

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 13, 2017

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 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. 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 Galjour, Rodney Hartman, and Wayne Bourgeois, Jr. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, David Harrelson, Jr., Ricky Breaux, Junior Adams, Allie Rasid, Sr., Mark Rodriguez, Louanna Sponge, Brent Sponge, Andrea Joseph, Jay Joseph, Malcolm Boudreaux, Eugenia Boudreaux, Sidonia Champagne, Ernest Boudreaux, Geraldine James, Lonnie Dufrene, John Champagne, Jonathan Angle, Buck Hebert, and Megan Morris.

E. Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2017, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for May 16, 2017. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending May 31, 2017

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2017. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilwoman Guidry seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Sgt. Det. David Harrelson to report on the department's activities. Sgt Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to give Assistant Chief Ricky Breaux a vote of confidence to perform the duties of the Police Chief until the interim is appointed. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Sgt. Ricky Breaux addressed the Council, and he stated he will not be running in a special election for the Chief of Police's position.

H. 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 8th, they began installing the CIPP in the sewer mains and should take up to 8 weeks. The point repair crew and service liner should begin soon.

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.

I. Select Official Municipal Journal for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Councilman Hartman made a motion to select the Daily Comet as the Official Journal. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. CEA Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government regarding permitting

Councilman Bourgeois briefly spoke to the public about this topic. He stated we were going to try to pass a resolution tonight to go with Lafourche Parish Government. He stated our Town attorney revised their CEA since theirs was very vague and not detailed. The Parish stated their attorney would have to review it. We still don't have any confirmation from South Central Planning or Lafourche Parish Government.

K. Public Wishing to Address the Council on Lease Ordinances

Mr. Ernest Savoie, Jr. spoke on behalf of the Center for Traditional Louisiana Boat Building. He addressed the Council about the issues they are having with the building before they would decide to raise the rent. The Mayor clarified that no one stated we were going to raise the rent. Councilman Bourgeois noted this is the one building we rent out in the Town that we lose money on. He also stated he would love for the Boat building to stay in the Town of Lockport. A small discussion continued.

Due to all the issues he presented to the Council about the condition/problems of the building, they decided to table this for three months until September 30, 2017. The current lease will not expire on June 30, 2017, and it will continue as is for now.

The official name of the business will have to be verified as well.

Ms. Megan Morris addressed the Council on behalf of The Bayou Playhouse. Councilman Bourgeois stated again we have a one year and a five year lease. It depends on what they want.

L. Public Wishing to Address the Council on Budgets Ordinances

Mayor Reinhardt asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to address the Council. There were no comments.

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M. Ordinances for Lease Renewals

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the lease. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the lease. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the lease. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. The Bayou Playhouse

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the 5 year lease. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion for 5 year lease, and it carried unanimously.

5. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to table this lease until September 30, 2017. The lease will remain the same until then. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

6. Christopher J. Huddleston

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the lease. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

(All current leases expire 6/30/17)

N. Ordinance

1. To adopt the ordinance on the amended budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the above ordinance. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. To adopt the ordinance on the new budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the above ordinance. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Reinhardt stated Chief Vedros has resigned. We will have a special meeting tomorrow June 14, 2017 @ 7:00pm to call for a special election and appoint an interim chief. Mayor Reinhardt went to the Drainage District meeting, and they have agreed to give us half of what it cost for the excavator. He has been keeping in touch with Representative Gisclair, and it is looking good for the money for our streets. Crews are still doing work in town on the sewer lining and smoke testing. We will be sending letters out to people in town with sewer leaks. For Mosquito control, they will spray twice a month. If needed, we will get them to come spray more often. We had trouble in the back of town, but we took care of that. We dug on Catherine Street to help get some of the water out. It takes a while because we have to call for locates. There is a culvert by Texaco, and the water is not flowing too well. There is a culvert by the Bayou Playhouse that we can make sure isn't plugged up to help the water flow.

b. Council

1. Councilman Baudoin- no report.

2. Councilwoman Guidry thanked the Police Department for their protection. She purchased flags for the fire department to put the flags on the poles.

3. Councilwoman Galjour stated she called the Board of Health about the pools in Town. She will get with the Mayor.

4. Councilman Hartman thanked the Police Department for their efforts.

5. Councilman Bourgeois thanked the Police Department for being there and keeping us together and going. He stated the Police Department is part of what makes the Town. If they need any assistance, let them know. He asked the Town Attorney if the new chief would immediately take office, or would it be later. The Town Attorney will look into this question. He got a couple of people involved with ordinances and zoning. It may take a little longer than he planned. We are trying to move forward with permitting. He hasn't been able to get with Chris on the Personnel handbook. He will use LMA as reference. He asked about the tree cutting in Town, and if it was still going on in Town. He will send address so we can add them to the list.

c. Town Attorney- No Comment.

d. Staff- no comment.

