

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting February 21, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

**A. Call to Order, B. Opening Prayer, C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Edward Reinhardt called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Mandy Himel. Mayor Reinhardt asked for a moment of silence for Mr. Gary Robichaux and Ms. Marge Barker. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reinhardt.

**D. Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Edward Reinhardt, Councilmembers Stephen Baudoin, Sharon Guidry, Bobbie M. Galjour, Rodney Hartman, and Wayne Bourgeois, Jr. Also present were Mandy Himel Town Clerk, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief of Police Warren Vedros, Bryan Adams, Wayne Galjour, Junior Adams, Allie Rasid, Sr., Lonnie Dufrene, Margie Black, Michelle Foret, Charlene Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, Rusty Vosburg, Michelle Gautreaux, and Dianell Reinhardt.

**E. Approval of Minutes for January 17, 2017, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for January 17, 2017. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Minutes for January 23, 2017, Special Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for January 23, 2017 special meeting. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**G Approval of Financial Statements for the month ending January 31, 2017**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2017. Councilman Bourgeois asked about documentation from the Lafourche Parish School Board for the collection of sales tax collections. Councilman Baudoin asked about the list of businesses paying sales tax as well. The Council would like the Administration to put together an agreement with the School Board to be able to received documents with a listing of businesses paying sales tax. The Town Attorney has been in contact with the School Board Attorney. Councilman Bourgeois moved and Councilman Baudoin seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Police Report**

Mayor Reinhardt 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 Bourgeois and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Chief Vedros asked for the Council to consider calling for a public hearing to reduce the speed limit on Barataria and Lafourche Street. They have gotten numerous complaints on speeding down these streets. Chief Vedros also stated people have been asking about no parking signs. He stated no parking signs are not enforceable without an ordinance. A discussion took place between the Council and the Chief on understanding these problems. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for public hearing to discuss reducing the speed limits on Barataria, Lafourche, and School Street, and the stop sign at corner of Lafourche and Seventh Street. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**I. Providence Report**

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

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

The project was bid on January 10, 2017. Gulf Coast Underground, LLC (GCU) was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$1,350,663.40. A resolution is on the agenda to award the contract to GCU once concurrence is obtained from LDEQ.

**2. Street Repairs:**

A State Capital Outlay application was submitted for funds for the construction of asphalt street overlay and repairs. It will be July before we know if the Town was successful in obtaining this money.

**3. 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. It will be July before we know if the Town was successful in obtaining this money.

Councilman Bourgeois asked Mr. Breaud about the special meeting that took place. Mr. Breaud verified that had to be done because every year you have to go through the process to get funded. In November, you have to submit application for Capital outlay Funding. He stated the Mayor received some correspondence that the paperwork had to be done by February 1, 2017 to be able to receive any funding for Capital Outlay projects. He stated it was also done last year but when it got to Priority 1 to give the money out, the state didn't have any money to bond. If the state doesn't come up with any money, then we may be in the same situation. Councilman Bourgeois stated there was talk around Town that the ball was dropped, and nothing was done. Councilman Guidry asked again for clarification from Mr. Breaud. She asked for Town clerk to make a correction to the post was made on Facebook about the past administration. He stated again that every year you will go through the process. She wanted the public to understand what happened. Mayor Reinhardt asked Mr. Breaud if we would push more it would help us definitely try to get it. Mr. Breaud stated you definitely want to get all the help all the support you can from all the Representatives and Senators. Mr. Breaud stated the Town is competing with everyone in the State on this funding. Mayor Reinhardt stated we will stay on top of this.

#### **J. Resolution**

1. To award and authorize the signing of the Construction Contract for the SW Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01, DEQ Contract NO.004, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and authorize the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to authorize the above stated resolution. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

#### **K. Discuss the purchase of Town Equipment**

The Town Clerk gave copies to the Council of the quote with all of the specifications on the E35 Compact excavator. It also stated on quote#24124D024506, this equipment would be purchased on the state contract#440009882, T Number 92699.

Mayor Reinhardt stated this equipment is needed. It can be used for digging ditches, sidewalks, street repairs, etc. The Town Foreman explained to the Council how this equipment would be useful and is needed as well. There was a discussion that took place between the Mayor, Council, Town Foreman, and the salesman from Bobcat, Rusty Vosburg. Parish President Jimmy Cantrelle also gave his input on this purchase. Councilman Bourgeois asked questions about purchasing a trailer. Councilwoman Guidry asked questions about the enclosed cab. They all wanted to make sure the purchase is done correctly, and we would have everything we needed. They would know all the costs involved. Councilman Hartman stated the issue at hand was to purchase the machine. Councilman Bourgeois asked about the funds. Councilman Hartman stated we have \$16,000.00 from LGAP and funds from Sewer fund will be transferred to the Sales Tax Fund. We will make an appropriation to the General Fund. He also stated we would have to amend the budget. Councilwoman Galjour asked about money from the Drainage District. Mayor Reinhardt stated they would help us out some kind of way, but we do not know the amount at this time. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to authorize the purchase of the E35 T4 ZTS Bobcat Compact Excavator as presented on the quote #24124D024506 from Duhon Machinery in the amount of \$42,713.00. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to deviate from the agenda. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion.

