

Speeding, parking violations in Plain Dealing

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In an unsigned column titled "Ringside: For Men, Women and Children Only," *The Bossier Banner-Progress* issue of September 11, 1952 addressed four questions about Plain Dealing.

1. "How can we stop speeding through Plain Dealing?"
2. "What type Vendors Ordinance is most applicable?"
3. "How is best to arrange parking on Lynch Street?"
4. "Can anyone use a skating rink?"

"The Town Council during its monthly meeting round tabled the above questions during a short, four hour session Tuesday, Sept. 9th."

"Round one was won by a stop light of which is to be erected immediately at the Bank intersection down town—perhaps later to be supplemented by caution lights on the approaches into town. Law enforcement [sic] officers were encouraged [sic] to pass out a few speeding tickets—for a fee—as further insurance."

Round two was a draw, possibilities of some type Vendors Ordinance being drawn up that would do justice to both Vendor and the merchant. The legal department is working to accomplish this end."

"Round three showed progress toward having something final to report at the next meeting on the Lynch Street parking situation. Shall it be one-way traffic with parking on one side or two-way traffic with parallel parking on both sides? Let's see!"

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“Round four was an effort to help promote a use for the local skating rink building from an industrial standpoint—perhaps some industrial prospects can be contacted, thru the various organizations in town, that would have a use for a building of this type containing approximately 10,000 square feet of floor space. How about it?”

“Any citizen desiring to make suggestions on above projects should feel free to do so—either by mail or in person to the City Council. Financial suggestions especially invited.”

Note: In 2012 the Plain Dealing Skating Rink has long since been torn down and the wood used for other purposes.

For more information about Plain Dealing and other cities, towns and villages in Bossier Parish, contact the Bossier Parish Library Historical Center.

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