

Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Special Meeting December 29, 2011

The Mayor and Council met in special session on Thursday, December 29, 2011, at 7:00 P.M., at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

A. Call to Order, B. Opening Prayer, C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Richard Champagne called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Town Clerk Gerard Leonard, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Champagne.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Richard Champagne, Councilmen Donovan Barker, Paul Champagne, Rodney Hartman, Craig Rogers, and Weldon Triche. Also present were Town Attorney Mitch Theriot, Police Chief Warren Vedros, Assistant Town Clerk Danielle Williams, Parish President Charlotte Randolph, Parish Councilman Phillip Gouaux, George Randolph, Armand Autin, Freddie Delaune, Kenny Matherne, Mike Glaspell, Clay Bread, and Herbert Plank.

E. Select Project Manager for Wind Hardening of Town Hall

Councilman Barker made a motion to approve a resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Project Management Services Contract for Installation of Hurricane Protection to GSE Associates, LLC (Providence/GSE). Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F. Public Hearing

Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Hartman seconded the motion to suspend the regular meeting and to open a public hearing on the following topics. The motion carried unanimously.

Town Attorney Mitch Theriot explained that a petition was received from Valentine, LLC requesting annexation of a portion of McCleod Plantation into the corporate limits of the Town of Lockport. A signed petition from the registered voters that reside on McCleod Road was submitted to the Town. A certificate was obtained from the Registrar of Voters certifying the petition contains a written assent of a majority of the voters within the area being annexed. Also, a certificate was obtained from the Tax Assessor's Office certifying that according to their records, Valentine, LLC is the owner of the property. An assessment of the property was obtained from the Tax Assessor's Office. The Registrar's Office certified that there are no voters on the Town's property known as the Old Company Canal Locks. The Assessor's Office Certified that the Town owns the Locks and that the property is exempt from property taxes. Mr. Theriot went on to explain the Ordinances that were drafted for the proposed annexation.

1. Annexation- McCleod Plantation

Mayor Champagne asked the audience for questions or comments regarding annexation of McCleod Plantation. Mr. Freddie Delaune asked the assessed value of the McCleod Plantation. Mr. Theriot answered that the assessed value of the entire property is \$4,849.00 and a new assessment of the annexed portion would be done if and when the annexation is complete. Mr. Delaune then stated the proposed annexation could have been easily extended to include two businesses, thus increasing the Town's tax revenue. Mr. Delaune asked if C-1 zoning allows for a school. Councilman Rogers answered that C-1 does allow for schools.

2. Annexation- Old Company Canal Locks

Mayor Champagne asked the audience for questions or comments regarding annexation of the Old Company Canal Locks. Mr. Herbert Plank, 109 East Lafourche Street, expressed his concerns about the Town annexing the Locks. Mr. Plank said the only thing that has been done to the property since the Town acquired the Locks was put up "No Trespassing" signs, which prohibits people from visiting a historic site. Mr. Plank was also concerned with the bridge put in by the Parish to access the Locks. He asked who would be responsible for maintaining the substandard bridge, should the Town annex the property.

Mayor Champagne answered that the Town is in the process of getting bids on constructing a railing around the Locks. Mayor Champagne feels the bridge is substantial and can handle any traffic that has to pass.

Mr. Freddie Delaune expressed his feelings that there is zero opportunity or upside to incorporating the Locks, no tax benefit, and liability of the bridge crossing the property is unknown. Mr. Delaune is concerned about squatter's rights of property owners that have sheds on the property and questioned if that was looked into when the Town accepted the donation of the property. Mr. Delaune asked the benefit and need of incorporating the Locks. Councilman Barker responded that the Locks is a historic piece of property and he does not see any reason why the Town should not incorporate. Councilman Rogers added that by incorporating the property, the police department can have jurisdiction on the property.

Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Hartman seconded a motion to end the public hearing and to resume the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Ordinance

1. Adoption- McCleod Plantation

Councilman Barker moved to accept the ordinance adopting portion of the McCleod Plantation into the corporate limits of the Town of Lockport. There was a unanimous second to the motion from the Council and the motion carried.

2. Adoption- Old Company Canal Locks

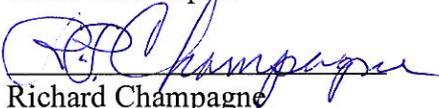
Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Triche seconded a motion accepting the ordinance adopting the Old Company Canal Locks into the corporate limits of the Town of Lockport. Councilman Champagne expressed his concerns over the bridge's ownership. Mr. Theriot replied that he would have to research ownership of the bridge and the dedication of the street passing through the property. Councilman Rogers asked Parish President Randolph (in the audience) if she knew the answer to any issues being discussed. Mrs. Randolph replied that she felt the matter should be researched by an attorney. Councilman Hartman said he would like the bridge issue researched further before the ordinance is adopted. Councilman Rogers removed his motion and Councilman Triche removed his second to the motion and the issue was tabled until further notice.

