

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 23, 2018

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23 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. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Chief David Harrelson, Jr. Also present were Allie Rasid, Jr, Weldon Triche, Kenney Matherne, Crystal Thibodaux, and Michelle Doucet.

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

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

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the Financial Statements ending December 31, 2017. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

G. Stagni and Company- Ms. Paulette Mayon

Mayor Reinhardt called on Ms. Mayon to present the 2016-2017 Audit Report. There was a small discussion. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the audit report. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Councilman Hartman made a motion to unrestricted funds in sewer Lamp account. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to open a new checking account with Chase Bank for Parish Transportation Act funds. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to pay debt off from sewer fund to sales tax fund. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilwoman Guidry asked about changes she had proposed for the Personnel Policy Handbook. There was a small discussion about those issues.

H. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Chief Harrelson to report on the department's activities. Chief Harrelson emailed copies of the monthly activity report. Councilman Bourgeois thanked the police department for being out there in the cold weather. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the police report as presented. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He wished everyone a safe Mardi Gras. He wished Sgt. Ricky Breaux, Grand Marshall of the Lockport Parade, a safe ride.

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):

Percent Complete:

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| • Mainlines | 100% | |
| • Manhole Coatings | 100% | |
| • Cleanout | 100% | |
| • Short Liners | 100% | |
| • Point Repairs | 100% | |
| • Pressure Grouting | 100% | |
| • Long Liners | 25% | (Videos were completed and the liners will be installed the week of January 22, 2018.) |

The long liners are the only items left to be completed except for a few dress-up items. Providence has requested a cost for the contractor to install a manhole near the corner of Willow and School Streets and then line between the new manhole and the existing manhole downstream. This will repair the breaks and holes in the existing main.

2. Street Repairs:

An amended Exhibit A to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Facility Planning and Control and Providence's Engineering Agreement has been submitted for approval prior to Lockport signing either agreement. An Interim Emergency Board Change of Scope has also been submitted to the legislature for approval. This form will alter the streets in the capital outlay request to remove the streets in the Road Transfer Agreement and add streets needing repairs. We are currently waiting on confirmation that the Change of Scope request will be on the next IEB agenda and when the meeting will be held.

3. Capital Outlay:

Capital Outlay requests were submitted with support letters for the Lockport Streets and the Church Street Drainage.

J. Reports

1. Mayor Edward Reinhardt stated he had a meeting with DOT, and they will be starting the streets in a couple of weeks. Mayor Edward Reinhardt asked for a motion to change the Town Meeting for February 20th due to a Mid-Winter Conference being held that same day. Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to move the next Town Meeting to February 27th @ 7:00PM, Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois had a short discussion with the Council about the Rita Bridge. Mayor Reinhardt also had a brief discussion about the ditch between the Public Library and Church Street.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Baudoin asked Mr. Kenny Matherne if the Sales Tax area is north of the parish down to the Larose Company Canal. Councilman Baudoin stated comparing the numbers from the last couple of years to the first 5 months of the current fiscal year, our sales taxes did increase month to month from the prior year's prospective months, but it is still down from 2 years ago. Short discussion took place about sales taxes.
- b. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.
- c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming out the meeting. She stated she would like to know when there is a new business that opens up in our town. Mandy Himel, Town Clerk, stated she can email the council members to inform them of new businesses in the town.
- d. Councilman Hartman asked Attorney Christopher Huddleston about the Conoco Station. He stated it appeared to him that someone had opened up a used car lot in front of the Conoco Station. The Council had a short discussion on the situation with the vehicles parked in front the Conoco Station. Councilman Hartman also stated there has been a boat parked in the bayou behind the Bayou Playhouse which is town property. He asked for someone to check it out for liability reasons. He would like to see if we could find who the owner is to have it moved from that area. He wished everyone a Happy Mardi Gras.
- e. Councilman Bourgeois thanked everyone between decorating park, tree lighting, the parade and all the festivities. He thanked Dr. Bobbie for presiding over the parade. He stated to Ms. Sharon and anyone else who was interested in helping with the Lockport fair that the meeting will be held next Tuesday January 30 @ 7pm. He stated he is the Chairman/ Director. He reminded everyone about the required ethics training for this year. He thanked the Mayor for letting the Town Crew take down the rest of the Christmas lights. He thanked residents in the Town for being patience with the lights on the poles. He reminded everyone they did pass in the November meeting for the Lockport Parade to roll February 10 @ noon. He also mentioned if anyone knows of any organizations or clubs that are interested in riding in the parade, they still have open spots. He stated they need to contact Mr. Brian Hebert. He wants the Council to start thinking about the concerns with South Central Planning. He stated Terrebonne Parish is pulling out of South Central Planning which actually would cost more to the Town due to the pro rata share plan. He thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and to enjoy Mardi Gras.

K. Public Wishing to Address the Council

1. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, asked about the potential new business in Town on the corner of Lafourche and Crescent Ave. There was a small discussion. He also asked about South Central Planning inspecting in the Town.

2. Mr. Kenny Matherne, 407 Lafourche Street, talked about projects going on with the North Lafourche Levee District. Small discussion took place. He stated for hurricane season we should be protected very well. There are about thirty projects going on at this time. Councilman Bourgeois thanked Mr. Matherne for everything he has done for Lockport. He appreciates their board actually using the bond money where it needs to go. More discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois asked Mr. Matherne if he foresees a possible solid levee or even some sort of structure having to be built connecting north and south levee across company canal with a pumping system to keep Lockport dry from Bayou Lafourche. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt thanked Kenny for everything he has been doing for Lockport.

3. Ms. Crystal Thibodaux, 629 Church Street, Central Lafourche Band Booster Club, asked for permission to have a concession stand set up for the Lockport Parade. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to allow the Central Lafourche Band booster to sell concessions. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

L. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 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