Q. Public Wishing to Address the Council

1. Mr. Mark Rodriguez thanked them for trying to fix the rocks on the road.

2. Mr. Ernest Boudreaux, 1109 Ethel Street, addressed the Council about consideration for the appointment of Chief of Police.

R. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Councilman Baudoin. Councilman Baudoin was in favor of adjournment at 8:35PM.

Town of Lockport



Edward Reinhardt, Mayor



Mandy Himel, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-004

An ordinance to amend the Lockport
Code of Ordinances so as to amend
Section 2-6

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 2-6
to read as follows:

SECTION 2-6 RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY

- (E) The mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with
Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office for the terms and conditions stated
in the attached Lease Agreement.

The vote on the ordinance was as follows:

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

NAYS: 00

ABSENT: 00

The ordinance was declared adopted this 13th day of JUNE 2017.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-005

An ordinance to amend the Lockport
Code of Ordinances so as to amend
Section 2-6

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 2-6
to read as follows:

SECTION 2-6 RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY

- (C) The mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with
Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office for the terms and conditions stated
in the attached Lease Agreement.

The vote on the ordinance was as follows:

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

NAYS: 00

ABSENT: 00

The ordinance was declared adopted this 13th day of June, 2017.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-006

An ordinance to amend the Lockport
Code of Ordinances so as to amend
Section 2-6

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 2-6
to read as follows:

SECTION 2-6 RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY

- (D) The mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with
Lafourche Clerk of Court's Office for the terms and conditions stated
in the attached Lease Agreement.

The vote on the ordinance was as follows:

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

NAYS: 00

ABSENT: 00

The ordinance was declared adopted this 13th day of June, 2017.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-007

An ordinance to amend the Lockport
Code of Ordinances so as to amend
Section 2-6

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 2-6
to read as follows:

SECTION 2-6 RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY

- (A) The mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with
The Bayou Playhouse for the terms and conditions stated in the
attached Lease Agreement.

The vote on the ordinance was as follows:

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


NAYS: 00

ABSENT: 00

The ordinance was declared adopted this 13th day of June, 2017.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-008

An ordinance to amend the Lockport
Code of Ordinances so as to amend
Section 2-6

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 2-6
to read as follows:

SECTION 2-6 RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY

- (A) The mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with
CHRISTOPHER J. HUDDLESTON for the terms and conditions
stated in the attached Lease Agreement.

The vote on the ordinance was as follows:

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

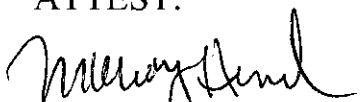
NAYS: 00

ABSENT: 00

The ordinance was declared adopted this 13th day of June, 2017.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-009

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 2016-2017 Budget (ATTACHMENT A) for the operation and maintenance of the Town.

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

NAYS: 00.

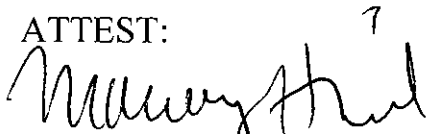
ABSENT: 00.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 13th day of June, 2017.



Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mandy Himel, Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-010

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

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018, FOR THE TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana that:

Section 1.

As required by La. R.S. 39:1301-1315, the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, the attached detailed estimate of revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the Town of Lockport during the same period.

Section 2.

The attached estimate of expenditures by department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Lockport during the same period.

Section 3.

The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount set forth therein within the terms of the budget classification.

Section 4.

Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the terms of the 2017-2018 budget within a 5% variance, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1309-1310. The Town Council hereby grants the authority to the Mayor to make the expenditures provided for therein. However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Mayor from amending or making an appropriation to and from a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency, defined as an unforeseen event bringing with it destruction or injury of life or property or the imminent threat of such destruction or injury.

Section 5.

Unless proscribed by State law, the Mayor is hereby given authority to reallocate expenditures and to make changes within various budget classifications by transferring budget funds from one department to another department without the approval of the Town Council. Said amendments shall not alter the total revenues or total expenditures by more than 1%.

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: Baudoin, Guidry, Galjour, Hartman, and Bourgeois.

NAYS: 00

ABSENT: 00

And the Ordinance was declared adopted on this the 13th of June, 2017.


EDWARD REINHARDT
MAYOR, TOWN OF LOCKPORT

ATTEST:

MANDY HIMEL
TOWN CLERK