**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING, HELD ON FEBRUARY 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, February 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 Kenneth J. Guidry to approve, correct, and dispense with the reading of minutes of the January 2023 regular council meeting and approved them as written and distributed. This was seconded by Brian Seth Mouton, 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

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

 - Ordinance # 2035-2023 – Amends Code of Ordinances of City of Rayne entitled “Sec. 10-2. Sales of alcoholic beverages limited; Sunday closing.”

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 Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux the public budget hearing was closed.

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

There were several speaker cards and citizens spoke both for and against the Ordinance.

The following ordinance was offered by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and seconded by Brian Seth Mouton.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2035-2023**

**An ordinance to amend that section of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rayne entitled "Sec. 10-2. Sale of alcoholic beverages limited; Sunday closing." relative to the provisions of said ordinance regulating or prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages on certain days such that said section upon its amendment should read in its entirety as follows (the amended language being highlighted in bold italicized print for illustration):**

It shall be unlawful for any permittee and licensee to sell or permit the sale of alcoholic beverages or alcoholic liquors under the laws of the state or to have his place of business opened for business or otherwise to commit customers or other persons to be in or to come into his place of business or to have his lights on in his place of business or permit them to be turned on ***on Sundays from 2 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 10:00 p.m. Sundays to 6:00 a.m. the following Mondays*** except as authorized or prohibited under the laws of the state as presently or hereafter enacted.

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

 YEAS: 2 - Brian Seth Mouton, James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot

 NAYS: 3 – Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet

 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

The ordinance is declared FAILED AT CITY OF RAYNE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, on this 13th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:

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

On a motion by James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Brian Seth Mouton the City of Rayne financials for Janaury 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 James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the re-appointment of Phil Hebert as a board member of Fire District 9 for another term 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 the approval of a Street Drive request from Precious Paw Prints Animal Rescue to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2023 from 9am to 4pm on Highway 90/Texas Avenue, Highway 90/Highway 35 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 Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Brian Seth Mouton the approval of a Street Drive request from J & K Hope Center to be held on Friday, February 24, 2023 from 1pm to 5pm and Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9am to 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 James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Kenneth J. Guidry a request from the Utility Department to declare the following as surplus: 1 – 2003 Ford, vin # 1FTRF17253NB62264 was approved 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 a request from the Water Department to declare the following as surplus: 1 – Panasonic Microwave, model # NN-SN744S, serial #6888220434 was approved 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 a request from City Hall to declare the following as surplus: 1- Galaxy electronic sign, model # OA-1472-2220, serial # 1001 was approved 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 a request from the Water Department to declare the following as surplus: 1- Fluke 17B+ Multimeter was approved 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

Romel Charles addressed the Council concerning licensing and permits, requesting that they not be automatically renewed, especially if there are many calls to the Police Department

On a motion from James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot and a second by Calise Michael Doucet the **Motion to TAKE from the table** – Appointment of Lee Seilhan as chairman of Planning and Zoning Committee for the 2023 Calendar year 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 a request to consider the confirmation of appointment of Lee Seilhan as chairman of Planning and Zoning Committee for the 2023 Calendar year was accepted by the Council.

YEAS: 4 - Kenneth J. Guidry, Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux, Calise Michael Doucet and James A. “Jimmy” Fontenot.

 NAYS: 1 - Brian Seth Mouton ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

On a motion by Brian Seth Mouton and a second by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux a request by the Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee to approve a variance from Clayton & Ellen Dailey to open an Esthetics business at 611 Clegg St which is zoned R-1 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 a request by the Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee to approve a variance from Jared Corby & Meagan Molbert to construct a garage on the south side of their property at 402 N Parkerson which would violate the city’s 10’ setback requirements 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 a request by the Rayne Planning and Zoning Committee to approve the formation of a Historic District and a Historic District Committee within the City of Rayne and the proposed ordinance governing same 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 Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Calise Michael Doucet a request by Trevor Meche of The Crawfish Hut for a liquor permit contingent upon final approval by the Board of Health 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 Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux and a second by Brian Seth Mouton the Approval of Construction Plans and Specifications and authorize the public bid process for America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project (“New Section Ave. Sanitary Sewer Pump Station and Force Main” project) 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 the Approval of Construction Plans and Specifications and authorize the public bid process for “Robert Street Drainage Improvements” Project 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

There being no further business to come before the Council, there was a motion by Calise Michael Doucet that the meeting be adjourned, this was seconded by Lendell J. “Pete” Babineaux 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