

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting June 09, 2015**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 09, 2015 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 May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the May 19, 2015, meeting. Councilman Hartman asked that a correction be made on page 3 of 5, section N. Ordinances, instead of Councilwoman, it should have stated Councilman Hartman. Councilman Hartman wanted another correction to his statement on page 4 of 5 in his Council Report. He stated the correction should have stated that he made a report that the Executive Director of Louisiana Municipal Retirement System had misused tax paper's funds, and he recommended a letter of concern be sent to LMA. Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilman Triche seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for the month ending May 31, 2015**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2015. Councilman Rogers 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 Triche expressed his concern about safety issues with children being out of school. Chief Vedros stated he will let his department know about this situation. A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Triche 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 (Northeastern Quadrants):**

The cleaning of the lines, point repairs, lining the mains, and coating of the manholes have been completed. BLD has completed top hats. We are processing the Application for Payment No. 3. The Substantial Completion was held on May 28, 2015 and needs a Resolution of Acceptance.

**2. Capital Outlay Request for 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 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to move the previously awarded up the priority list and request additional funds. We should know next month if the project moved up.

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

The plans and specifications are approximately 70% complete. The Northwest Quad Rehab is estimated to cost approximately \$685,000.

**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.

**I. Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Suncoast infrastructure, Inc. for the construction of the Northeast Quadrant Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation**

A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Hartman to adopt the above stated resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town and the Parish for the Fishing Wharf.**

Mayor Champagne stated someone will be present for the July meeting. They tabled this item.

**K. Select Official Municipal Journal for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

Councilman Triche moved, and Councilman Barker seconded a motion to select the *Daily Comet* as the Town's official journal. The motion carried unanimously.

**L. Public wishing to address the Council**

Lonnie Dufrene, 7154 10<sup>th</sup> Street, asked

for the Council's permission to subdivide his property on School Street. He wants to build two homes on the property. Mayor Champagne told him that when he has all his paperwork together, then he needs to contact the Town, and we will call for a public hearing.

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

**M. Public hearing to discuss and consider subdivision of property at 530 Main Street.**

Councilman Rogers stated our Town Attorney had the property map and description at 530 Main Street. He stated part of the property will be on Francis Street and the other part on Main Street. He stated both are above the required square footage. Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience three times, and there were none.

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

Councilman Rogers made a motion to provide a resolution to allow for grant permission to subdivide the property at 530 Main Street. Councilman Triche seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N. Public Hearing**

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

Councilman Hartman clarified that Column A is what was actually budgeted, and Column B was the amended budget. Councilman Rogers asked if we were off on any funds by a major percentage. Ms. Himel stated that we were within the 5% variance between expenditures and revenues. Councilman Rogers asked if there were any funds that were left over from this year for capital expenses. He suggested that whatever was left over that we use that towards streets in addition to new budget proposed. Ms. Himel stated that there was \$35,000.00 that was budgeted but not used for streets. 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 2015-2016 Town of Lockport Budgets**

Councilman Hartman said we have \$165,000.00 budgeted for Capital Expenses. He stated that they need to determine where those funds will be disbursed. Mayor Champagne suggested that the proposed budget include an additional \$100,000.00 for the Council and public to decide where those funds will be allocated for capital expenses. Councilman Hartman said we did not have to appropriate any funds from Sales Tax for the Sewer Fund. Councilman Hartman suggested that we leave the total appropriations for Capital expenses at \$165,000.00 and increase the amount applied to streets. 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 go back into regular session. Councilman Triche seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**O. Ordinances for Budgets**

**1. 2014-2015 Amended Budgets**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt the 2014-2015 amended budget. Councilman Barker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**2. 2015-2016 Proposed Budgets**

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to adopt the 2015-2016 budget with all proposed changes. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**P. Reports**

**1. Mayor**

Mayor Champagne stated that Kyle Loupe's proposal was given to him last week. He asked that the generator by the old Sheriff's office was added. The quote is \$4,500.00. Mayor Champagne said he did sign the proposal. He also stated if we received the \$110,000 we could possibly make repairs to the Sewer Plant. He stated LMA convention is July 30-August 1, 2015. He asked the Council to let Ms. Himel know if they would be attending. Mayor Champagne told Councilman

Triche that the residence on Canal Street was visited by Board of Health, and no violations were found at the time. Mayor Champagne stated that we hired Karen Adams for Town Hall. He said she came highly recommended, and he feels she will be a great asset to the Town.

