

Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 15, 2013

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

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

Mayor Paul Champagne called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Town Clerk Danielle Williams. The Pledge of Allegiance was then led by Mayor Champagne.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Paul Champagne, Councilmembers Donovan Barker, Sharon Guidry, Rodney Hartman, Craig Rogers, and Weldon Triche. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Danielle Williams, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief of Police Warren Vedros, Floyd Cretini, Jr, Scotty Guidry, Scott Guidry, Diane Mataya, Jennifer Mataya, Warren Chauvin, Mary Lynn Blanchard, Barbara Hill, Eugene Ryman, and Stephanie Ryman.

E. Approval of Minutes- September 17, 2013

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the September 17, 2013, meeting that were distributed to the Councilmen. Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Barker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for the month ending September 30, 2013

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2013, that were distributed to the Councilmen. Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Triche seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Police Report

Mayor Champagne called on Police Chief Warren Vedros to report on his department's activities. Chief Vedros distributed copies of the monthly activity report. A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Triche to approve the Chief's recommendation to hire Michael Kraemer for the vacant police officer position, setting a salary of \$37,003.44, which includes supplemental pay. Councilman Rogers moved and Councilwoman Guidry seconded a motion to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

H. GSE Report

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

1. Sewer Rehabilitation (Southeast Quadrant):

A pre-bid meeting was held on October 3, 2013. An addendum was sent on October 7, 2013. Bid opening was held at 10:00AM on October 15, 2013. A recommendation of award was given to the Mayor prior to this meeting. DEQ has to concur with the award before it is approved. A resolution awarding the contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc., upon concurrence with DEQ was presented to the Council. A motion by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Rogers to adopt the resolution carried unanimously.

2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Western Quadrants):

SCPDC is submitting an LCDBG application in hopes of receiving a grant to assist in the rehabilitation of the western quadrants.

3. Sewer Rehabilitation (Western and Northeast Quadrants):

A capital outlay request for the sewer rehabilitation project was submitted last year and the Town was granted \$110,000 (Priority 5). This money has not yet been issued, so it cannot be used for the Southeast Quadrant. GSE submitted for capital outlay money again this year, hoping to increase the priority level of the \$110,000 and receive an additional \$200,000.

4. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northeastern Quadrants):

Providence/GSE will submit a proposal for an engineering agreement amendment to the Mayor for approval so that the design of the rehabilitation of the Northeast Quadrant can begin.

I. Proclamations

- 1. Disability Awareness Month**
- 2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- 3. Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Mayor Champagne read aloud the above three proclamations. Mayor Champagne presented the proclamation for Disability Awareness Month to Mr. Warren Chauvin. A motion was made by Councilman Triche and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to adopt the above three proclamations. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Hartman to go into public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Public Hearings:

1. To discuss and consider subdividing the property located at 730 Crescent Avenue as C-1 property

Ms. Julie Cheramie, J Wayne Plaisance Engineering, was in attendance to represent Mr. Miles Bouvier. Ms. Cheramie explained the reason for the subdivision of the property. Ms. Cheramie asked the Council if they would like to add signature lines for the Mayor, Planning Commission Chairman, and the property owner to confirm approval of the subdivision. Councilman Rogers questioned the spots on the plat and the property lines. Mayor Champagne affirmed. Ms. Cheramie explained that the streets were not built according to the property maps and encroached on property lines. Ms. Cheramie further explained discrepancies with different surveys, maps, and the property lines. Councilman Rogers asked that the properties be classified as C-1 zoned properties. Mayor Champagne asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Council and there were none. Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience and there were none.

2. To discuss an ordinance to rezone the property at 616 and 618 Barrilleaux Street from C-1 to R-1

Mr. Eugene Ryman requested to have his two lots located at 616 and 618 Barrilleaux Street rezoned from C-1 to R-1 so that he can build a residential home. Councilman Hartman asked the size of the lots. Mr. Ryman answered that the total residential lots measure 75'x120'.