H. Adjourn

The next scheduled town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Rogers to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Barker and carried unanimously at 7:39 PM.



Gerard Leonard
Town Clerk

Town of Lockport

Richard Champagne
Mayor

It was moved by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Triche that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Project Management Services Contract for Installation of Hurricane Protection.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport did receive project management bids on the Installation of Hurricane Protection, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bid was that submitted by GSE Associates, LLC (Providence/GSE) in Houma, Louisiana, in the Lump Sum bid amount of \$5,885.00, and

WHEREAS, the project is funded in part by the State of Louisiana, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lockport award the project management contract to GSE Associates, LLC (Providence/GSE) in Houma, Louisiana, in the overall Lump Sum bid amount of \$5,885.00, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lockport does hereby authorize the Mayor of Lockport to execute the project management services contract for and on behalf of the Town of Lockport with GSE Associates, LLC (Providence/GSE), upon receipt of the performance bond in the amount of the contract price, and

WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Barker, Champagne, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 29th day of December, 2011.


Richard P. Champagne, Mayor
Town of Lockport

I, Gerard Leonard, Clerk of the Town of Lockport, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lockport, at a meeting held on the 29th day of December, 2011, at which meeting a quorum was present and voted and that said Resolution is now in full force and effect.

WITNESS MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE this 29th day of December, 2011.


Gerard Leonard, Clerk
Town of Lockport

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-018

An ordinance to enlarge the boundaries
Of the Town of Lockport

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lockport Town Council in special session assembled hereby enlarges the boundaries of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana as follows, to wit:

SECTION 1: That the boundaries of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana are hereby enlarged and extended by adding and including the following area to wit:

Commencing at the intersection of the northernmost property line of Kyle J. and Kate Matherne Loupe and the easternmost right of way line of LA Hwy 308, point "A", being the point of beginning; Thence South 47°31'57" East to the left descending bank of Bayou Lafourche to point "B"; Thence meandering along the left descending bank of Bayou Lafourche a distance of 6364', more or less, to point "C"(being the southeast corner of property belonging to Rodney Daigle); Thence North 06°55'39" East along the eastern boundary line of Rodney Daigle property a distance of 161.09' to the intersection with the southernmost right of way of LA Hwy 655 (East Main Street or Old Hwy 308) to point "D"; Thence North 84°04'03" West, a distance of 742.42' to point "E", Thence South 06°55'39" West, a distance of 59.83' to point "F"; Thence along a curve bending to the right having a radius of 421.01', an arc length of 685.00', a chord bearing of North 11°09'56" West, and a chord distance of 611.90' to point "G"; Thence North 32°57'39" West, a distance of 563.27' to point "H"; Thence North 57°25'50" East, a distance of 215.47' to point "I"; Thence North 33°05'30" West, a distance of 102.84' to point "J"; Thence North 35°04'20" West, a distance of 258.84' to point "K"; Thence North 42°27'25" West, a distance of 56.18' to point "L"; Thence South 57°25'50" West, a distance of 193.64' to point "M"; Thence North 32°57'39" West, a distance of 700.00' to point "N"; Thence along the southernmost bank line of Company Canal North 57°02'21" East, a distance of 866.31' to point "O"; Thence continuing along the southernmost bank line of company Canal North 74°03'51" East, a distance of 2521', more or less, to the intersection with the western right of way line of the Southern Pacific Railroad to point "P"; Thence along the western right of way line of Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a distance of 4041.4', more or less, to point "Q" (being the intersection with the McLeod Plantation drainage canal); Thence southwest along the centerline of the McLeod Plantation drainage canal, a distance of 2141', more or less, to the intersection of the easternmost right of way line of LA Hwy 308, to point "R"; Thence southeast along the easternmost right of way line of LA Hwy 308, a distance of 3848', more or less, to the intersection of the northernmost property line of Kyle J. and Kate Matherne Loupe and the easternmost right of way line of LA Hwy 308, point "A", the point of beginning.

Said property includes the entire right of way of LA Hwy 308 and LA Hwy 655 that abuts the above described property.

Said property is illustrated on that map entitled "MAP SHOWING THE ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY OF MCLEOD PLANTATION TO THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT, located in Section 15 & 16, T16S-R19E", prepared by GSE Associates, LLC and dated December 15, 2011. Said map is attached hereto and forms part hereof.

SECTION 2; Be it further ordained that the property described hereinabove shall be zoned as C-1, neighborhood commercial district, as defined in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Lockport; and the said Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to reflect the C-1 zoning designation.

SECTION 3; Be it further ordained that this ordinance shall not become operative until thirty (30) days after it has been published in the official journal of the Town of Lockport in order to meet the requirements of law.

Said ordinance was put to a vote on the 29th day of December, 2011 and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Barker, Champagne, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Thus read and adopted this 29th day of December, 2011.


Richard P. Champagne, Mayor


Gerard Leonard, Town Clerk