

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting December 16, 2014

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 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, 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 Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Chief of Police Warren Vedros.

E. Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2014, Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the November 18, 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 November 30, 2014

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2014. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilwoman Guidry seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Annual Audit Report

Mayor Champagne called on Ms. Angelique Barker with Stagni and Company to present the annual audit report. Ms. Barker stated that the Town was in compliance with all laws and regulations. They did testing on internal control and procedures to make sure everything was in compliance as well. She stated all funds had in an increase in net position which they call a healthy standing. Also, she gave her contact information in case anyone has questions or comments. Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the Audit Report as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

H. DOTD

Mayor Champagne called on Mr. Lyle Leblanc with DOTD to provide information on the Road Transfer. Mr. Lyle said the state would do extensive road repairs to get them up to standards. They would do repairs in the Town estimated at about a millions dollars, and we would receive about \$448,000.00 to maintain it over a long period of time. They will replace broken concrete and overlays as well. Councilman Triche asked about the curb drainage issue, and Mr. Leblanc said he would look into that. Councilman Triche asked about painting the bridge. Mayor Champagne said we are in the system to get the bridge painted. Mayor Champagne asked about one way street signs. He said they should be near right and far left for people to see at every intersection of the particular one way street.

I. 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. Chief Vedros talked about the two in car cameras that need to be replaced. He said it would cost \$17,535.00 at state government price for the system from LA Tech with a five year warranty. He also checked into purchasing ten body cameras for the safety of the police department. LA Tech has a new system replaces the radio, has audio, video, GPS, photos, etc. This system is a one-time cost of \$8,100.00. He asked the Council if he could get approval to purchase these items to lock in the prices. Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the purchase of the in car cameras. Councilman Barker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Guidry made a motion to approve the purchase of the body cameras. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Vedros was approached by a concerned citizen about a dog that he wanted removed from a property in concern for the safety of his family as well as other people. He talked to the owner of the dog, and they said the dog should be gone by the end of the week. He recommended that we look into this matter. There is an ordinance in place for dogs on a leash and inside a fence. Mayor Champagne recommended that we revisit the ordinances at a future meeting. Chief Vedros stated that they handed out about 900 toys at the bayou side for Christmas in the Park, and gave out about 1,000 hot dogs. Councilman Hartman thanked the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department for providing food and drinks. A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Triche to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

J. GSE Report

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

1. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northeastern Quadrants):

The Notice to Proceed has been issued. Suncoast started work on December 8, 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. Suncoast had some issues with the water. They were not able to get a hydrant meter, therefore, they had to haul water back and forth from Lafourche Parish Water District. They also found about 2000 feet of 10 inch sewer main line when originally they thought it was all 8 inch. There will be a Change Order, but they do not have exact figures at this time. Suncoast also found a fiber optic cable near Seventh and Vacherie Street. Telecom will take care of this so they can proceed with the job. Melanie will keep everyone notified of progress with the job.

2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Western Quadrants):

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

K. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign agreement between the Town of Lockport and Lafourche Parish Government relative to the Progressive Waster Solutions of LA contract.

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

L. Call for a Public Hearing to discuss the adoption of an ordinance to approve the amended Lafourche Parish Sales and Use Tax Ordinances and an according resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents.

Councilman Triche made a motion to have a public hearing at the January meeting. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M. Reports

1. Mayor

Mayor Champagne stated we had a new work truck delivered if anyone wanted to look at it. We had 2012-2013 LGAP grant funds to go toward the purchase of a new Public Works truck. We will surplus the old truck, and put it out for bid. Suncoast is making progress with sewer project. Christmas in the Park and the Christmas parade were a success, and he thanked everyone who was involved. Mayor Champagne said all the street lights have been repaired in Town. He stated we talked to South Central Planning about blighted properties. We have to develop a procedure to pursue the properties. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He told the Council he appreciated all of them for doing a great job.

2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Guidry suggested we put decorations throughout the Town for the holidays. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- b. Councilman Hartman was approached by someone about putting a stop sign coming from Church Street to turn right onto Ferdinand Street. Chief Vedros will look into possibly putting a stop sign there. Councilman Hartman stated that our Police Department has the support of the community, and they are doing a great job. Mayor Champagne said the Council needed to be commended for the support they have given the Police Department. Chief Vedros thanked them as well. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- c. Councilman Barker wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- d. Councilman Triche said the cameras should be up and running in the park by this week. He hopes next year we will start the year off right and get the Town cleaned up. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- e. Councilman Rogers asked Mr. Chris Huddleston about the progression of Municode. He stated it is getting close to being complete, and we are waiting on a price. Councilman Rogers stated Christmas in the Park was a great success, and he appreciates all the volunteers and help. He stated that we will get process started on blighted properties. He talked to the Mayor about the streets. He feels it is getting worse with the pot holes, etc. He suggested that we request some information for the Town to be in the sales tax district for the roads and call for

Public hearing. He thinks the decision should be made by the public. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

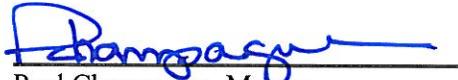
3. Town Attorney

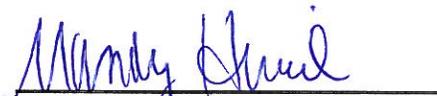
Mr. Huddleston has some information on the blighted properties. He said he would email the information to the Councilmembers.

N. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. 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 8:20PM.

Town of Lockport


Paul Champagne, Mayor


Mandy Hime, Town Clerk

On motion by Councilman Rogers, seconded by Councilman Triche, the following resolution was introduced and adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport is a municipality subjected to the Laws of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Progressive Waste Solutions, of LA, has been the contractor handling the garbage collection for the Town of Lockport for the last several years;

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport has an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government to provide garbage pickup within the corporate limit of the Town of Lockport;

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Parish Government has entered into a new agreement with Progressive Waste Solutions of LA regarding the collection of garbage throughout the Parish of Lafourche and has presented the Town of Lockport with an agreement to allow Progressive Waste Solutions of LA to provide services to the Town of Lockport;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lockport Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents with the Lafourche Parish Government and/or Progressive Waste Solutions of LA that is necessary to allow Progressive Waste Solutions of LA to continue handling the garbage services for the Town of Lockport;

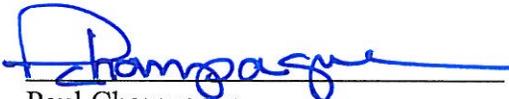
WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

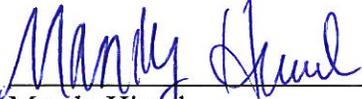
NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

READ, RENDERED, and ADOPTED on the 16th day of December, 2014.


Paul Champagne
MAYOR, TOWN OF LOCKPORT

ATTEST:


Mandy Himel
TOWN CLERK