There was a motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Triche to go back into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Ordinance to rezone the property at 616 and 618 Barrilleaux Street from C-1 to R-1

Councilman Rogers made a motion to adopt the above stated ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Triche and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to approve the subdivision requested by Mr. Miles Bouvier for the property located at 730 Crescent Avenue and for the property to stay C-1 zoned property. Councilman Rogers so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Barker and it carried unanimously.

L. Reports

1. Mayor

Mayor Champagne invited everyone to the temporary Vietnam War exhibit at the Bayou Lafourche Folklife and Heritage Museum. Opening day is November 16, 2013. Mayor Champagne mentioned the 25 year anniversary festivities at Victory Life Church November 3 & 6-10, 2013. Mayor Champagne asked Mr. Huddleston the process of getting rid of surplus equipment. Mr. Huddleston said that if the value is less than \$5,000, the Council can declare it surplus, advertise for bids stating a minimum price, and get rid of the property or enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with another government agency who may have a need or use for the equipment. Mr. Huddleston added that the town should have a policy in place to dispose of unused, unneeded, or outdated equipment, whether it is declared surplus or salvage. Mayor Champagne requested a list of equipment to be declared surplus/disposed of so the process could begin to get rid of unused or outdated property.

2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Guidry, a nine year breast cancer survivor, was very appreciative of the proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Councilwoman Guidry thanked Councilman Triche for fixing the light at the park. Councilwoman Guidry asked if there was any attention given to the blighted property problem in town. Councilwoman Guidry also asked for an update on the problems with garbage trucks in town. Mayor Champagne said there was no update to report.
- b. Councilman Barker asked Mayor Champagne to contact the owners of the old church located on Sixth Street regarding the derelict condition of the structure.

- c. Councilman Triche announced that Spook in the Park will be held again this year on Halloween. Hotdogs, chili, and possibly popcorn will be served. Councilman Triche asked for volunteers to sit on the benches and hand out candy. He also requested volunteers to give out hotdogs.
- d. Councilman Rogers requested the Council and Administration to pursue the idea of using satellite garbage trucks in the southwest section of town. Councilman Rogers confirmed with Mayor Champagne that the wharf at the park will be finished by Thanksgiving. Councilman Rogers asked Administration to look into the town's process for addressing blighted properties and welcomed any recommendations for ordinances that may be needed to correctly address this problem.

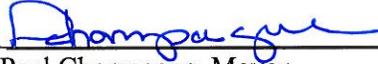
M. Citizens Comments-

- Ms. Mary Lynn Blanchard said her neighbor's ditch is overgrown. She said the company cutting the grass is not cutting or cleaning the ditch. Mayor Champagne said he will cut or spray the ditch if it does not get done by someone else. Ms. Blanchard asked if someone could check her culvert to make sure water is properly passing through.
- Mr. Scotty Guidry recommended having the hard drives of all electronic devices cleared out before disposing of them.

N. Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013. 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 8:11PM.

Town of Lockport



Paul Champagne, Mayor



Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

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

RESOLUTION

A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for the "Southeast Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana", and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport did receive construction bids on the Southeast Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bid was that submitted by Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc., Florence, Mississippi, in the overall Base Bid amount of \$452,556.75, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lockport award the construction contract to Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc., Florence, Mississippi, in the overall Base Bid amount of \$452,556.75 once concurrence by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has been obtained, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Lockport be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Town of Lockport with Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc., upon receipt of the performance bond in the amount of the contract price, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of required certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, that the Engineer is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to commence construction of the project.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Barker, Guidry, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche

NAYS: None

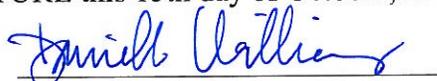
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 15th day of October, 2013.

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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 15th day of October, 2013, 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 15th day of October, 2013.


Danielle Williams, Clerk
Town of Lockport

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-010

An ordinance to amend the Lockport
Code of Ordinances so as to Add
Section 23-31.6

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lockport Town Council in regular session
assembled that the Lockport Town Code of Ordinances is hereby amended
and re-enacted so as to add Section 23-31.6

SECTION 23-31.6 R-1 DISTRICT ADDITIONS

The properties bearing municipal addresses of 616 and 618
Barrilleaux Street are hereby zoned as R-1.