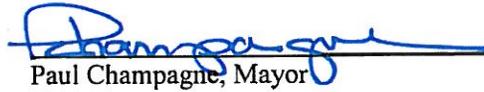
2. Council

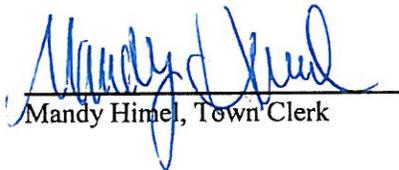
- a. Councilman Rogers asked if he can get an update on the camera system at the park. Councilman Triche asked for permission to contact someone about getting that camera system completed. Councilman Rogers stated we need to have policies in place, and who will have access to this camera system. He stated that we really need to fix the streets.
  - b. Councilwoman Guidry stated she wasn't here last meeting but wanted to go over something. She noticed from last meeting the leases are for two years now, and she agreed with that. Mayor Champagne stated it gives them a sense of security, and gives them time to get funding. She also stated she read Ms. Adams' resume, and she thinks she will do a great job. She wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - c. Councilman Hartman stated that he was able to sit in on Mayor's Court last month. He said it went very well.
  - d. Councilman Triche asked the Clerk to contact the person in charge of the recreational boat launch by the park. He said there are streets lights that are out.
2. Mr. Huddleston said he gave everyone a copy of the dog laws, and said that we have plans to discuss next month. He also talked about the modular homes being permitted in Town. Mr. Huddleston stated that modular homes are allowed in every part of the City of Thibodaux. He asked for the Council to look at the email he sent for further information.

**Q. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Triche and carried unanimously at 8:40PM.

Town of Lockport

  
Paul Champagne, Mayor

  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk

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

**RESOLUTION 2015-006**

A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc. for the construction of the Northeast Quadrant Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, by contract dated October 22, 2014, the Town of Lockport did award a contract for the construction of the Northeast Quadrant Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, under Entry No. 1187211 of the records of Lafourche Parish, and

WHEREAS, the work performed under this contract has been inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, Engineer and Contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contract is hereby declared to be substantially complete effective as of the date of the recording of this resolution and that the Town of Lockport does hereby accept the work performed of Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc., under said contract and does authorize and direct the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages of Lafourche Parish to note thereof in the margin of the inscription of said contract under Entry No. 1187211 of the records of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

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.

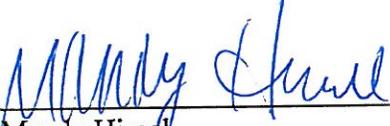
ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

and the resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of June, 2015.

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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 9th day of June, 2015, 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 9th day of June, 2015.

  
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Mandy Himel  
CLERK, TOWN OF LOCKPORT

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

RESOLUTION 2015-007

A resolution authorizing the subdivision of property currently owned by Gary Joseph Landry, Jr. into two lots as described on a plat prepared by Picciola & Associates, Inc., dated April 22, 2015, and titled "Gary Joseph Landry, Jr. Division".

WHEREAS, the town planning commission of the Town of Lockport has the authority to govern the subdivision or resubdivision of land within the corporate limits of the town; and

WHEREAS, Gary Joseph Landry, Jr. has submitted a plat titled "Gary Joseph Landry, Jr. Division" in order to subdivide his property into two lots; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the town planning commission, the final plat has been prepared in conformity with the town's ordinances and meets the town's requirements for the subdivision of property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lockport in regular session convened this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015, that the subdivision of the property of Gary Joseph Landry, Jr. in accordance with the plat prepared by Picciola & Associates, Inc., dated April 22, 2015, and titled "Gary Joseph Landry, Jr. Division". is hereby approved.

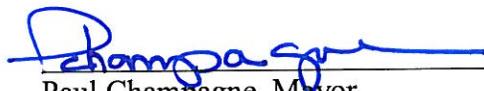
WHEREUPON the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

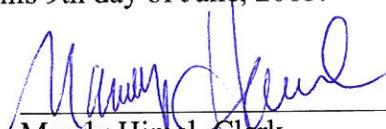
And the resolution was declared adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
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Paul Champagne, Mayor  
Town of Lockport

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WITNESS MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE this 9th day of June, 2015.

  
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Mandy Himel, Clerk  
Town of Lockport

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005**

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 2014-2015 Budget (ATTACHMENT A) for the operation and maintenance of the Town.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 9th day of June, 2015.

  
Paul Champagne, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-006**

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**

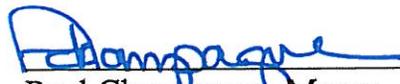
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Lockport, hereby adopts the 2015-2016 Budget (ATTACHMENT A) for the operation and maintenance of the Town.

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

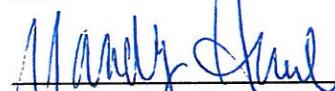
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
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Paul Champagne, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mandy Himel, Town Clerk