**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON MARCH 13, 2023.**

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, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

There were present: Mayor Charles E. “Chuck” Robichaux, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Brian Seth Mouton, 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 February 2023 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Calise Michael Doucet, and motion carried.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 introduced by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux.

ORDINANCE 2036-2023

An ordinance to enlarge and extend the boundaries and corporate limits of the City of Rayne so as to include within said boundaries and corporate limits additional lands situated within Acadia Parish, Louisiana more particularly described in said ordinance.

There was a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Brian Seth Mouton to hold a public hearing for the April 10, 2023 City Council Meeting for Ordinance 2036-2023 and motion carried.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and seconded by Brian Seth Mouton and duly resolved and adopted on this 13th day of March 2023.

**MWPP Resolution**

WHEREAS: **The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has directed the City of Rayne, Louisiana to perform a Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) audit on its Wastewater Treatment Facility located on W. Jefferson Davis Avenue and;**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Rayne, Louisiana wishes to guard the public health and assure discharge compliance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Rayne, Louisiana hereby informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) that it has set forth through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the following actions necessary to attain and maintain permit discharge compliance contained in LPDES Permit Number 0039055:

1. The City of Rayne expects to continue the rehabilitation of public leaks through an ongoing smoke testing/repair maintenance crew.
2. The City has increased its efforts toward combating stormwater intrusion into the sewerage collection system through a $450,000 grant under the FY 2020-2021 LCDBG Program. This project, now under construction, is locating and repairing defects in the collection system. This project is expected to require nearly $150,000 in local funds to match the grant.
3. The City has a notification program for private leaks. Private property owners are informed of defects discovered on their property, instructed to make repairs, and the repairs are monitored and cataloged.
4. The Barbara Street Pump Station Improvements and Force Main Extension Project was completed in 2019. The new system is online and pumping wastewater directly to the treatment plant. The Louisiana MWPP Annual Audit Report demonstrates how this has effectively ended a significant manhole overflow condition.
5. The American Rescue Plan Act granted $1,478,000 to the City of Rayne. The City is now proceeding with the Section Street Sewerage Pump Station and Force Main Project at an estimated cost of $1,250,000. This project will intercept and eliminate two existing pump stations, provide for pumping directly to the city’s Waste Water Treatment Facility, and is therefore expected to eliminate gravity system overflows near the intersection of Oak Street and Section Street.

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

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 13th day of March 2023.

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

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 **CERTIFICATE**

I, ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, Clerk of the City of Rayne, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on March 13, 2023 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

 **BY:**

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 CITY OF RAYNE

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux the City of Rayne financials for February 2023 which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Brian Seth Mouton and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the approval of a Street Drive request from National Association of University Women (NAUW) to be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 from 1pm-5pm and Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 9am-5pm on Highway 90/Texas Avenue and Highway 90/Polk Street was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux the approval of a Street Drive request from Rayne East Side Boxing Gym to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 7am-2pm on Highway 90/Texas Avenue and Highway 90/Highway 35 was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Kenneth J. Guidry the re-appointment of Terry Broussard as a member of Youth Recreation Board for a 5-year term effective April 1, 2023, was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Mark Lalande, Architect with The Lalande Group spoke about the progress of work through June 30, 2023, supplies and funding concerning the roof of the Rayne Civic Center.

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet to consider authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional architectural design services contract with The Lalande Group in connection with the “*Complete Repairs to the Roof of the Rayne Civic Center*”, a project funded in part through a State Treasury grant in the amount of $200,000 under Act 170 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature” with a bid date of on or about April 6, 2023 was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 to consider approval of Change Order No. 2 under the E.B. Feucht Construction contract to grant time extension and add construction pay items was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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, Flossie Leger Rozmestor owner of 308 N Cunningham was given 60 days to devise a plan of action and provide scope of work to Rodney Richard of Building Code Inspection Service. If no progress made within 30 days following the 60 days, it will be condemned and tagged for demolition was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Brian Seth Mouton and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry 301 Live Oak St owned by Anita Jones was condemned and given 60 days to demolish and if not completed within timeframe will be tagged for demolition was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Calise Michael Doucet 800 W Jeff Davis owned by Privat LeBlanc ET Al – C/O Mary LeBlanc was given 30 days to clean up the property was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Brian Seth Mouton and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot 802 W Jeff Davis owned by Phillip Leblanc was given 90 days to tear down the structure was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Brian Seth Mouton and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux 403 Holt with a trailer owned by Jud White was given 60 days to clean up the property was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Brian Seth Mouton and a second by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot 407 Holt owned by Cathy Wilson was given 60 days to clean up the property was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, 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 Tim Mader.

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and carried.

YEAS: 5 - Brian Seth Mouton, Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0