

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting May 16, 2017**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00PM, 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. 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, Rodney Hartman, and Wayne Bourgeois, Jr. Councilwoman Bobbie Galjour was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief of Police Warren Vedros, Junior Adams, Allie Rasid, Sr., Frank Curole, Mary Lynn Blanchard, Michelle Gautreaux, and Mark Rodriguez.

**E. Representative Jerry "Truck" Gisclair**

Representative Gisclair could not make the meeting because he was tied up in Baton Rouge. He has been working together with Senator Chabert for the street improvements. Mayor Reinhardt, the Chief, and Councilman Baudoin went to Baton Rouge a few weeks ago and met with them. They are trying their best to get what we need for the Town. They talked about the 25% waiver. They understood from Representative Gisclair if we would wait until 2018 then they would waive the 25% match. The project has moved from Priority 5 to Priority 1.

**F. Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2017, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for April 18, 2017. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**G. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending April 30, 2017**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2017. Councilman Bourgeois moved, and Councilman Baudoin seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**H. Proclamations**

**1. MPS Awareness Month**

They presented this above Proclamation to Miss Meekel Stevens.

**2. National Childcare Provider Appreciated Day**

**3. Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month**

**4. National Police Week 2017**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the Proclamations as stated above. It was a unanimous second by the Council.

**I. 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 Councilman Baudoin to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. 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 contractor has cleaned and videoed the sewer mains in the Southwest Quadrant. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, they began installing the CIPP in the sewer mains and should take up to 8 weeks. The point repair crew should be on site in mid-May. The service liner installing should begin at the beginning of June.

**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.

A small discussion took place.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**K. Public Hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:**

1. Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2017)
2. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2017)
3. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2017)
4. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2017)
5. Friends of Traditional LA Boat Building (current lease expires June 30, 2017)
6. Halifax Theatre Company (current lease expires June 30, 2017)

Megan Morris, Representative from the Bayou Playhouse, stated they have officially changed the name and it called the Bayou Playhouse now. She will provide documents.

Councilman Bourgeois asked if we contacted all of them to see if they wanted to renew the leases. The Town Clerk will contact all parties. The Board Members present tonight can bring it back to their Board to discuss leases. He also stated the Boat Building and Playhouse would like to look into getting a longer term lease. This would help them with grants.

Michelle Gautreaux addressed the Council on the Boat Building. They are in the same predicament with the grants because of the terms of the lease.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the Public three times if they wanted to address the Council. There were no comments.

**L. Public Hearing**

**1. Discuss adopting an ordinance to put a three way stop sign at the corner of Lafourche and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.**  
Matt Hodson, 421 Lafourche Street, addressed the Council. He stated he sees the volume of traffic in this area. He thinks creating an intersection and working with Chief Vedros we would have a better intersection. Councilwoman Guidry made some suggestions for this intersection such as painting on the road the word STOP and a line. Councilman Bourgeois stated it was a one way street with on street parking allowed. We don't have any ordinance in town stating you have to park a certain distant from the stop sign.

**2. Discuss South Central Planning vs. Lafourche Parish Government for permitting.**

Mr. Michael Wich, 5058 W Main St. Houma, addressed the Council on behalf of South Central Planning. He stated they have formed new fees through pro rata share schedule. Councilman Hartman stated the fees would be about \$9900.00 per year. Mr. Wich did state if we choose to go with the Parish that they would complete all existing permits with the Town until they are complete. This would cause a burden on our citizens because the fees would go up. Even if no permits are pulled we would have to pay this fee monthly. More discussion took place. Mr. Tony Breaux with Lafourche Parish Government addressed the Council. He presented some options to the Council. A small discussion took place. It would be less costly to go with the Parish.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the Public three times if they wanted to address the Council. There were no comments.

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

**M. Ordinances for Lease Renewals**

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
  2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office
  3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office
  4. Halifax Theatre Company
  5. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building
  6. Christopher J. Huddleston
- (All current leases expire 6/30/17)

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to table this topic. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N. Ordinance**

**1. Adopt an ordinance to add section 46-8 to the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, LA to establish a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Seventh Street and Lafourche Street.**

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

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**O. Public Hearing**

- 1. To hear public comments on the amended budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 Town of Lockport Budgets.
  - 2. To hear public comments on the new budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets.
- A brief discussion took place on the budget.  
 Mayor Reinhardt asked the Public three times if they wanted to address the Council. There were no comments.

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

**P. Reports**

a. Mayor

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to change the meeting date in June. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to change the June meeting date to June 13, 2017 @ 7:00 pm due to the budget. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

b. Council

- 1. Councilman Baudoin stated he discovered from the Representatives that such an email campaign probably wouldn't be effective. They get an excessive amount of emails a day. He briefly explained his concern about the 25% match for the Capital Outlay funding. He is still working on ordinances for upcoming meetings.
  - 2. Councilwoman Guidry stated she received an email from Senator Chabert. She stated she had a request from Mr. Mark Rodriguez about Chick Fil'A. She did try to contact them. She read their response out loud.
  - 3. Councilman Hartman thanked Councilman Baudoin with assistance with budget. He congratulated the Mayor and the Chief with their help and cooperation with the budget as well. He mentioned National Police Week. He thanked them for their service, and he asked to keep praying for them.
  - 4. Councilman Bourgeois stated they have been working on the zoning and planning. We are moving forward with it. He talked briefly about South Central Planning and the Parish for permitting. He asked Councilwoman Guidry about flags for the poles.
- c. Town Attorney- No Comment.  
 d. Staff- The Town Clerk asked if anyone wants to discuss the budget to let her know in advance so she can plan ahead.

**Q. Public Wishing to Address the Council**

- 1. Mr. Mark Rodriguez mentioned issues with Parish taking over, and the Town Council would have no control. A small discussion took place. He also requested to fix the front of the street.
- 2. Ms. Tracy Acosta Cheramie addressed some issues with the Mayor. After discussion, the Mayor asked Ms. Cheramie to politely leave the room. He asked Chief Vedros to take her out of the room.

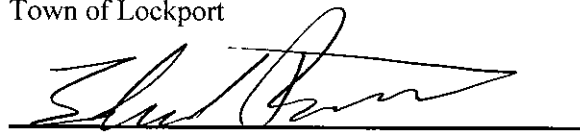
The Mayor and Councilwoman Guidry had a discussion.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a point of order. Councilman Hartman seconded it. Councilman Baudoin was in favor of the motion.

**R. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Councilman Hartman. Councilman Baudoin was in favor of adjournment at 8:12PM.

Town of Lockport



Edward Reinhardt, Mayor



Mandy Himel, Town Clerk



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### Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPSs) are rare genetic disorders in children and adults that involve an abnormal storage of mucopolysaccharides, caused by the absence of a specific enzyme; and
- WHEREAS,** the occurrence of MPS and related diseases in the general population is thought to be one in 25,000 births; and
- WHEREAS,** May 15th is International MPS Awareness Day, on which date the global MPS community joins together to raise awareness of MPS disease disorders and honor the individuals and families who are affected by them; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mayor, the Town Council, and the citizens of the Town of Lockport continue to believe that all Americans should have the chance to live full, independent lives and to follow their talents wherever they lead; and
- WHEREAS,** this month, we recognize Americans living with MPS, and we commit to promoting MPS awareness with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of patients living with the disease.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, EDWARD REINHARDT, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT,** on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Lockport, do hereby proclaim May 15 as MPS Awareness Day, and I encourage each of us to learn more about MPS and what we can do to support individuals living with MPS and their families.

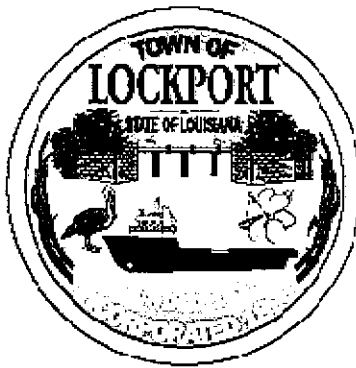
*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Lockport, on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2017.*

*Edward Reinhardt, Mayor*

*Attest by*

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*Mandy Hindel, Town Clerk*



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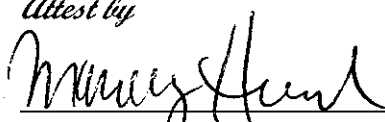
- WHEREAS,** the second Sunday in May has long been recognized as the day to honor mothers and their commitment to children. The Friday before Mother's Day, May 12, 2017, is Provider Appreciation Day, a special day to recognize child care providers, teachers, school-age program staff, child care center directors and staff, and all those who work with children and are responsible for their education and care. It is estimated that nearly 11 million children under age 5 are cared for by 2.8 million child care providers in the United States, and
- WHEREAS,** the Childcare Association of Louisiana, a statewide, nonprofit organization represents the interests of licensed childcare providers and the children they serve, and wholeheartedly endorses and promotes the National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, and
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the Childcare Association of Louisiana is to educate, advocate, and collaborate to build a premier, proactive childcare industry for Louisiana families, and
- WHEREAS,** by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within the state of Louisiana, the Childcare Association of Louisiana and other advocacy organizations hope to improve the quality and availability of such services, and
- WHEREAS,** our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today, high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future, and
- WHEREAS,** "Every child should have access to a high a quality early childhood educational program and be prepared to enter kindergarten ready to learn" says Alan Young, President of Child Care Association of Louisiana.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that **May 12, 2017**, shall be hereby designated as Child Care Provider Appreciation Day in the Town of Lockport and all citizens are urged to recognize licensed childcare providers for their important work

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Lockport, on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2017.*

  
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Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

Attest by

  
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Mandy Himel, Town Clerk



*Town of Lockport*

**PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 1600 to 4000 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

**WHEREAS** between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

**WHEREAS** the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and

**WHEREAS** very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

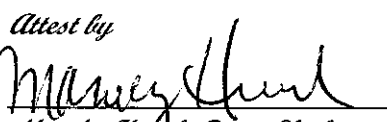
**WHEREAS** an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence; now

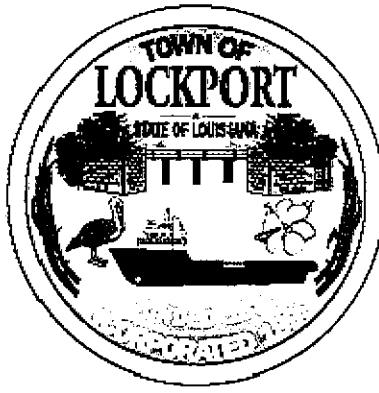
**THEREFORE**, I Edward Reinhardt, Mayor of the Town of Lockport, do hereby officially proclaim May 2017 as:

**PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, at the Town Hall, in the Town of Lockport, on this the 16th day of May, A.D. 2017.*

  
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

*Attest by*  
  
Mandy Hinkel, Town Clerk



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## National Police Week 2017

*WHEREAS*, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

*WHEREAS*, the members of law enforcement agency of the Town of Lockport play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Lockport; and

*WHEREAS*, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

*WHEREAS*, the police department of the Town of Lockport has grown to be modern and scientific law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Edward Reinhardt call upon all citizens of the Town of Lockport and upon all patriotic, civil and educational organizations to observe the week of May 14- May 20, 2017, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in commemorating police officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I FURTHER call upon all citizens of the Town of Lockport to observe Monday, May 15, 2017, as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

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Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

Attest by

  
Mandy Hymel, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-003

The following ordinance, having been previously introduced, was offered for final adoption by Councilman Bourgeois, and seconded by Councilman Baudoin.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 46-8 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA, TO ESTABLISH A THREE-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF SEVENTH STREET AND LAFOURCHE STREET.

WHEREAS, Seventh Street and Lafourche Street are old streets that are very narrow and congested; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes it to be in the best interest of the Town to reduce the speeds on Lafourche in order to reduce the risk of harm to its citizens and visitors;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered 46-8, which section reads as follows:

**Sec. 46-8. - Establishment of three-way stop intersections.**

The following intersections shall be regulated as three-way stops:

- (1) Intersection of 7th Street and Lafourche Street.

This Ordinance shall become effective as of signing by the mayor.

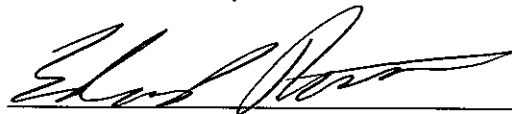
This Ordinance, having been submitted in writing, having been read and adopted at a public meeting of said council, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

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

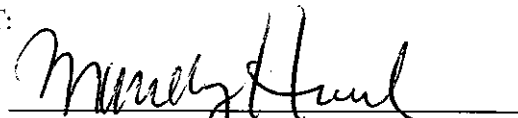
NAYS: 00

ABSENT: Councilwoman Galjour

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 16th of May, 2017.

  
EDWARD "COACH ED" REINHARDT,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
MANDY HIMMEL,  
TOWN CLERK