

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 18, 2014

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 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 Mandy Himel. 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 Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Chief of Police Warren Vedros.

E. Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2014, Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the October 21, 2014, meeting. Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

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

G. Appoint Town Clerk

Mayor Champagne made a motion for the Council to approve the hiring of Mandy Himel as Town Clerk. Councilman Triche made a motion to approve Mandy Himel as Town Clerk. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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 told the Council about the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held December 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. where they will distribute toys to the children who attend. They will also have refreshments for the community. He discussed the Annual Christmas Parade to be held December 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Chief Vedros also informed them about a Thanksgiving Feast to be held at the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department on Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. People can go there to eat or they would deliver the meals to families in need. Chief Vedros said they been advertising by handing out fliers and it is on their website. Mayor Champagne suggested we post the information on the Town of Lockport's website.

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. Final payment and retainage has been paid. Lockport has received the last reimbursement for this project. Closing documents have been submitted to DEQ for this project.

2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northeastern Quadrants):

The Notice to Proceed has been issued. Suncoast is supposed to start work on or before November 17, 2014 and should be substantially completed before May 15, 2015. They will contact residents when or if their sewer service will be affected by the rehab work.

3. Sewer Rehabilitation (Western Quadrants):

This project was not funded through CDBG but will be funded by DEQ. Submitted automatically because of 2-year cycle.

4. Sewer Rehabilitation (Western Quadrants):

A capital outlay request for the sewer rehabilitation project was submitted the last two years and the Town was granted \$110,000 (Priority 5). This money has to be elevated to Priority 1 before it becomes available for use. A capital outlay request was submitted prior to the November 1st deadline to move the previously awarded up the priority list and request additional funds.

5. Street Repairs:

A capital outlay application was submitted for funds to pay for street repairs throughout the Town of Lockport. Capital Outlay appropriations will be determined in June 2015.

J. Proclamations

1. Epilepsy Awareness Month

Councilman Rogers made a motion to adopt the above stated proclamation. Councilman Triche seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K. Resolutions

1. Accept the donation of the old Sherriff's Communications Building and the land on Main Street from the Sheriff's Department.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to pass the above stated resolution. Councilman Barker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Transfer state routes La 655 and La 655-Spur to the Town of Lockport in exchange for credits to be used to fund road repairs in the Town.

After some discussion, the Council decided to table the resolution.

L. Reports

1. Mayor

Mayor Champagne said that he and Chief Vedros went to old State Capital Building in Baton Rouge, La to attend the Governor's Outstanding Leadership in Disability Award's Ceremony. He presented the Ken Vince Memorial Award to Mr. Hank Holland. Mayor Champagne stated that B&B Underground got price of \$4,540.00 to install a pump connection for the pump on Elliot Drive. He said we would compare the prices for new pump as well. Mayor Champagne stated that John Plaisance provided the bids for Church Street Drainage Improvement Project. He stated that Beverly Construction Company was awarded the bid at a cost of \$209,678.00. He stated there is no start date for this project at this time. Mayor Champagne said that Lafourche Parish Marine Corp Toys for Tots will be at the Bayou side Park on December 7, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 pm. They will be giving and collecting toys, serving refreshments, and playing games.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Triche stated that Spook in the Park went well. Councilman Triche made a motion to proceed and go forward with the process to alleviate blighted properties, Councilman Rogers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Triche wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and Safe Holidays.
- b. Councilman Rogers stated that we need to check into how the one way signs are supposed to be posted and make sure we have them where people can see them to avoid possible accidents. He stated that those streets may need additional signs to determine that the street is a one way street and the direction of the one way. Mayor Champagne said he will contact DOTD to get clarification on that. Councilman Rogers wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.
- c. Councilwoman Guidry welcomed Ms. Himel to the Town of Lockport. She thanked the Town for fixing street on Myrtle Drive. She suggested that we should decorate the Town for different holidays.

M. Citizens Comments-

- 1. Ms. Mary Lynn Blanchard asked Ms. Himel is she was aware of the light that is out at the end of Barrilleaux Street. Chief Vedros said we have faxed a copy of the street lights that need to be replaced. Ms. Himel stated she was not aware, but she would contact Entergy.

N. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 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 Hartman and carried unanimously at 8:27 PM.

