

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 15, 2017

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 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, Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Allie Rasid, Sr., Scott John Guidry, Bryan K. Adams, Buck Hebert, Sarah Billiot, Zina Sampey, and Archie Chaisson III.

E. Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2017, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for July 18 2017. Councilman Bourgeois asked for an amendment to the minutes. He stated under the Police Report where Sgt. Ricky Breaux addressed the Council needed to be removed. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion to amend the minutes, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the Financial Statements ending July 31, 2017. Discussion took place between the Council and Town Clerk. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

G. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Chief Harrelson to report on the department's activities. Chief Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. Chief Harrelson informed the Council that Officer Jamie Findley resigned Monday, August 14, 2017. He wished her well. He also stated they would be advertising for her position. Councilwoman Guidry asked the Chief how everything was going. Chief Harrelson stated it is going well. A motion was made by Councilman Bourgeois, and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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):

Percent Complete:

- Mainlines 95%
- Manhole Coatings 25%
- Cleanout 95%
- Short Liners 80%
- Long Liners 0%

2. Street Repairs:

The funds for this project are a Priority 1 item in Capital Outlay Bill. However, the State must issue bonds prior to distributing funds. It is on the Bond Commission Agenda.

A small discussion took place between the Mayor, Council, and Mr. Breaud.

I. Appointment- 911 Board

Ms. Zina Sampey addressed the Council on her qualifications and experience for consideration as the Town of Lockport appointee.

Councilman Bourgeois thanked Mr. Archie Chiasson who was also present for the consideration for the 911 Board. The letter from the Parish states that you have to a resident of the Town of Lockport.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to appoint Ms. Zina Sampey to the 911 Board. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. Councilmembers Galjour and Hartman were in favor. Councilwoman Guidry abstained.

J. Discuss permitting for South Central Planning and Lafourche Parish Government

Mr. Kevin Bellanger, South Central Planning, addressed the Council. Mr. Tony Breaux, Lafourche Parish Government, addressed the Council. Discussion took place between all parties. Councilman Baudoin and Councilman Bourgeois abstained from voting. Councilman Hartman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to

sign the agreement with South Central planning. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion. Councilwoman Galjour was in favor.

K. Resolutions

1. To authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Stagni and Co. for AUP procedures.

Councilman Hartman made a motion for above stated Resolution. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. To authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Kyle Loupe Electric.

The Mayor suggested to table this item. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to table this resolution. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilman Baudoin and Hartman were in favor. Councilwoman Guidry abstained. Councilman Bourgeois asked if all the generators were running good. Mayor Reinhardt stated everything was running good. He also stated we have other people on stand by. Councilman Baudoin asked about disaster procedures.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

L. Public Wishing to Address the Council

1. Discuss reducing the speed limit down all of Catherine Street from 25 mph to 15 mph.

Mr. Kevin Bellanger stated they have traffic control devices that might help us. They would offer them at no cost. Mr. Shane Eschette, 213 Catherine Street, expressed his concerns about the speeding down the street. He also provided a list of people who signed in favor of reducing the speed limit to 15 mph.

2. Discuss removing the “no parking with boat trailer” signs by Bayouside Park.

Mr. Weldon “Chunky” Triche expressed his concerns about removing the signs. He is not in favor of it. He also stated there was an ordinance for the signs. He would like to see them stay for the safety of the children.

Discussion continued.

Mayor Reinhardt asked three time if anyone else had anything to say, no one answered.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to get out of Public Hearing. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion for a resolution to adopt an ordinance at the next meeting to reduce the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion for a resolution to adopt an ordinance at the next meeting to enforce the no parking with boat trailer signs at the Bayouside Park. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Reports

A. Mayor Ed Reinhardt stated he spoke with Jeff Lasseigne about the buildings on Main Street. He stated he is trying to get the town back to the way it used to be.

B. Council

1. Councilman Bourgeois stated on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 11:00 A.M., there will be a Blue Mass at St. Francis Cathedral. He spoke to the Mandy about the trash and that is being taken care of. He is working on the planning and zoning book. He stated in the personnel handbook is an ordinance. It should be followed, but stated there are some things that need to be changed.

2. Councilman Hartman stated South Central Planning already started viewing our zoning. He stated we the town do not have the man power to oversee our zoning ordinances. He stated somebody has to take care of the issues that come up, and we have to follow the guidelines that are set up. He stated he would be in order to make a motion for an Executive Session. Councilman Baudoin suggested to proceed with Executive Session once the meeting is near the end.

Mr. Kenney Matherne, 407 Lafourche Street, addressed the council on upcoming projects for the North Lafourche Levee District. Mayor Reinhardt stated Mr. Matherne was doing a good job. Mr. Matherne stated if anyone had any questions, they could call him.

3. Councilwoman Galjour stated she doesn't have anything to report and thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

4. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. She also thanked Chief David Harrelson for Night Out Against Crime. She stated she wanted to call for public hearing to amend our policies and procedures manual.

5. Councilman Baudoin stated he wanted to bring everyone up to date on the blighted property ordinance, he is back on track and is hoping to have the report for the next meeting. He said he will present options for the Council to adopt an ordinance for blighted properties and nuisance. He asked what kind of emergency plan does the Town have in case of a hurricane. He asked about fuel supply for the generator and reentry passes from the Parish. There was small discussion on this topic.

- C. Town Attorney- no comment
- D. Staff -no comment

N. Public Wishing to Address the Council

Ray Gaubert, 506 Elizabeth St, stated it has been 28 years since he has been able to flush his toilets during a rain storm. He wants the washout out of his yard. He was not asked, and it doesn't help. He asked for the Council's permission to put a sewer treatment plant. He also stated he will continue to pay sewer bill. The Town Attorney stated it sounds like we can allow him to disconnect from the sewer and not be connected. He stated we cannot confirm anything or give an answer tonight. The Town Attorney said we will check into it further to see how it will affect the whole system. Councilman Bourgeois stated we will have to check with DEQ as well due to the size of the property.

Jeffery Allen 715 East Main Street wanted to ask the council for the permission for an after Homecoming party to give the children somewhere safe to go after Homecoming Sept. 9th. The council gave the permission for the after party for Homecoming.

Zina Sampey, 720 7th Street, addressed the Council on personnel issues concerning employment at the town.

Sara Billiot, 123 Comeaux Dr., asked where her street fell priority wise for the road repair. Discussion took place.

Michelle Gautreaux, 1203 Romy Drive, stated she has spoken with the Mayor and Councilwoman Guidry about doing some things like painting some of the equipment at the park for the kids. She said she would like to get together with the local schools for the students to paint feathers for a display at the Town Hall.

Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, stated he would like the Council and the Mayor address the concerns with the Lafourche Parish Government about water that runs off into a yard with a house on blocks. He is concerned the house may sink in the future. This is on corner of 4th Street coming from Crescent Ave.

Mayor Ed Reinhardt asked three times if anyone else had anything to say and no one answered.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to go into Executive Session concerning personnel issues. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made the motion for Mayor Ed Reinhardt to advertise the Deputy Clerk position. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Guidry called for a public hearing to amend certain positions in the policy procedure handbook for the October 17, 2017. Councilman Guidry made the motion. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, it carried unanimously.

The Council had a brief discussion about the abandoned Conoco station, and if there are any properties that would need to be assessed.

Councilman Bourgeois asked about the appraisals for the vacant buildings owned by the Town.

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk