

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 17, 2018

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 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, Bobbie M. Galjour, Rodney Hartman, and Wayne Bourgeois, Jr. Councilwoman Sharon Guidry was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief of Police David Harrelson, Allie Rasid, Sr., Craig Rogers, Armand Autin, Todd Sevin, Gary Acosta, and Michael Kreamer.

E. Approval of Minutes for March 20, 2018, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for March 20, 2018. Discussion took place about the length of the minutes. 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 March 31, 2018

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2018. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilwoman Galjour seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on his department's activities. Chief Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. Chief Harrelson discussed an issue with moving an employee from part time to full time. He stated as long as it was within his budget that it was at his discretion. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Councilman Bourgeois and seconded by Councilman Baudoin to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to allow the Chief of Police the authority that the Lawrason act grants him to make any changes within his department as long as it stays within the budget. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilman Baudoin voted in favor. Councilman Hartman voted against it. Councilman Hartman stated there was still no authorization for that position to be full time. He wanted that stated for the record. He wants an Attorney General's opinion.

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):

A substantial completion inspection was held on March 14, 2018. A minor punch list was compiled of uncompleted items. An engineering agreement amendment is on the agenda to increase engineering fees due to additional contract time. A deductive balancing change order will be forthcoming for the construction.

2. Street Repairs:

Lockport has received word that funding for engineering services has been committed. Surveying was completed last week. Plans and specifications should be ready within two months. Once completed, they will be sent to Facility Planning and Control for approval. At that time the construction funds will be committed and Lockport will authorize to bid the project.

3. Capital Outlay:

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

I. Public Wishing to Address the Council on agenda items

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

J. Adopt the Millage Rate for 2018 General Alimony Tax

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to adopt the 2018 Millage rate of 8.26. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. A roll call was taken in favor of the millage with 4 yeas: Councilman Baudoin, Councilwoman Galjour, Councilman Hartman, and Councilman Bourgeois. Councilwoman Guidry was absent.

K. Resolution increasing fees for the services provided by Providence Engineering and Design, LLC for Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation, Phase IV- southwest Quadrant, Town of Lockport, Lafourche

Parish, Louisiana and authorizing the Mayor, Edward Reinhardt to sign Amendment No. 1 to the original engineering agreement entered in October 28th, 2015.

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

L. Proclamations

1. Autism Awareness Month

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept Proclamation as stated above. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Child Abuse Prevention Month

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept Proclamation as stated above. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Fair Housing Month

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept Proclamation as stated above. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Call for a Public Hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office
4. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building
5. Christopher J. Huddleston

(All current leases expire 6/30/18 except the Friends with Traditional Boat Building with no current lease)

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing on the above stated leases. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Call for a Public Hearing

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal years 2017-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to call for Public Hearing on the above stated topic. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2018-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for Public Hearing on the above stated topic. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Reinhardt stated we didn't have a motion at last month's meeting to go with the Parish for permitting. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to go with Lafourche Parish for permitting. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman voted in favor. Councilman Baudoin abstained. Mayor Reinhardt stated he got a quote for the drainage work on Church Street by the apartments. The drainage district is willing to help as well as the NLLD. He also stated we might have to come up with a little bit of money, but we are unsure about how much. Small discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt spoke to Officer Mike Kreamer about the concern of the big trucks on the roads, and also talked about signs to help them detour. Discussion took place. He said he still trying to find out about Main Street. He hopes everyone comes out for the fair.

b. Council

1. Councilman Baudoin- no report.

2. Councilwoman Galjour mentioned the swimming pools again in town that are more like sewerage than a swimming pool. She asked about fence posts and how long the fence post get to stay up. Small discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have some pools that have been addressed in town already. She also asked about the oil in the containers on the side of the road on Church Street. Mayor Reinhardt stated he will call them tomorrow. She also asked about the meeting time.

3. Councilman Hartman wants everyone to understand that his position on the issue that was discussed previously. He stated it is a matter of the finances, and he didn't appreciate the way the Chief handled the situation.

4. Councilman Bourgeois stated everything is coming along for the fair, and the town does get a portion from the fair. The fair will also help sales tax in town. He also mentioned about the budget, and he would like to keep in mind for the officers' raises.

c. Town Attorney- Mr. Huddleston briefly addressed the question about Main Street and DOTD. He worked on the AUP procedures. He stated we can call for a public hearing for next month's meeting.

d. Staff- The Town Clerk reminded the Council to check their emails periodically. She also reminded the Council to file their financial disclosure forms by May 15, 2018.

P. Public Wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Armand Autin, 9299 Hwy 308, Lockport, commented on the discussion that took place earlier with the Council and the Chief concerning an employee and mentioning a name. He wanted to recognize Officer Hosea for his help with the housing of a displaced family due to a house fire. He stated Officer Hosea hustled to find this family a place to stay. He thanked him for his services for going above and beyond for this situation. Mr. Autin also stated there are now three members: Mr. Rayne Porche, Mr. Andrew Griffin, and Mr. Glover Chiasson, from this area on the Drainage District board, and we have more representation from this area. He thanked the Mayor for mentioning the Lockport Festival. Mayor Reinhardt asked about the recreation getting money to do work in town. Mr. Autin gave information on that to the Council. Councilman Hartman stated he was very respectful to the conversation that took place previously in the meeting.
2. Mr. Todd Sevin, 721 Lafourche Street, Lockport, addressed the Council about an incident that happened at his house that damaged his truck, house, and hit a telephone pole. He stated he was told by the officer that he didn't see any reason to give a breathalyzer test. Chief Harrelson addressed the situation with Mr. Sevin. Discussion took place. Mr. Sevin also expressed his concerns with other decisions at the scene. Councilman Bourgeois asked if he was speaking of the wrecker truck. Mr. Sevin stated it was the guy with the fire department, Mr. Floyd. He feels Mr. Floyd made a wrong decision, and it was unsafe act. Councilman Bourgeois stated his concerns and opinions with the situation. Fire Chief Armand Autin expressed his concerns and thoughts about the situation. He stated they make mistakes, and Mr. Sevin made a cheap shot at Mr. Floyd. They do the best they can, and it's a judgement call. The members are 100% volunteer members. Mayor Reinhardt stated he thinks Mr. Sevin made a mistake by using names, and we don't use names in the meeting.
3. Ms. Jessica Plaisance, 811 Barataria Street, Lockport, expressed concern about the speed limit down Barataria Street from Crescent Ave to First Street. Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing for the July meeting to discuss reducing the speed limit from 25mph to 15mph on Barataria Street from Crescent Ave to First Street. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.
4. Mr. Gary Acosta, 218 Orange Street, Lockport, asked the Council for their consideration in recognizing Mr. Jefferson Leblanc in the town. He is a Medal of Honor winner. Small discussion took place. Councilman Hartman stated they will take it under advisement.

Q. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman, and it carried unanimously at 8:50PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk