

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 17, 2017

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 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., Mike Kreamer, Cheryl Hosea, Phillip Hosea, Brad Ross, Ricky Breaux, Jenny Breaux, Waylon Orgeron, Jeffrey Bordelon, Kathleen Kraemer, Charlene Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, Junior Adams, Weldon Triche, Tony Bellanger, Allie Rasid, Sr., Donna Breaux, Rayne Porche, Armand "Noonie" Autin, and Stephanie Price.

Mayor Reinhardt congratulated Chief Harrelson on winning the election. He said good job and good luck.

E. Approval of Minutes for September 19, 2017, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for September 19, 2017. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of the Financial Statements for the month ending September 30, 2017

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the Financial Statements ending September 30, 2017. 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 stated he can email the reports if they feel it would be more convenient for them. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the police report as presented. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it 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 75%
- Cleanout 95% (Some must be corrected.)
- Short Liners 80%
- Long Liners 25% (Videos were completed, but no liners have been installed yet.)

The lateral videos requested in the original contract have been reviewed. Based on the videos, we were able to determine where long liners would be appropriate and where point repairs would be necessary. Additional videos have been requested based on the latest smoke test and availability of funds.

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.

3. Capital Outlay:

Drafts of the Capital Outlay requests for road improvements and the Church Street Drainage has been submitted to the Town for review. Upon receiving comments, the requests will be finalized and support letters requested from Senator Chabert and Representative Gisclair.

I. Proclamations

1. Disability Awareness Month

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the above proclamation as presented. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the above proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the above proclamation as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois stated the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office is hosting its annual Domestic Violence vigil at the Central Market on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00pm.

J. Call for Public Hearing

1. To amend the 17-18 Town of Lockport Budget

Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for a public hearing. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Small discussion took place.

K. Discuss Generator Maintenance Contracts

Mayor Reinhardt presented two contracts to the Council. One was from Kyle Loupe Electric in the amount of \$4,500.00. The other contract was from Arcco in the amount of \$5,145.00. The Town Supervisor, Tony Ordoyne, addressed the Council on the generators and his dealings with the issues with the generators. Discussion took place between Council and Town Supervisor. Councilman Bourgeois stated for the record they asked several times if all the generators were operating fine a few months ago. He said the answer was they were all operating fine because they were all checked and ready for storm season. Mayor Reinhardt said he did state that they were ready for storm season at the time. Councilman Bourgeois stated for the record if the Town Supervisor can't make it out here to start the generators he will be here to start them. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept contract from Kyle Loupe Electric. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried. Councilwoman Guidry abstained from voting.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to go into Public Hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Public Hearing

1. An Ordinance to amend Section 46-2 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, LA., to reduce the speed limit on those portions of Barrilleaux Street to 15 Miles per hour.

Ms. Donna M. Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux St, addressed the Council on the speed limit issues. She thinks if 25 mph speed limits are not enforced then what makes people think 15mph speed limits will be enforced. She is opposed to changing the speed limit to 15mph on the entire street of Barrilleaux. She doesn't see any safety issues. She thinks the Council needs to consider costs and needs of all citizens of the Town of Lockport. Small discussion took place.

Ms. Jennifer Ford, 1003 Barrilleaux St. Apt 8, addressed the Council on reducing the speed limit to 15mph. She stated she got 36 signatures on a petition in favor of the reduction in speed. She stated there are safety issues due to congestion in her area. Small discussion took place.

Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, addressed the Council and stated the signs don't do any good. He stated to teach children to play in the yards.

Ms. Stephanie Price, 1007 Blk of Barrilleaux St, has never witnessed any congestion in that area. She agrees with Mr. Triche on the safety issues. Discussion took place. She feels this whole thing was due to a personal issue against her, and it wasn't about the speed limit.

Ms. Laura Bruett, 256 Elizabeth Street, opposed the change to reduce the speed limit to 15mph. She stated the population has gone down. This change is not because of congestion.

Ms. Dana Callais, Apartment complex on Barrilleaux St, is for the change of the speed limit for the safety of everyone. Mayor Reinhardt asked if this has been reported to the Police Department.

Officer Mike Kreamer addressed the Public and the Council. He stated he was very familiar with this issue. He ran radar with a hand held radar gun in this area. He stated there is bickering between citizens. He does constant radar log there. He explained the radar machine and how it works. He stated he is not for or opposing anything.

Ms. Jennifer Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux St, addressed the Council. She stated she is opposing the change of the speed limit to 15mph. She thinks the current speed limit should be enforced. She also mentioned the bus drivers and how changing the speed limit would affect them. She asked where the funds would come from if they speed limit was changed to change the signs.

Ms. Lejeune addressed the Council about the personal issues down Barrilleaux Street. She stated this was not addressed because of speed limit or congestion.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if anyone else had anything else to say. No one else wanted to address the Council.

