**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 14, 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, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

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

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 Calise Michael Doucet to approve, correct, and dispense with the reading of minutes of the February regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry, and motion carried.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot, seconded by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, and duly resolved and adopted on this **14th** day of **March 2022.**

######  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 will locate and repair 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 on line and pumping wastewater directly to the treatment plant. The 2021 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 last year. The City is now proceeding with the Section Street Sewerage Pump Station and Force Main Project at an estimated cost of $1,125,000. 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.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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 C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ANNETTE 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 14, 2022, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

 ANNETTE CUTRERA, CLERK

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Calise Michael Doucet to amend the agenda to consider ordering a tractor on State Contract for the Water Department was carried.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by Curtrese L. Minix, seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry and duly resolved and adopted on this **14th** day of **March 2022.**

**RESOLUTION**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Rayne (hereinafter the “City”) is in need of a Caterpillar 420 tractor (hereinafter the “Item”) for public purposes and the purchase of said Item would be in the best interest of the City of Rayne and its citizens;

 **WHEREAS,** the City has determined from State Central Purchasing that there is a competitively bid state contract under State Contract Number 4400018971 for a similar piece of equipment having the following specifications per the state contract: 4400018971

 **WHEREAS,** the City has contacted a local vendor, namely Louisiana Machinery Company LLC, for the purpose of determine that said vendor can provide the Item meeting the exact same specification as the state contract item and has obtained a written price quote for the purchase and delivery of the Item to the City the sum of which quote is $147,729.06.

**WHEREAS,** the delivered price offered by the local vendor for the Item of $147,729.06 does not exceed the state bid price or alternatively exceeds the state bid price by less than three (3%) percent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Rayne, purchase from Louisiana Machinery Company LLC the following Item for a total price including purchase price, shipping, preparation, and delivery of the Item for a sum not to exceed $147,729.06.

 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**  Charles E. Robichaux, Mayor of the City of Rayne be and he is hereby authorized to execute in the name and on behalf of the City of Rayne a purchase order, bill of sale or such other documents as may be necessary to affect said purpose.

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

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 14th day of March, 2022.

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 C E R T I F I C A T E

I, ANNETTE 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 14, 2022, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

 ANNETTE CUTRERA, CLERK

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the City of Rayne financials for February 2022 which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds were accepted by the Council.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Curtrese L. Minix to consider a request by City Hall to declare the following items as surplus:

 **MAKE MODEL VIN/ SN NUMBER**

 GE Room Air Conditioner AHS06LXW1 AL032018A

 Panasonic Printer Ribbon (9 boxes) KX-P115 N/A

 GRC Ribbons Tape (5) E275-NTBR N/A

 GRC Ribbons Tape (2) T387-HYB N/A

 IBM Selectric II N/A

 Lexmark Re-Inking Ribbon 1040930 N/A

 Calculator Ink 809659-001C N/A

 Star Ribbon Cassette RC700BR N/A

 Star Ribbon Cassette (3) RC700B N/A

 Star Micronics Ribbon Cassette (7) KOR336P Nylon

 1/2/” x 26’ Purple N/A

 Nukote (2) BM181 N/A

 Nukote (3) BM171 N/A

 Black and Red Ribbon (2)

 Unmarked packaging N/A N/A

 IBM- Yield Correctable film ribbon (5) 12990095 N/A

 IBM- Lift-Off Tape (2) 1136433 N/A

 IBM- Correctable Ribbon Cassette 1299508 N/A

 Nukote Calculator Ink (13) BR113N N/A

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet to reappoint Phillip Peltier to the Youth Recreation board for a term of 5 years beginning on April 1, 2022 and ending on March 31, 2027 was carried.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux to consider a request by Haseya’s New Beginning to hold a street drive on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm on Hwy. 90/Texas Avenue, Hwy. 90/Polk Street, and Hwy. 90/Hwy. 35.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux to consider a request by National Association University Women- Rayne Branch to hold a street drive on Friday, April 1, 2022, from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm and on Saturday, April 2, 2022 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Hwy. 90/Texas Avenue, Hwy. 90/Polk Street, and Hwy. 90/Hwy. 35.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

City Engineer Representative, Tim Mader, presented the Engineer’s Report.

On a motion by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry to award a construction contract in accordance with the letter of recommendation from Mader Engineering, Inc., contingent upon DEQ-SRF concurrence was carried.

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

 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 Kenneth J. Guidry and carried.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

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CHARLES E. ROBICHAUX, Mayor ANNETTE R. CUTRERA, City Clerk