**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 13, 2021.**

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 13, 2021 at 6:00 (six) o’clock p.m.

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

There were absent: Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux.

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 Curtrese L. Minix to approve, correct, and dispense with the reading of minutes of the November regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Kenneth J. Guidry, and motion carried.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet a public hearing was opened for the purpose of discussions and comments regarding the fate and regulation of City of Rayne Ordinance 10-2 – Sales of alcoholic beverages limited: Sunday closing.

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

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The Council opened the meeting for discussion on the issue of the possibility and feasibility of introducing an Ordinance in January 2022 to amend ordinance 10-2 to state that the sale of alcoholic beverages may not occur on Sundays from 2:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 10:00 p.m. Sunday to 6:00 a.m. Monday and following the introduction of such an ordinance to have a public hearing upon that ordinance at the February 2022 Council meeting followed by Council taking action during the regular meeting.

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the public hearing was closed.

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The following ordinance was introduced by Calise Michael Doucet.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2028-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1063, REAPPORTIONING SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF RAYNE, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE THE 2020 CENSUS.**

The City Clerk, Mrs. Annette R. Cutrera, requested acceptance of City of Rayne Financials which included budget to actual comparisons on the major funds to the Council.

On a motion by Curtrese L. Minix and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the financials were accepted by the Council.

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

 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Curtrese L. Minix to consider the following items to be surplus by City Hall was carried.

* Curtain Rods and Curtains

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 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux

On a motion by Calise Michael Doucet and a second by Curtrese L. Minix to request approval of new City Attorney, Michael “Mike” Landry to replace Larry Richard (retired) as the new City Attorney.

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 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 - Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux

 On a motion by Kenneth J. Guidry and a second by Calise Michael Doucet to consider approval of Change Order No. 002 to the construction contract with Garden City Construction for “Rayne Sidewalks, Phase II”.

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On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry to consider a request by Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee to approve a variance from Garland Smith to build a storage building on the east side of his property at 406 Marjorie which violates the 5’ setback requirements.

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On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry to consider a request by Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee to approve the renewal of Lee Seilhan as chairman of the Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee for the 2022 calendar year.

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

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.

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