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

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to pull the current ordinance. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to call for a public hearing to reduce the speed limit to 15mph on the portions of Barrilleaux Street from Crescent Ave to 1st Street. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Reports

1. Mayor Edward Reinhardt stated we moved the sewer sludge. It cost \$4100.00 to move it. Councilman Bourgeois asked how many times a year does this have to be done. Mayor Reinhardt stated this should be done twice a year. Mayor Reinhardt stated Entergy gave the Town a \$500 grant to use toward Halloween. He stated it will still be at the Park and on the streets. Mayor Reinhardt stated the Town Clerk went to a training in Baton Rouge. Councilman Bourgeois also attended this training. The Town Clerk briefly talked about what the training consisted of over the course of two days. Mayor Reinhardt stated he spoke to Mr. Johnson with DOT, and he said they will put us on the bids for November for the state roads. If it goes through and they get the bids right, then work should start in March or April. We still waiting on the bonds to be sold for the streets. We did some work at the lift station on Catherine Street. It was some wires that were cut and fixed through the years inside the tank, and it was getting damp. Both generators would run at the same time. The Town Foreman stated they should be alternating. Mayor Reinhardt stated we do have a price from 2016 to check the wiring in the park. He stated we will pull the breaker out of there and shut it down, and everything will be cool at the park to use for anything. He also mentioned about surveying the property on Main Street. He spoke to South Central Planning, and checked to see how much we would need on both sides which is about 10 feet on both sides. He stated hopefully we can find someone at a good price for surveying and subdividing. He also stated the Boat place has been paying rent. We talked to them, and they are still trying to come up with something either to buy it or stay in the lease. He stated we don't want to lose them because they are a big plus for the town. He also has been talking to Mr. Lassigne about the old buildings on Main Street. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have renewed the health insurance. The employees are still satisfied with the same plan, and the costs has gone down.

2. Council

a. Councilman Baudoin asked about the Sewer Presentation that Providence presented at the last meeting. He asked for it to be put on the website. He also asked about the blighted property on Hwy 1. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have sent letters out to 5 homes about their property. Now they will have to come to court and get something done. The Town clerk will email the properties to the Council that the letters were sent to in Town. He briefly explained the data he researched about sales tax in the surrounding area.

d. Councilwoman Guidry asked about Personnel Policy. The Town Attorney stated she can discuss what she brought to the meeting. She stated the work hours needed to be corrected in the Personnel Policy which is Monday-Thursday 7:30-5pm. Friday is 7:30-4. She stated the Parish is 7:30-5 Monday-Thursday. She doesn't know if it is feasible to do Monday- Thursday. She knows we are trying to cut costs. If it remains, then the hours need to be corrected. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are in the budget and we can figure out other places to cut. She mentioned advertising for Deputy Clerk. Mayor Reinhardt stated we said this last meeting. She stated since we can't get anyone to have those qualifications, she is requesting the title of Deputy Clerk be removed. She stated we don't have anything about a receptionist or secretary in the book. She thinks we need to add that to the book. She did make some changes on the Deputy Clerk duties and briefly discussed this with them. She suggested the Town Clerk's duties will remain the same, but add payroll and accounts payable checks and reports. Discussion took place. She also questioned about different invoices that we paid. Discussion took place. She thanked everyone for coming and Happy Halloween. She congratulated the Chief, and she thanked him and all the officers.

c. Councilwoman Galjour asked about the benches in the park. Discussion took place. She asked about cross training in the office. Small discussion took place. She asked the Chief if someone makes a complaint do they have to give their name. Chief Harrelson stated no they do not.

d. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming. He stated we do have to start watching the sales tax. Small discussion took place. He congratulated the Chief and thanked the others who ran. He thanked the officers and the employees of the Town.

e. Councilman Bourgeois thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated the conference/training reiterated a lot of things. He stated the council cannot communicate all month long through talking, email, etc. It could become a rolling quorum, and that is illegal. Councilman Bourgeois stated the minutes have to be on the website. He congratulated Dr. Bobbie Morris for being nominated, and she accepted the nomination of the Christmas Grand Marshall 2017. He asked if it would be possible to pull decorations around November 11. He stated he will get the fire department to help. He stated we don't need the back hoe. He is worried about getting the decorations to the park. He stated Spook in the Park will be from 6pm-8pm with refreshments. He

stated Franks Supermarket graciously donated the hot dogs. He mentioned the bikes in the Police Department. He asked why the town employees do not bring them anymore, and asked if it was an insurance issue or something that doesn't allow them to bring them anymore. Mayor Reinhardt stated he talked about this with the former Chief. He stated sometimes the crew is busy, and it would stop them from doing work to pick this town back up. He stated if they are not busy then they can throw the bikes in the back of the truck and bring them. Mayor Reinhardt stated if they are not busy he has no problem with the crew bringing the bikes to the old water plant. Small discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois stated the Lockport food Festival will be April 19-22, 2018.

C. Town Attorney- no comment.

D. Staff -no comment

N. Public Wishing to Address the Council

Officer Phillip Hosea, Lockport Police Officer, has been in Town for 12 ½ years. He congratulated Chief Harrelson, and they are all looking forward to working to improve the Town. He stated he is currently off duty, and he volunteered to take the bikes where they needed to go.

Fire Chief Armand "Noonie" Autin, 806 Crescent Ave, was here on behalf of the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department. He informed the council about the equipment, calls, and many other things involving the Fire Department. He wanted to publicly address the new Chief. He was highly encouraged to publicly endorse him as a candidate for Police Chief, he felt it was highly inappropriate to endorse anyone. He pledged to the Lockport Police, deputies, and the Chief that they have the full support of the Lockport Volunteer Fire Department. He congratulated him and he looks forward to working with him.

Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, addressed the council about the budget and South Central Planning. He expressed concerns about people losing jobs.

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

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk