

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 15, 2018

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 15, 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., and, Dona Breaux.

E. Approval of Minutes for April 17, 2018, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for April 17, 2018. Councilman Baudoin asked for the minutes to be amended: Item P- Public Wishing to Address the Council; 4. To change Leblanc to Deblanc. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending April 30, 2018

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2018. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Baudoin seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Proclamations

- 1. MPS Awareness Day- Miss Meekel Stevens**
- 2. National Childcare Provider Appreciation Day**
- 3. Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month**
- 4. National Police Week 2018**

Mayor Reinhardt proclaimed all of the above proclamations in the Town of Lockport.

H. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on his department's activities. Chief Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. Councilman Bourgeois thanked the police department for their assistance to the fire department. A motion was made by Councilman Bourgeois and seconded by Councilman Baudoin to accept the Police Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

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):**
The punch list has been completed. A balancing change order is on the agenda for approval. The balancing change order is a deductive change order in the amount of \$182,808.90. The lien period ends on June 6, 2018 at which time the retainage can be paid.
- 2. Street Repairs:**
Surveying is complete and design has begun.
- 3. Capital Outlay:**
Capital Outlay requests were submitted with support letters for the Lockport Streets and the Church Street Drainage.
- 4. Sewer Rehabilitation (Phase V):**
Providence has submitted a proposal to install a 10-inch sewer force main from the Lower Catherine Street Sewer Lift Station to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This force main will allow both pumps to operate concurrently. Also included in this proposal, is the installation of a SCADA system at all five of the sewer lift stations in Lockport. The SCADA system will record pump run times as well as notify the Town when alarms are activated. This is especially important for your simplex pump station.

Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated a few houses have been having trouble flushing their toilets which they have all been getting calls about. He stated Mr. Ray Gaubert was in the audience, and he has been having this problem for over thirty years along with about six other people. He was willing to put in a sewer treatment plant, but he isn't allowed to put one in town. The Mayor stated he feels we should help these residents with this problem. Discussion took place. Mr. Breaud talked about the grinder

pump. He stated we would have to get legal advice because we would be using public money on private property. He also stated there are many factors that need to be considered before installing a grinder pump. There are elevation issues in that area as well. More discussion took place. They also talked about the force main going to sewer plant from Catherine Street. Mayor Reinhardt stated this is still not solving Mr. Gaubert's problem. He stated he is part of our town, and part of the people who pay our taxes. There are other people in that area that are having raw sewerage coming up in their bathroom. We need to consider something to help these people. Councilman Bourgeois is concerned about the grinder pumps which would be the same issue as a sewer system. It would be feeding into a ditch. When the ditch is full or valve breaks, then it can't pump out. Mayor Reinhardt asked the Council if they were going to wait another two or three months before we do something about Mr. Gaubert's problem. Mayor Reinhardt feels with this time and knowledge, there should be something out there to help these people. Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois stated this entire discussion is about helping the people in that area.

1. Change Order No.1 for Southwest Quadrant Gravity Sewer System Rehabilitation CWSRF Project No. CS221120-01- Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept above stated Change Order. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Hartman made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign all documents to move forward with Phase 5 of the Sewer Rehabilitation project. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

J. Public Hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

1. Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2018)
2. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2018)
3. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (PACT Center) (current lease expires June 30, 2018)
4. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2018)
5. Friends of Traditional LA Boat Building (no current lease)

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to enter into a six month lease at \$800 per month with Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (PACT Center), and revisit this lease in November 2018. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if anyone would like to address the Council. No one answered.

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

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K. Public Hearing

1. To hear public comments on the amended budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilman Hartman briefly explained the amended budget. Small discussion took place.

2. To hear public comments on the new budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilwoman Galjour asked about police salaries. Mayor Reinhardt stated he discussed this with Chief Harrelson, and any questions can be addressed with the Chief. Discussion took place. Chief Harrelson stated he didn't feel it was cost effective at this time due to retirement percentages going up. