

Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 18, 2014

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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, Mary Lynn Blanchard and Melanie Caillouet.

**E. Approval of Minutes- February 18, 2014**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the February 18, 2014, meeting. 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 February 28, 2014**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending February 28, 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. Councilman Hartman commended the Chief for providing a very informative police report. A motion was made by Councilman Triche and seconded by Councilman Rogers 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):**

Some submittals have been submitted and approved. The contractor finished cleaning the gravity sewer lines on Wednesday, March 12, and began lining the main lines on Monday, March 17. They plan on lining three sections of line per day, but may be hindered by the water department. The hydrant meter will need to be moved multiple times daily and the water department is currently willing to move it once or twice daily. The contractor and water department are in discussion on how the multiple meter moves can be accomplished.

**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):**

LDEQ approved the engineering agreement. Surveying of the Northeast Quadrant is 75% complete and the design is approximately 50% complete.

**I. Adopt Millage Rate for 2014 General Alimony Tax**

Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Hartman seconded the motion to adopt the millage rate of 8.26 mills for the 2014 General Alimony Tax. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Councilmembers Barker, Guidry, Hartman, Rogers and Triche.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

## M. Reports

### 1. Mayor

Mayor Champagne announced a meet and greet at St. Anne Hospital for the hospital's new CEO. The Town of Lockport's appointee to the Lafourche Parish Fish and Game Commission resigned and the town needs to make another appointment. Mayor Champagne asked for a nomination. Councilman Triche added that the appointee cannot own a camp on Lake Fields. Mayor Champagne said that Main Street Market was a success again this year. Mayor Champagne announced a Benefit Skeet Shoot on April 5, 2014, at Golden Ranch Plantation for the Gouaux Family. Mayor Champagne reminded everyone that Paddle the Bayou will end on April 6, 2014, at the Bayou Side Park and Bateaux de Bois will be held on April 12, 2014, at the Center for Traditional Louisiana Boat Building. Lastly, Mayor Champagne announced that the Lockport Food Festival will take place April 24-27, 2014.

### 2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Guidry asked about the status of Myrtle Delaune Drive, regarding the garbage trucks. Mayor Champagne said he has not received any complaints. Councilwoman Guidry said she received a complaint about an abandoned van parked at the old Rouse's grocery store. Mr. Frank Curole (in the audience) questioned why the van could not be removed. Chief Vedros answered that without a complaint from the property owner, he could not remove the van from private property. Chief Vedros said that when the property owner contacts him, there is a derelict property law, and he will gladly have the van removed.
- b. Councilman Rogers asked if there was any new information regarding funding for street repairs. Councilman Rogers asked that the town crew fill potholes in town.
- c. Councilman Triche said he met with Mid-South Technologies to discuss the camera project in the park. Councilman Triche distributed a layout of the proposed surveillance camera sights in the park, along with an estimate of the total cost to complete the project. Councilman Rogers made a motion to accept the quote from Mid-South Technologies for \$8,206.08 to purchase and install surveillance cameras at the Bayou Side Park. Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

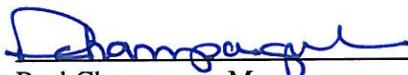
## N. Public Wishing to Address the Council

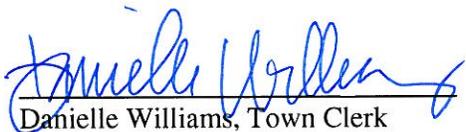
- a. Lonnie Dufrene, 710 10<sup>th</sup> Street, said he is purchasing property on School Street in town with the intent to build two single family rental homes on the lot. Councilman Rogers explained the needed lot sizes, sideline requirements, and off street parking requirement.

## L. Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014. 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 7:52M.

Town of Lockport

  
Paul Champagne, Mayor

  
Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

TOWN OF LOCKPORT

RESOLUTION 2014-001

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2014 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Lockport:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony Tax	8.26 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2014, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

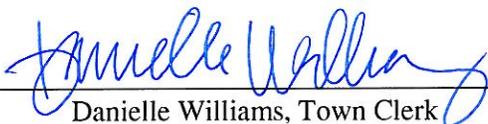
YEAS: Councilmembers Barker, Guidry, Hartman, Rogers and Triche  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

  
Paul Champagne, Mayor  
Town of Lockport

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on March 18, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Town of Lockport, Louisiana, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
Danielle Williams, Town Clerk