

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting December 20, 2016**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 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 Clerk, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief of Police Warren Vedros, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr, Bryan Adams, Karen Adams, Katherine Bollinger, Allie Rasid Sr, Floyd Cretini, Jr, Ron Sapia, Mary Lynn Blanchard, Denise Chiasson, Paul Terrebonne, John Champagne, Brandon Sampey, Shelley Sampey, Dianell Reinhardt, Edward Reinhardt, Tom Butler, Dr. Bobbie M. Galjour, and Buck Hebert.

**E. Approval of Minutes for November 15, 2016, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the November 15, 2016, 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, 2016**

Mayor Champagne asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2016. Councilman Hartman moved and Councilman Barker 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. A motion was made by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Vedros stated the past few months officer Hosea has been contemplating his sergeant position. He stated Officer Hosea gave him a letter stating that he would go back to a patrolman and be relieved of his duties at the Sergeant position. Chief Vedros recommended to the Council that Officer Ricky Breaux, Jr. would be assigned to the Sergeant position and his salary would increase by \$2,400.00. Officer Hosea's salary would be decreased by the \$2,400.00 because he would no longer have the duties. He stated it would a lateral move at Officer Hosea request. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept Sargent Hosea's request to go back down to a patrolman. Councilman Triche seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Triche asked when this would take effect. Chief vedris stated it would be December 29, 2016. Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to promote Officer Ricky Breaux, Jr., from Corporal to Sergeant with the salary adjustment. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**H. Providence Report**

Mayor Champagne called on Clay Breaud of Providence, who gave the monthly engineering status report as follows:

**1. Sewer Rehabilitation (Northwest Quadrant):**

Final payment has been processed and the only outstanding item is the final request for reimbursement for LDEQ.

**2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Southwest Quadrants):**

The project is out for bids. Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for December 20, 2016 and the bid date is scheduled for January 10, 2017.

**3. Street Repairs:**

A State Capital Outlay application was submitted for funds for the construction of asphalt street overlay and repairs.

**4. Drainage Improvements between Church and School Streets:**

A State Capital Outlay application was submitted for culvert installation in the canal behind the post office and elderly apartments.

Councilman Rogers made a motion to advertise for bids for the Southwest Quadrant for the Sewer Rehab Project. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **I. Proclamation**

Town of Lockport School Choice Week

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

Councilman Rogers made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilman Triche seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

### **J. Public Hearing**

1. TO DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 48-59(d) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA, TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM LOT WIDTH AND AREA REQUIREMENTS AND TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM SIDE YARD REQUIREMENT.

Mayor Champagne asked the audience three times for comments. There were none.

2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA, TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN PROPERTY KNOWN AS "TRACT A" OF FELICIA PLANTATION, FORMERLY ANNEXED INTO THE TOWN (SITE OF THE NEW ROUSE'S AND ADJOINING LOTS), AS PART OF THE C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mayor Champagne asked the audience three times for comments. There were none

3. TO DISCUSS AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE CURRENT BUILDING PERMITS FEE SCHEDULE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT AND SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE COUNCIL.

Councilman Triche asked if in the event someone fails to apply for a permit, who polices it. Mayor Champagne stated the Town would police it. Councilman Rogers asked if the new fees would take effect January 1, 2017.

Mayor Champagne asked the audience three times for comments. There were none.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to go back into Regular Session . Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously

### **K. Ordinances**

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 42-6(c)(2)(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA, TO DECREASE THE MINIMUM LOT AREA REQUIREMENT.

Councilman Rogers made a motion to accept the above ordinance. Councilman Triche seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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Councilman Rogers made a motion to adopt the above ordinance. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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## **L. Reports**

### **1. Mayor**

Mayor Champagne thanked Lockport Rotary Club, Pat Barker, Mike Delaune, and Lockport Fire Department. The Rotary, Mr. Delaune, and Mr. Barker secured grants for the Town to buy Christmas Lights. The Lockport Fire Department hung the decorations on the poles. Mayor Champagne stated he has the pleasure of sitting up here for 24 years. He said he had a good time, and thanked everyone for their support. Mayor Champagne read aloud a proclamation for Councilman Triche for his 20 years of service. Mayor Champagne read aloud a proclamation for Councilman Rogers for his 16 years of service. He congratulated Mayor Elect Ed Reinhardt, Councilwoman Elect Dr. Bobbie M. Galjour, and Councilmen Elect Wayne Bourgeois, Jr. and Stephen Baudoin. He stated they would be around to assist in any way they can. He stated they have to work together.

### **2. Council**

a. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for the chance to serve for another four years and the vote of confidence. She thanked everyone there she served with for the last years. She is looking for to serving with the new administration. She thanked the Fire Department and everyone who donated money for Christmas decorations. She said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

b. Councilman Hartman thanked those that he served with over the last few years. He wanted to let the public know that the gentlemen leaving tonight represent 92 years of services. It will be a drastic transition. He thanked the Mayor for offering to help if needed with the new administration. He thanked the newly elected officials. He said we look forward to working with the new administration. Also, he thanked everyone for all the support for him to be reelected without opposition. On behalf of him and his wife, Marilyn, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

c. Councilman Barker thanked the Town of Lockport for electing him for 8 terms. He has enjoyed every minute of it. He stated the Councilmen and Mayors he served with were great as well. He feels the new administration coming in are very qualified and will do a good job.

d. Councilman Triche stated it was a pleasure and an honor for serving the Town for 20 years. It was a blessing to serve the community. He never said he was a politician. He said may God continue to bless American and continue to bless Lockport. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

e. Councilman Rogers reads aloud a proclamation for Mayor Champagne for his 24 years of service. On behalf of Rotary, he thanked for recognition for Christmas Decoration. He thanked Wayne Bourgeois for going ride with him to get the decorations. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked everyone for their confidence to serve the Town for 16 years. He offered his help to the new administration. He congratulated the new elected people coming in, and he hopes they work together. He enjoyed his time on the Council.

3. Town Attorney- No comment.

4. Staff- No comment.

## **M. Public Wishing to Address the Council.**

Mr. Bryan Adams asked the Town Council

## **N. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. 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 it carried unanimously at 7:37 PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk