

Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 19, 2012

The Mayor Pro Tem and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 7:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Champagne called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Town Clerk Danielle Williams, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Champagne.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Pro Tem Paul Champagne, Councilmen Donovan Barker, Rodney Hartman, Craig Rogers, and Weldon Triche. Absent: Mayor Richard Champagne (for cause). Also present was Police Chief Warren Vedros and Town Attorney Mitch Theriot.

E. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the May 15, 2012, meeting that were distributed to the Councilmen. Councilman Barker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for the month ending May 31, 2012

Mr. Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2012, that were distributed to the Councilmen. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilman Barker seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Police Report

Mr. Champagne called on Police Chief Warren Vedros to report on his department's activities. Chief Vedros distributed copies of the monthly activity report. Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Triche seconded a motion to accept the police report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

H. GSE Report

Mr. Champagne called on Clay Breaud of GSE, who gave the monthly engineering status report, as follows:

1. Wind Hardening of Town Hall Complex:

Substantial completion inspection was conducted on June 7, 2012. The contractor is waiting on FEMA to approve a change order for a storm door.

2. Comeaux/Elizabeth Street Drain Culvert Repair:

A cost proposal was accepted from Ellender Backhoe & Dozer Service. The pipe was delivered and work should begin this week. GSE also provided a cost to repair the rest of the pipe to SCPDC in the amount of \$280,000. SCPDCA has applied for a \$150,000 grant from Delta Regional Authority for this project.

3. LGAP Grant:

The Town has applied for sewer rehab work on Vacherie Street. The Town was awarded \$12,234.

4. School and Second Street Drainage:

A cost proposal in the amount of \$22,504 from Ellender Backhoe & Dozer Service was accepted. The contractor is awaiting delivery of pipe.

5. CES has begun conducting their assessment of sewer lines in the Southeast quadrant of Town, as approved by the Council at the last meeting.

I. Mike Pierce Trucking

Mr. Champagne called on Mr. Mike Pierce. Mr. Pierce said his presence was requested because his zoning variance expired on March 16, 2012. He asked the Council to extend his zoning variance, because he has not been able to move his business out of town due to the poor economy. Councilman Triche asked the status of his property outside of town. Mr. Pierce said the road was about 50% complete, but there is no facility there at this time. Councilman Hartman recommended extending Mr. Pierce's variance for two years. Mr. Champagne asked Mr. Pierce to come back next year and update the Council on his progress. Mr. Pierce obliged. Mr. Theriot asked Mr. Pierce to pay his occupational license for this year. Mr. Pierce said he would pay it tomorrow morning. Councilman Rogers made a motion to extend Mike Pierce Trucking's zoning variance for a period of two years from March 16, 2012, to March 16, 2014. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Executive Session: Prospective Litigation on Condemned Property and Neglected Property

Councilman Rogers made a motion to suspend the regular meeting and go into Executive Session, with the Executive Session including Chief Vedros. The motion was seconded by Councilman Triche and it carried unanimously. [The Council exited to the Mayor's office and the Executive Session lasted from 7:26pm to 7:48pm.] Councilman Triche made a motion to end the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rogers and it carried unanimously.

K. Restrooms at Bayou Side Park

Councilman Triche reported that he met with Mr. Milton Arabie, Recreation District #2, and got a copy of the blueprints they used for the restrooms. Mr. Triche projects the restrooms can be built for \$70,000-\$80,000. He said he could get everything to go out for bids by the next Council meeting. Councilman Rogers asked Administration to get quotes for the restrooms instead of waiting until the next meeting. Mr. Champagne asked Councilman Triche to get all the information to the Town Hall so that Administration can get quotes on materials.

L. Municode

Mr. Champagne asked that two Councilmen get together to review Municode using Mr. Jerry Leonard's notes. Chief Vedros reported that the criminal section is up-to-date, but Municode did not publish the chapters correctly. Chief Vedros added that someone has to type all the corrections and then submit the corrections to Municode.

M. Resolutions

1. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Year Ended June 30, 2012

A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilman Rogers to adopt the above stated resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

2. D.L. Daigle Substantial Completion

A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Triche to adopt the above stated resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Support Lafourche Parish's Emergency Operations Plan

A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Barker to adopt the above stated resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Adopt Culvert Ordinance

Mr. Theriot announced that he changed the wording to make it clear that it is the property owner's responsibility to have the culvert installed. Mr. Champagne recognized Parish Councilman Philip Gouaux, to explain the Parish's culvert ordinance. Mr. Gouaux explained that the Attorney General's opinion was that services cannot be performed on private property without recouping the cost of the services. Councilman Rogers requested a copy of the Parish's Culvert Ordinance and a copy of the Town's culvert ordinance for comparison at the next meeting.

O. Open topics

1. Smoke testing report

Councilman Rogers made a motion authorizing the Town Attorney to send letters to all individuals noncompliant in Phase II smoke testing. Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Clear trees from main drainage ditch from Crescent Ave to First Street

Mr. Champagne asked Mr. Theriot to try to get the right-of-ways, because the Levee District is willing to help if the town has right-of-ways.

3. Committee for Expansion of Lockport

No report.

4. Street Repairs

No report.

5. Restrooms at Bayou-Side Park

Discussed during Agenda Item K.

6. Municode

Discussed during agenda item L.

7. Derelict/dilapidated structures

Mr. Champagne called on Mr. Farrel Comeaux, who owns a property at Vacherie and Eighth Streets. Mr. Comeaux reported that he had several health issues which prevented him from working on the property. He also has several other properties that he has been working on since Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Comeaux said he plans to have hardy plank siding on the house within 3-4 months. Mr. Champagne asked Mr. Comeaux to report to the Council in 3-4 months. Mr. Comeaux thanked everyone for their patience in this matter.

8. School Street Drainage-GSE prepared scope of work

Repairs are being made at Second and School Street. Councilman Rogers made a motion to call for a Public Hearing to introduce adopting the drainage study on the southern side of School Street between Crescent Avenue and the 40 Arpent Canal as an ordinance.

9. High driveway on Barrilleaux Street

This item was completed on June 4, 2012.

Reports

1. Councilman Champagne- No report
2. Councilman Hartman- No report
3. Councilman Barker- No report.
4. Councilman Rogers- No report
5. Councilman Triche- Councilman Triche thanked the Town Crew for cutting the grass around the old "Welcome to Lockport" sign.

R. Citizens Comments

- Mr. Eddie Guidroz asked if there is anything he can do to save his house that was condemned by the inspector from SCPDC. Mr. Champagne said that Administration will get a copy of the inspector's report and review his findings. Mr. Guidroz asked if he tore that house down and moved a house onto the property, would he have to get that house inspected before it is moved onto the property. Mr. Theriot recommended having it inspected, but added that the Town does not have the authority to tell him to have it inspected before it is moved into town. Mr. Theriot asked Mr. Guidroz to come back next meeting to get an answer on the condemnation.
- Parish Councilman Philip Gouaux addressed the Council. Mr. Gouaux reported on all the projects that he supported for the Town's benefit. Mr. Gouaux asked the Town to cut the grass on the drainage canal. Councilman Hartman responded that the Town only has a three-man crew, and asking them to take on additional work is unfair. Mr. Gouaux asked the Town to work with the Parish and to communicate with him more. Mr. Gouaux added that he has attended meetings at the North Lafourche Levee District for 27 years and he supports them and fights for this area. Councilman Hartman expressed his disapproval of Mr. Gouaux's statement supporting a Consolidated Government. Mr. Gouaux defended his statement by saying it may better Lafourche Parish as a whole to be a consolidated government. Councilman Hartman said he would like to work together and move ahead.

T. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Triche to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Barker and carried unanimously at 9:00PM.

