Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 18, 2014

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 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, John J. Erny III, Brian Hebert, Ralph Sapia, and Floyd Cretini, Jr., and Mary Lynn Blanchard.

E. Approval of Minutes- January 21, 2014
Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the January 21, 2014, meeting. Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for the month ending January 31, 2014
Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2014. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilwoman Guidry 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 Barker 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. <u>Sewer Rehabilitation (Southeast Quadrant)</u>:
The contractor plans to mobilize on site on February 17, 2014. The Notice to Proceed was issued with a substantial completion date of May 19, 2014.

2. <u>Sewer Rehabilitation (Western Quadrants):</u>
SCPDC is submitting an LCDBG application in hopes of receiving a grant to assist in the rehabilitation of the western quadrants.

3. <u>Sewer Rehabilitation (Western and Northeast Quadrants):</u>
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. <u>Sewer Rehabilitation (Northeastern Quadrants):</u>
LDEQ approved the engineering agreement. Surveying of the Northeast Quadrant is 75% complete and the design is approximately 50% complete.

I. Announce date, time, and place of meeting at which the town intends to continue ad valorem tax
Mayor Champagne announced that the town will hold the above described meeting at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 7:00pm at the Lockport Town Hall.

J. Proclamation for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
Mayor Champagne read aloud a Proclamation for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Councilman Hartman urged everyone to take the necessary steps for preventative care for this cancer. Councilman Hartman moved to adopt the Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Triche and it carried unanimously.

K. Holy Savior 5k Race- Terri Vedros
Mayor Champagne said that the race was scheduled the same day as Main Street Market. Mayor Champagne has asked that Holy Savior reschedule the race due to this scheduling conflict.

L. Lockport Carnival Club
Mr. Brian Hebert said that the Krewe of Apollo will celebrate their 50th year and plans to parade on March 1, 2014, at noon. A motion by Councilman Rogers was seconded by Councilman Barker, allowing the Lockport Carnival Club to parade on March 1, 2014.

M. Reports

1. Mayor
   Mayor Champagne gave an update on the garbage truck situation in town. Mayor Champagne mentioned that the town now has a FaceBook page and asked everyone to "like" the page.

2. Council
   a. Councilman Rogers said he has not had a chance to speak with the contractor regarding a culvert in front of Comeaux Drive. Councilman Rogers said that streets are in very poor condition and would like administration to try to find funding for street repairs. Councilman Rogers wished everyone a safe Mardi Gras.
   b. Councilman Barker agreed that street repairs are needed in town.
   c. Councilman Hartman had the opportunity to attend the magnet school's groundbreaking ceremony. Councilman Hartman was unhappy with the lack of support from the Parish Councilmembers regarding development of a new civic center in Lockport. Councilman Hartman wished everyone a Happy Mardi Gras.
   d. Councilwoman Guidry wished everyone a happy and safe Mardi Gras.

N. Public Wishing to Address the Council

a. Mr. Ralph Sapia said Vision Communications will be filming the parade in front of Town Hall again this year.
b. Ms. Mary Lynn Blanchard suggested the town add "Paddle the Bayou" to their FaceBook page. Ms. Blanchard thanked Mayor Champagne for the proclamation passed earlier in the meeting and asked for a copy.

L. Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Triche and carried unanimously at 7:36PM.

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Paul Champagne, Mayor

Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States. Colorectal cancer affects men and women equally; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in Louisiana. Every three minutes someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer, and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, A majority of colorectal cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection as the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent; while the survival rate when diagnosis occurs after cancer has spread to other organs, declines to 10 percent. Only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early age; and

WHEREAS, The death rate from colorectal cancer could be reduced by up to 70 percent if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly; and

WHEREAS, The survival rate of individuals who have colorectal cancer is 90 percent when detected in the early stages, versus only a 10 percent survival rate when colorectal cancer is diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable, and beatable in most cases. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month provides a special opportunity to educate Louisianans on the importance of screening and early detection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL CHAMPAGNE, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014 as:

COLORECTAL CANCER 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 18th day of February, A.D. 2014.

Paul Champagne, Mayor

Attest by

Danielle Williams, Town Clerk