Said Ordinance was put to a vote on the 15th day of October, 2013 and the
vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Barker, Guidry, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche

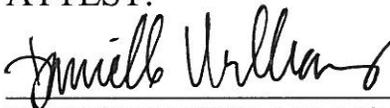
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 15th day of October,
2013.


MAYOR PAUL CHAMPAGNE

ATTEST:


DANIELLE WILLIAMS
TOWN CLERK



Town of Lockport

Proclamation for Disability Awareness Month

- WHEREAS,** it is important to educate children, families, and communities about disability issues and to emphasize the fact that disability is a natural part of human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** people with disabilities should have an opportunity to receive a proper education and have the ability to work, shop, play and be involved in community activities without the hindrance of prejudice and physical barriers; and
- WHEREAS,** the main goal in regarding individuals with disabilities are to “assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficient for such individuals;” and
- WHEREAS,** when the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 were passed, it represented a promise that the nation and the state would no longer underestimate the abilities of Americans with disabilities and has played a critical role in helping secure a future of enhanced opportunity with new freedom for persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** respect for individual dignity, personal responsibility, self-determination, and pursuit of meaningful careers, based on informed choices of individuals with disabilities, should be recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul Champagne, Mayor of Lockport, Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the Town of Lockport.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Lockport, on this the 15th day of October, A.D. 2013.


Paul Champagne, Mayor

Attest by


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk



Town of Lockport

Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, since the program began; in 1985 mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older and breast cancer deaths have declined; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remains dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, many women still do not utilize mammography at regular intervals even though research indicates it is the best available method of detection; and

WHEREAS, the awareness campaign is sending out several key messages, most notably, the importance of early detection through annual mammography screening for women over 40; and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute estimates in the United States, more than 180,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year and over 42,000 people will die; and

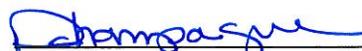
WHEREAS, taking advantage of early detection methods such as mammography and clinical breast exams could help the breast cancer death rate drop by approximately 30%; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has searched endlessly for a cure through vital research and has the mammoth task of educating our community and all Americans of the risks of breast cancer. Its many volunteers who offer support in the form of support groups, accommodations and transportation assistance, medical equipment and more.

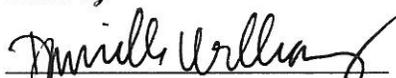
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lockport Town Council does hereby recognize **October 2013** as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**; and

BE IT FUTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Lockport Town Council urges all women and their families to get the facts about breast cancer and join in celebrating all successes and to memorialize lost battles.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Lockport, on this the 15th day of October, A.D. 2013.


Paul Champagne, Mayor

Attest by


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk



Town of Lockport

Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

WHEREAS, 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime;

WHEREAS, approximately 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and is devastating to society as a whole, but particularly women and children;

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group or groups of people, but crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious, and societal barriers, and is sustained by societal indifference;

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse;

WHEREAS, victims should have support to find the compassion, comfort, and healing they need, and domestic abusers should be punished to the full extent of the law;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide services to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public awareness of domestic violence and its prevalence, and to eliminate it through prevention and education;

WHEREAS, important partnerships have been formed among criminal justice agencies, allied professionals, and victim services to assist victims of domestic violence and their families;

WHEREAS, our town has a moral obligation to work to prevent domestic violence and to address its brutal and destructive effects;

WHEREAS, our town must make ending domestic violence a priority;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs and victims' service providers, I, Paul Champagne, Mayor of Lockport, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and urge all citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs sponsored by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, The Haven Domestic and Sexual Violence Program, and The PACT Place Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center to work towards the elimination violence against women. I also hereby proclaim Wednesday, **October 16, 2013 as "Paint the Parish Purple"** day and urge all citizens to wear purple and decorate their homes or businesses in purple to show their support in the work to end domestic violence.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Lockport, on this the 15th day of October, A.D. 2013.



Paul Champagne, Mayor

Attest by



Danielle Williams, Town Clerk