Town of Lockport



Richard P. Champagne, Mayor



Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 2012-011

**A Written Resolution adopting the
Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
As of June 30, 2012 and for the
Year then ended.**

WHEREAS, the preparation and adoption of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a requirement part of the financial and compliance audit of Louisiana governmental units, and

WHEREAS, the auditing firm of Stagni & Company LLC is in the process of performing a financial and compliance audit of the Town of Lockport as of June 30, 2012 and for the year then ended; and

WHEREAS, the required Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as of June 30, 2012 and for the year then ended has been prepared and presented to the Town Council for review and adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council on behalf of the Town of Lockport, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as of June 30, 2012 and for the year then ended, be hereby accepted and approved, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the auditing firm of Stagni & Company LLC.

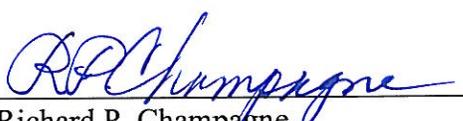
WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilman Barker, Hartman, Rogers, Triche

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

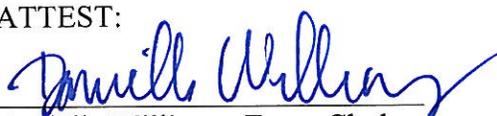
READ, RENDERED, and ADOPTED on the 19th day of June, 2012.


Richard P. Champagne
MAYOR, TOWN OF LOCKPORT

I, Danielle Williams, 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 19th day of June, 2012, 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 21st day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

It was moved by Rogers and seconded by Triche, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by D. L. Daigle and Company, LLC for the construction of the Installation of Hurricane Protection, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, by contract dated January 17, 2012, the Town of Lockport did award a contract for the construction of the Installation of Hurricane Protection, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, under Entry No. 1127140 of the records of Lafourche Parish, and

WHEREAS, the work performed under this contract have been inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, Engineer and Contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the contract is hereby declared to be substantially completed effective as of the date of the recording of this Resolution and that the Town of Lockport has accepted and does by these presents accept the work of D. L. Daigle and Company, LLC, 2233 Piedmont Street, Kenner, Louisiana, 70062, under said contract and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Lafourche Parish to note thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1127140 of the records of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Barker, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche

NAYS: None

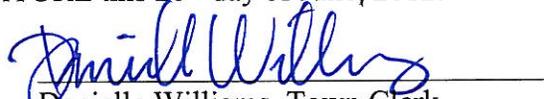
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 19th day of June, 2012.


Richard Champagne, Mayor
Town of Lockport

I, Danielle Williams, 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 19th day of June, 2012, 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 20th day of June, 2012.


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk
Town of Lockport

On motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Triche, the following resolution was introduced and adopted;

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-013

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LAFOURCHE PARISH EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID PLAN AND ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the emergency operations plan is reviewed by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) every four years and once a year by the support agencies in the parish or after an emergency event occurring in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport would use said plan in the event of an emergency in Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness along with support agencies in the parish have rewritten the plan to the emergency support functions (ESF) format; and

WHEREAS, this plan will help the Town of Lockport and support agencies better understand their responsibilities and positions in the event of an emergency in the parish; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Lockport convened in regular session on June 19, 2012 and does hereby approve the Emergency Operations Plan and authorizes the Mayor to sign, execute and administer said plan and any and all relevant documents.

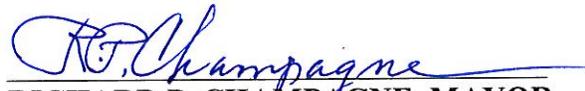
This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Barker, Hartman, Rogers, Triche

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of June, 2012.


RICHARD P. CHAMPAGNE, MAYOR
TOWN OF LOCKPORT

I, Danielle Williams, Town Clerk for the Town of Lockport, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2012-013 adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on June 19, 2012 at which meeting a quorum was present.


DANIELLE WILLIAMS, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF LOCKPORT