

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting June 10, 2014**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 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 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 present were Town Clerk Danielle Williams, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston and Chief of Police Warren Vedros.

**E. Approval of Minutes for May 20, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the May 20, 2014, meeting. Councilman Hartman asked that a correction be made to his statement on page 3 of 4 of the May 20, 2014, meeting. Councilman Hartman asked that the term "rainwater" be replaced with "treated sewer water." Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for the month ending May 31, 2014**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2014. 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 Councilwoman Guidry to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**I. GSE Report**

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

**1. Sewer Rehabilitation (Southeast Quadrant):**

Substantial Completion has been processed. Final inspection was conducted on June 2, 2014, at 10:00am. A change order and final payments are left to be completed.

**2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northeast Quadrant):**

LDEQ approved the engineering agreement. The plans and specifications have been completed and submitted to LDEQ for approval. Once approved, that Town can set bid dates.

**3. Sewer Rehabilitation (Western Quadrant):**

SCPDC submitted an LCDBG application in hopes of receiving a grant to assist in the rehabilitation of the western quadrant.

**4. 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). GSE submitted an application again this year, hoping to increase the priority level of the \$110,000 and receive an additional \$200,000. The current bill only shows the \$110,000 in Priority 5.

**I. Public Hearing**

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

**1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2013-2014 Town of Lockport Budgets**

Ms. Williams said that since the last meeting, the amended budget had a few minor changes after entering data from the month of May in order to make the budget more accurate. Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience and there were none.

**2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2014-2015 Town of Lockport Budgets**

Councilman Hartman explained that the changes requested last meeting are reflected in the proposed budgets. These changes include a 3% salary increase for all full-time employees, \$15,000 in capital expenditures for drainage, \$50,000 in capital expenditures for streets, and \$5,000 for Christmas decorations. Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience and there were none.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to end the public hearing and go back into regular session. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J. Ordinances for Budgets**

**1. 2013-2014 Amended Budgets**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt the 2013-2014 amended budget. Councilman Barker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**2. 2014-2015 Proposed Budgets**

Councilman Rogers made a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 budget with all proposed changes. Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**O. Reports**

**1. Mayor**

Mayor Champagne wished Chief Vedros a Happy Birthday. Mayor Champagne said that he attended a Solid Waste Contract Review Committee meeting and said that their recommendation to the Parish to put a Request for Proposals together. Mayor Champagne asked for a motion from the Council to declare an old lawn tractor, which no longer runs, surplus at zero dollar value so that it can be disposed of. A motion by Councilman Triche, seconded by Councilwoman Guidry, to declare a John Deere lawn tractor, Identification number M00Stxk291465STX46, surplus with zero dollar value carried unanimously. Mayor Champagne asked the Council to review an email from Mr. Huddleston about an ordinance regarding pit bulls. Mayor Champagne also asked the Council to consider an ordinance to prohibit Jake Braking.

**2. Council**

a. Councilman Hartman said he, along with Councilmembers Barker, Guidry and Triche, attended the District J meeting in Golden Meadow. Councilman Hartman mentioned that a ceremony was held for Father Foley, a former pastor at Holy Savior Church, who is going back to Ireland. Fr. Foley was presented with a key to the city. Mayor Champagne thanked Councilman Hartman for his work on the budget.

b. Councilman Rogers would like the town crew to continue with preparations for hurricane season.

3. Mr. Huddleston said he spoke to former Town Attorney Mitch Theriot regarding the annexation along LA 1 from Crescent Avenue to Rouse's and was told that the annexation proposal was tabled indefinitely at a previous Council meeting. The annexation is a corridor exception and DOTD would have to petition the town to annex that section of a highway. Mr. Huddleston further explained that the annexation is a unilateral annexation, meaning that if the Town chose to annex that section, the Parish would not have to get involved. Mr. Huddleston explained that there is a lot of litigation on this issue and offered to give the Council a synopsis of how this law has played out in recent cases.

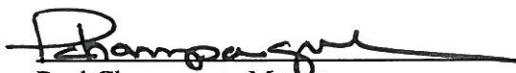
**Q. Citizens Comments-**

None.

**H. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Triche to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Guidry and carried unanimously at 7:50PM.

Town of Lockport

  
Paul Champagne, Mayor

  
Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-005**

An ordinance to amend the Lockport  
Code of Ordinances so as to Amend  
Section 2-4

**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 Amend Section 2-4 to read as follows:

SECTION 2-4

TOWN OF LOCKPORT AMENDED BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Lockport, hereby amends the 2013-2014 Budget (ATTACHMENT A) for the operation and maintenance of the Town.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.



Paul Champagne, Mayor

ATTEST:



Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-006**

An ordinance to amend the Lockport  
Code of Ordinances so as to Amend  
Section 2-3

**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 Amend Section 2-3 to read as follows:

SECTION 2-3

TOWN OF LOCKPORT BUDGET

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Lockport, hereby adopts the 2014-2015 Budget (ATTACHMENT A) for the operation and maintenance of the Town.

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

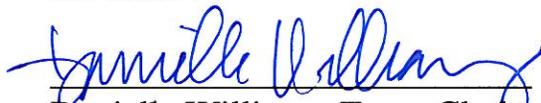
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Paul Champagne, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

**Town of Lockport**  
**2013 - 2014 Amended Budget**  
**2014- 2015 Proposed Budget**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	2013- 2014 Amended Budget	2013 - 2014 Proposed Budget
Previous Year Fund Balance	221,786	190,316
***Revenues***		
Total Executive/Administration	367,092	359,440
Total Police Department	296,905	298,800
Total Parks	200	0
Total ***Revenues***	664,197	658,240
Expenditures		
Total Executive/Administration	204,248	216,340
Total Police Department	526,410	461,760
Total Streets/Highways	128,426	135,944
Total Drainage	65,799	53,764
Total Parks	31,229	27,650
Total Expenditures	956,112	895,458
Excess Revenue over Expenses	(291,915)	(237,218)
Interfund Transfers		
Executive/Administration		
Appropriations from Sales Tax	160,000	150,000
Appropriations from Sales Tax - St	31,000	31,000
Appropriations Capital Expenditure	64,604	65,000
Total Executive/Administration	255,604	246,000
Total Interfund Transfers	255,604	246,000
Total Revenue over Expenditures	(36,311)	8,782
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		
Police		
Other Financing Sources	4,841	0
Total Police	4,841	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,841	0
Ending Fund Balance	190,316	199,098

<b>SALES TAX FUND</b>	2013- 2014 Amended Budget	2014 - 2015 Proposed Budget
Previous Year Fund Balance	752,314	899,361
Total ***Revenues***	408,153	410,100
Total Expenditures	5,503	5,490
Excess Revenue over Expenses	402,650	404,610
Total Interfund Transfers	(255,604)	(246,000)
Total Revenue over Expenditures	147,046	158,610
Ending Fund Balance	899,360	1,057,971

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**2013 - 2014 Amended Budget**  
**2014- 2015 Proposed Budget**

<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND</b>	2013-2014 Amended Budget	2014 - 2015 Proposed Budget
Previous Year Fund Balance	55,013	54,198
Total ***Revenues***	87,143	66,934
Total Expenditures	87,958	57,159
Excess Revenue over Expenses	(815)	9,775
Ending Fund Balance	54,198	63,973

<b>SEWER REVENUE FUND</b>	2013- 2014 Amended Budget	2014- 2015 Proposed Budget
Previous Year Fund Balance	2,891,508	3,183,195
Total ***Revenues***	920,761	1,282,200
Expenditures		
Total Executive/Administration	33,925	35,340
Total Sewer	72,596	72,182
Total Sewer Operator	17,326	16,028
Total Sewer Plant	143,819	125,375
Total Sewer Line	361,409	651,494
Total Expenditures	629,075	900,419
Excess Revenue over Expenses	291,686	381,781
Ending Fund Balance	3,183,194	3,564,976