

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 21, 2015

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 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 June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the May 19, 2015, 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 June 30, 2015

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2015. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilman Barker seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Approval of the Minutes for July 6, 2015 Special Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the July 6, 2015, special meeting. Councilman Rogers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

H. Senator Norby Chabert

Mayor Champagne called on Senator Norby Chabert to address the Council and the public. He stated that he met with the Mayor and the Council before the meeting to discuss projects in Lockport. He stated that this year was a really tough session this year. He stated we will have to change how we have done things. He said we need to generate tax revenue, and then, determine what we will do with that tax revenue. He said we have a tremendous amount of prosperity in this area. He stated that he worked Mayor Champagne and the Council on getting some street revenue at Priority 2 funding. Senator Chabert stated he has been successful in getting financial state assistance for theater rehabilitation. He said they are actively working to help the Bayou Playhouse in Lockport.

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. Councilman Rogers asked about the Ticket Tracker Program. Chief Vedros stated that we are using the new program for the Court system. He stated that we will use it more for the August Court date because we had to make some changes and updates. He stated that if we are open to change it will definitely work. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilman Rogers to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

J. 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 job is substantially complete and the punch list is also complete. Lien period ends on July 31, 2015.

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 of Lockport was granted \$110,000. This money was elevated to Priority 1 (General Obligation Bonds). Town of Lockport should receive forms to complete soon.

3. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northwestern Quadrant):

The plans and specifications are 100% complete and have been submitted to DEQ for approval. The Northwest Quadrant Rehabilitation construction is estimated to cost approximately \$350,000.

4. Street Repairs:

A Capital Outlay Application was submitted for funds to pay for street repairs throughout the Town of Lockport. \$1,200,000 was appropriated as Priority 2 (General Obligation Bonds). Town of Lockport will also receive forms to complete but not until later in the fiscal year.

Mayor Champagne asked Mr. Breaud about starting an evaluation of the street repairs that we would want repaired.

K. Public Wishing to Address the Council

1. Annette Fontana, Assistant District Attorney, introduced herself to Council. She stated she is a Candidate for Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court. She wants Lafourche Parish to become a model for other parishes. Chief Vedros thanked Ms. Fontana for all her support and training she provided to his department.

2. Joe Paul Mayet stated that he was here to update the Council on his properties. He said that no one is interested in investing time and money. He said within the next 30 days all the properties will be for sale if nothing changes.

3. John Champagne talked about a potential monument for Military, Firemen, Police, and Town Officials at the Bayou Side Park. He asked the Council if they would allow them to put a monument in the Bayouside Park. He said they will work on how they will fund this later. Councilman Triche asked Mr. Champagne if he had an idea of where he wanted to put this monument. Councilman Triche also stated he would like to see it handicap accessible. Mayor Champagne suggested that Mr. Champagne come back with the exact dimensions and information, and then, we can work together on the best spot for the Monument. Mayor Champagne also suggested that he contact the American Legion because they had similar ideas, and they can possibly work together.

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

Councilman Rogers made a motion to adopt the above stated Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Councilman Barker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hartman 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

1. To discuss and adopt an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.

Mayor Champagne stated that for the last two years we have been working with Municode on how the Town's ordinances can be more conveniently accessible to the public.

Mr. Huddleston stated that we have kept our ordinances in black binders in the office. The Public can't access those black binders as easily as they can if it was online. Municode puts them online so the Public can view them without having to come to office and ask for the black binders.

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

2. To discuss the possibility of zoning definition change for modular/manufactured homes. Councilman Rogers stated that the City of Thibodaux changed their zoning to allow modular homes in any zone in the city. He stated that we need to update our code and allow residents to bring a modular homes into the R-1 zone into Town. Mayor Champagne suggested that we table this discussion to the next meeting.

Mayor Champagne asked the Public three times if they had any comments or questions, there were none.

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

N. Ordinance

To adopt and enact a new code for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.

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

O. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Champagne stated Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for August 4th, 2015 at the Lockport Ball park. He also stated that that pictures of the Mayor and Council will be taken August 8, 2015. Mayor Champagne thanked councilwoman Guidry and the fire department for their help with the American flags.

b. Council

1. Councilman Rogers stated that he attended the Chief of Police Conference, and it is amazing what the police department mandates. He feels our department is well equipped compared to other municipalities. He thanked Chief Vedros and the Police Department.
2. Councilman Triche thanked the Fire department and personnel who put the flags in Crescent Ave. He also commended the Town Crew on the job they did for the drainage ditch by the new gas station Jay's Quick Stop. He attended the District J meeting, and they had a good turnout.
3. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for coming to the meeting including Mr. Mayet and Senator Norby Chabert. She said she ordered Fall and Christmas flags. She said that she noticed the landscape around the Town Hall needs some attention. She also stated that we need some yellow marking in the parking lot. She suggested that we need to trim the Crete myrtles in the front of Town Hall as well. Mayor Champagne stated that we will take care of it.
4. Councilman Hartman thanked Senator Chabert for all his efforts for the Town of Lockport.
5. Councilman Barker complimented Chief Vedros for the Police Report that they receive every month.

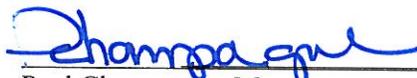
Chief Vedros asked the Council to call for a public hearing to discuss dog ordinance and raising of bonds and fines for the next available date. He also stated that he was elected the 2nd Vice President of the State Association.

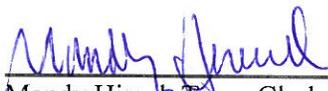
d. Ms. Himel told the Council that everything they need for the LMA convention was in their packet. She also stated that the new computer software system was going great.

P. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 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 Himel, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-007

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL:

Section 1. The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 48, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before October 21, 2014, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

Section 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 4. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town Council to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 5. Ordinances adopted after October 21, 2014, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective August 20, 2015.

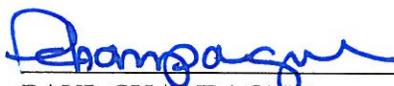
This Ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted at a public meeting of said council after a public hearing thereon, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

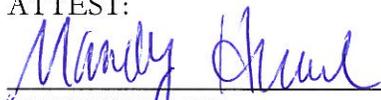
ABSENT: None.

Passed and adopted by the Town Council this 21st day of July, 2015.



PAUL CHAMPAGNE
Mayor, Town of Lockport

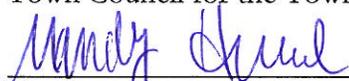
ATTEST:



MANDY HIMEL
Town Clerk

Certificate of Adoption

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance passed at the regular meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, held on the 21st day of July, 2015.



MANDY HIMEL
Town Clerk