purposes.

The City Clerk, Mrs. Annette R. Cutrera, presented the City of Rayne Monthly Financial Update as of July 31,2020 which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds to the Council.

Donald Landry addressed the council.

Travis Broussard addressed the council.

Stacy Ancelet addressed the council.

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Curtrese L. Minix a request to reappoint Sanders Senegal as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board for a 5-year term was carried expiring on August 10, 2025.

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 James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Curtrese L. Minix a request to appoint Melvin Lawrence as a member of the Rayne Recreation Board for a 5-year term was carried expiring on August 10, 2025.

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NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

New Sewer Fees were announced and will be effective on October 1, 2020.

**Sec. 78-109. - User fee.**

There is hereby authorized to be collected by the city from each contributor a monthly sewer service charge or user fee to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of administration, operation, maintenance, replacement and improvement of the sewer system, including the payment of debt service and reserve requirements on sewer revenue bonds of the city issued for the purposes of acquiring additions and improvements to the sewer system, as follows:

(1)  In the utility service area, a user fee as follows: For the first 3,000 gallons or less of wastewater discharge, ~~$12.00~~ $14.00 per month is levied as a minimum charge.

(2)  For all waste discharge in excess of 3,000 gallons a user fee in the amount of ~~$2.50~~ $4.03 per 1,000 gallon.

(Code 1958, § 14-13 last changing 7/10/1995 via Ordinance #919, which is currently Sec. 78-109. ; Last rate change was via Ordinance #1024, 14 years ago on 11/13/2006)

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry, 401 Live Oak to Take from the Table.

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 James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, 401 Live Oak has 60 days to clean up, remove junk, fence, etc. and cut grass on property.

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 James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, 207 7th Street has 90 days to demolish property.

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 Calise Michael Doucet, 500 6th Street has 30 days to clean up property, cut grass and keep house neat and tidy, remove abandoned vehicle.

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 701 W Anding has to clean property, demolish garage and white building and remove trailer in 90 days.

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 Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, 305 S Parkerson has 30 days to clean up property and board up structure, and 1 year to get succession completed.

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NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, 800 S Adams has 60 days to remove abandoned vehicles and list of specific items to be removed prepared by Mark Daigle.

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NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot, 610 W Branche has 60 days to remove junk completely out of public site (Mark Daigle will prepare a list of specific items), repair fence and per City Ordinances, no junk shall remain on City property.

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NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot the corner of Patricia and W Branche request Police to cite for zoning violation (Business on R-2 lot) for business on R-2 lot, 60 days for junk and any and all business related items to be removed from City property and property needs to be tidied.

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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.

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NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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