Ms. Michelle Gautreaux, 1203 Romy Drive, was here with many children to represent Geaux Create in Lockport. They asked about the Bayou side Park. Councilwoman Guidry stated she was going to contact them about doing things at the Park.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to go back to Regular Agenda. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

#### **L. Reports**

##### **a. Mayor**

Mayor Reinhardt stated the guys are doing a good job in Town. He stated he rode with Councilwoman Galjour through Town. He also rode with Town Foreman around Town, and they took pictures of streets. He did state part of Delta Drive did belong to the Town, and the other part of it belonged to the Parish. He stated the pictures were put on a disc, and we sent to everyone we can to try to help get this thing rolling. He appreciated the Council approving the purchase of equipment. He called on Mr. Tony Breaux to talk a little bit about permits with the parish. Councilman Bourgeois asked if it would just be to take over permitting and inspecting. Mr. Breaux stated yes. Councilman Bourgeois stated we would still have to use South Central Planning for zoning and mapping. A brief discussion took place on the permitting issues. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing to discuss South Central Planning and the Parish for permitting and inspecting. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**b. Council**

1. Councilman Baudoin stated he spoke with Mr. Kenny Matherne to get educated on the levee projects and set up a meeting with him, Kenney, and Councilwoman Galjour. He will keep the Council informed. He briefly spoke about the process with blighted property. He will meet with Town Attorney. He has also been in contact with South Central Planning, and he mentioned Brownsfield funding as well.

2. Councilwoman Guidry mention she was going to contact Ms. Michelle with Geaux Create to do something in the Park to get prepared for Easter. She thanked everyone for showing up for the meeting, and she hopes they continue to do that. She also asked about ethics training with DA Office. She wished everyone Happy Mardi Gras.

3. Councilwoman Galjour asked about the lines for the parking near the funeral home. A discussion took place between her and Chief Vedros about the parking. She is concerned with mosquito issues with Zika virus especially people with dilapidated pools. She also mentioned the wood on the side of the pavilion in the park doesn't have a facial board with a drip edge so it is rotten.

4. Councilman Hartman wished everyone Happy Mardi Gras. He is impressed with new councilmembers for indicating they are in this for real. He is getting educated on things even after 12 years.

5. Councilman Bourgeois mentioned obtaining records from the Town. He thinks the prices are way down. He requested information from other municipalities for pricing to compare rates. He will propose something next month. He attended the Mid Winter LMA Conference with Mayor and Chief. He stated it was very educational. He also mentioned the sign in sheet for public wishing to address the Council and order on the agenda. He also mentioned Bayou Cleanup is March 11, 2017. He thanked everyone for their participation.

c. Town Attorney- no comment

d. Staff

1. The Town clerk asked the Mayor and Council to state "for the record" if it is something really important for the minute records. She tries to put as much as she can in the minutes, but she wants to make sure she doesn't leave out anything really important that they state in the meetings.

2. The Town Foreman asked Mr. Breaud about the force main going to the sewer line. Mr. Breaud stated they would look into it when we figured out how much money we had left after the sewer project was complete.

**M. Public Wishing to Address Council**

1. Margie Black, 422 Lafourche Street, asked the Attorney about an ordinance for mobile homes and sewer issues. A brief discussion took place between her, Mayor and Council, Chief Vedros, and Town Attorney.

2. Darrel Martin, Owner of 106/108 Francis Street, wants to have the property subdivided. Councilman Bourgeois called for a public hearing to discuss the subdividing of the property at this location. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour, and it carried unanimously at 9:10 PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt  
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk

It was moved by Councilwoman Guidry and seconded by Councilman Baudoin that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION 2017-003

A resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for the "Southwest Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01, DEQ Contract No. 004, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana", and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lockport did receive construction bids on the Southwest Quadrant, Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01, DEQ Contract No. 004, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the lowest and best bid was that submitted by Gulf Coast Underground, LLC of Mobile, Alabama, in the Base Bid amount of \$1,350,663.40, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Lockport award the construction contract to Gulf Coast Underground, LLC in the Base Bid amount of \$1,350,663.40, once concurrence by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has been obtained, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Town of Lockport be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sign a construction contract for and on behalf of the Town of Lockport with Gulf Coast Underground, LLC, upon receipt of the performance and payment bonds in the amount of the contract price, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of required certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as provided in the project specifications and upon execution and recordation of all contract documents, that the Engineer is hereby authorized to issue the Notice to Proceed to the Contractor to commence construction of the project.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers: Baudoin, Guidry, Galjour, Hartman, Bourgeois.

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 21st day of February, 2017.

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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 21st day of February, 2017, 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 21st day of February, 2017.

/s/ Mandy Himel  
Mandy Himel, Clerk  
Town of Lockport