

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 19, 2014

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Chief of Police Warren Vedros and Mary Lynn Blanchard.

E. Approval of Minutes for July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the July 15, 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 July 31, 2014

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending July 31, 2014. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilman Rogers seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Mr. Steven Miller

Mr. Steven Miller announced his candidacy for District Court Judge, Lafourche Parish Division B. Mr. Miller gave a brief description of his background and asked for everyone's support and vote in the upcoming election.

H. 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 accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Vedros introduced Mr. Joshua Babin and asked for the Council's approval to hire Mr. Babin as a full-time police officer with an annual salary of \$31,003.44. A motion by Councilman Barker, seconded unanimously by the Council, was passed to hire Mr. Joshua Babin as a full-time police officer. Chief Vedros asked for the Council's support in hiring Ms. Jamie Findley as a part-time officer- to work 20 hours weekly at a rate of \$15 per hour. A motion by Councilman Barker, seconded unanimously by the Council, was passed to hire Ms. Jamie Findley as a part-time police officer. Chief Vedros noted that Ms. Findley is the first female police officer in the history of the Lockport Police Department.

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 3, 2014. We are waiting to receive a clear lien certificate and to make final payment to the contractor.

2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northeast Quadrant):

The bids were opened on August 14, 2014, at 2:00PM. The apparent low bidder was Suncoast Infrastructure Inc. in the amount of \$686,368.00. A Recommendation of Award, along with a resolution, has been sent to the Town to be voted on at this meeting. Once DEQ concurs with the award, the contracts can be sent to Suncoast. In addition to DEQ funds, the Town has LGAP funds in the amount of \$12,234 which will be used for this quadrant.

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). This money has to be elevated to Priority 1 before it becomes available for use.

J. Resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the construction contract for the “Northeast Quadrant Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01, DEQ Contract No. 002, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed

Councilman Triche made a motion to accept the above stated resolution and issue a Notice to Proceed. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K. Proclamation- Constitution Week

Mayor Champagne introduced a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17, 2014, through September 23, 2014, as Constitution Week in the Town of Lockport. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilman Triche seconded the motion to adopt the proclamation. The motion carried unanimously.

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

L. Public Hearing to Introduce an Ordinance for the Following:

1. Subdivide the property at 7438 Hwy 308 into Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3, and rezone Lots 2 and 3 from C-1 to R-1

Councilman Rogers explained the subdivision and rezoning of the property. Mayor Champagne asked if there were any 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. Prohibition on use of Engine Compression Brakes

Mayor Champagne explained that this ordinance would prohibit the use of engine compression “Jake” brakes in town from the Company Canal Bridge to Rouse’s grocery store. Councilman Triche recommended putting the sign closer to Belle Vue Bridge to give drivers advance warning. Chief Vedros said that the town would need permission from DOTD to place the signs outside the incorporated limits of town. Councilman Rogers clarified that this would be a town-wide ordinance. Councilman Hartman asked if this was an issue that the town has problems with. Mayor Champagne affirmed. 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.

Councilman Rogers made a motion to end the public hearing and resume regular session. Councilman Barkers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Rogers made a motion to subdivide the property at 7438 Hwy 308 into Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 and to adopt an ordinance to rezone Lots 2 and 3 from C-1 to R-1. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Rogers made a motion to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine compression brakes within the corporate limits of the Town of Lockport. Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M. Reports

1. Mayor

Mayor Champagne said he was unable to attend the last Solid Waste Contract Review Committee meeting, but he knows Progressive Waste did submit a proposal to extend their contract for an additional five years. Mayor Champagne said Bayou Welding Supply is in the process of purchasing the Family Dollar building. Mayor Champagne asked the Council to review the information presented to them by Chief Vedros regarding an ordinance about Pit Bulls or dangerous dogs in general.

2. Council

Councilwoman Guidry asked to have the town crew trim the trees along Seventh Street. Councilwoman Guidry asked if anyone heard anything on the status of the old Rouse’s store. Chief Vedros said it was going to be a climate control storage. Councilwoman Guidry said that Chief Vedros did a wonderful job in organizing the Night Out Against Crime that was held at the ballpark.

a. Councilman Triche said that this year’s Louisiana Municipal Association Convention was very nice and educational. Councilman Triche asked to have the crew remove the cattails that are in the ditch on Seventh Street.

b. Councilman Rogers asked the status of Municode. Mr. Huddleston said that everything should be sent by the next Council meeting. Councilman Rogers asked the status of the cameras in the park. Councilman Triche said there is one camera left to install. Councilman Rogers agreed with Councilman Triche that this year’s LMA convention was very educational and that the Town received recognition for the restroom facility at the Bayou Side Park and won an Honorable Mention plaque for the project.