Town of Lockport


Paul Champagne, Mayor


Mandy Himel, Town Clerk



Town of Lockport

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** epilepsy is a neurological condition characterized by recurrent, unprovoked seizures; and
- WHEREAS,** epilepsy and seizures affect three million people across the United States, ten percent of the American population will experience a seizure in their lifetime, and three percent will develop epilepsy by the age of 75; and
- WHEREAS,** while epilepsy cannot currently be cured, many of those diagnosed with epilepsy can control their seizures with modern medicine and surgical techniques; and
- WHEREAS,** although epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of gender, race, age, religion, educational background, or socioeconomic status, people with epilepsy continue to face social stigmatization and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor, the Town Council, and the citizens of the Town of Lockport continue to believe that all Americans should have the chance to live full, independent lives and to follow their talents wherever they lead; and
- WHEREAS,** National Epilepsy Awareness Month is designed to increase awareness of the disorder in an effort to encourage more Americans to understand the effects of epilepsy.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, PAUL CHAMPAGNE, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT, on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Lockport, do hereby proclaim November as Epilepsy Awareness Month, and I encourage each of us to learn more about epilepsy and what we can do to support individuals with epilepsy and their families.

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 April, A.D. 2014


Paul Champagne, Mayor

Attest by


Mandy Himmel, Town Clerk

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

R E S O L U T I O N

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Lockport to sign for and on behalf of the Town of Lockport an Act of Donation by the Lafourche Parish Government of certain property described herein.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 1958, the Town of Lockport donated a parcel of ground to the Lafourche Parish Police Jury in order to build a Parish Building; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1966, the Town of Lockport donated a parcel of ground to the Lafourche Parish Police Jury in order to erect a carport to the Parish Building; and

WHEREAS, that Parish Building is no longer needed by the Lafourche Parish Government; and

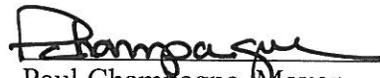
WHEREAS, the Parish building can be used by the Town of Lockport in a public safety capacity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lockport in regular session convened this 18th day of November, 2014, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed to sign for and on behalf of the Town of Lockport an authentic Act of Donation from the Lafourche Parish Government of the following property, to-wit:

- A Certain Parcel of Ground, on the North-East side of Main Street in the Town of Lockport, Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, commencing at a distance of twenty and five tenths (20.5') feet from the center of Main Street (Louisiana Highway No. 1) between Barataria and Lafourche Streets and measuring forty-six (46) feet in width; bounded to the front, above and below by other property of the Town of Lockport and to the rear by Bayou Lafourche. Said property measures seventy-five (75) feet along the upper boundary and seventy-eight (78) feet along the lower boundary, and the south west corner of said property is a point forty-six and fourteen hundredths (46.14) feet from the corner of Lot 8 of Block 29 of the Town of Lockport; all according to a plat of "Land Site, proposed parish building, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish LA." Prepared by J.C. Lovell, C.E. on September 5, 1957.
- A Certain Parcel of Ground, on the North-East side of Main Street in the Town of Lockport, Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, commencing at a distance of twenty and five tenths (20.5') feet from the center of Main Street (Louisiana Highway No. 1) between Barataria and Lafourche Streets and measures Thirty Two (32') feet front in width by a depth of Fifty Two (52') feet between equal and parallel lines. Bounded to the front, below and to the rear by other property of the Town of Lockport, above or northwest by property of the Lafourche Parish Police Jury; all according to a plat of Survey Map showing Lot embracing Lafourche Parish Police Jury Annex Building, situated in the Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, prepared by Carl Heck Engineers, Inc., dated March 26, 1966, revised April 14, 1966, attached hereto.
- One low rise office building located at 205 Main Street, Lockport, LA 70374
- One Cummins Generator Model # GGFD-5769458, Serial No. G06095001 affixed to said building at 205 Main Street, Lockport, LA 70374

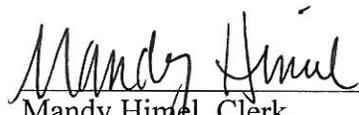
WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Councilmembers Barker, Guidry, Hartman, Rogers, and Triche
NAYS: None
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 18th day of November , 2014.


Paul Champagne, Mayor
Town of Lockport

I, Mandy Himel, 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 18th day of November, 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 18th day of November, 2014.


Mandy Himel, Clerk
Town of Lockport