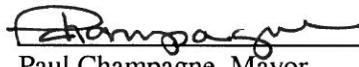
Q. Citizens Comments-

1. Susan Cavalier, 522 Lafourche Street, made a complaint about her neighbor's yard and asked for help to get him to clean it up. She said the grass is tall and there are rats and roaches. She is worried that a tree will fall on her father's home. Ms. Cavalier said the smell is horrible. Chief Vedros and Councilman Triche both said that they would contact the Board of Health. Chief Vedros asked Ms. Cavalier to also contact the Board of Health and make a formal complaint.

H. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 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 7:46PM.

Town of Lockport



Paul Champagne, Mayor



Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Triche and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for the "Northeast Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01, DEQ Contract No. 002, 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 Northeast Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01, DEQ Contract No. 002, 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 \$686,468.00, 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 \$686,468.00 once concurrence by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has been obtained, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen 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 19th day of August, 2014.

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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 19th day of August, 2014, 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 25th day of August, 2014.



Danielle Williams, Clerk
Town of Lockport



Town of Lockport

Proclamation

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America: and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support, preserve, and defend it against all encroachment: and

WHEREAS, the two hundred-twenty sixth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides an historic opportunity for all Americans to realize the achievements of the Framers of the Constitution and the rights, privileges, and responsibilities it affords: and

WHEREAS, the independence guaranteed to American citizens, whether by birth or naturalization, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities by proclamation of the President of the United States of America in accordance with Public Law 915;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lockport, in conjunction with the Bayou Lafourche Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2014 as

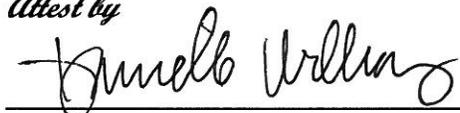
CONSTITUTION WEEK

in the Town of Lockport and does urge all students and citizens of the community to study the Constitution, and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

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 19th day of August, A.D. 2014


Paul Champagne, Mayor

Attest by


Danielle Williams, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-007

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 7438 Hwy 308 Lots 2
and 3 from C-1 to R-1.

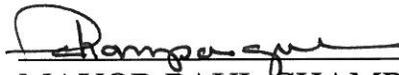
Said Ordinance was put to a vote on the 19th day of August, 2014 and the
vote was as follows:

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

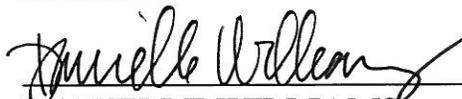
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 19th day of August,
2014.


MAYOR PAUL CHAMPAGNE

ATTEST:


DANIELLE WILLIAMS
TOWN CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-008

An ordinance to amend the Lockport

Code of Ordinances so as to add

Section 21

Prohibition on use of engine compression brakes

(a) Definition: An engine compression brake, commonly called a "Jake Brake," is a mechanical exhaust device that utilizes the power of an engine to produce a power absorbing and retarding effect to assist the slowing or braking of a vehicle, increasing engine noise and sound through the exhaust system while in use.

(b) Prohibition: It shall be unlawful to operate or use within the corporate limits of the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, any freight carrying vehicle, motor carrier, semi-trailer, tandem truck, or truck-tractor (as defined in La. R.S. Tit. 32:1), or vehicle of any kind equipped with an engine compression brake unless said engine compression brake is equipped with a muffler in good working condition to prevent the creation of increased engine noise as a result of its use.

(c) Notice: Notice of the prohibition against the use of engine compression brakes, or "Jake Brakes," shall be prominently posted along all state and local highways or roadways customarily traveled by commercial vehicles equipped with engine compression brakes, with particular emphasis placed in areas where substantial deceleration is required, including, but not limited to, portions of roadways where speed limits decrease rapidly.

(d) Exceptions: The provisions of this section shall not apply to emergency vehicles or equipment while used in actual emergencies or in training for emergencies or to the emergency use of such brakes in the event that the vehicle loses normal means to slow down or stop the vehicle. This provision is not intended to prohibit the passage of vehicles equipped with the brakes described above, but rather to prohibit the use of such brakes within the town limits.

(e) Penalty: Any person who violates this section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

Said Ordinance was put to a vote on the 19th day of August, 2014 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 19th day of August, 2014.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK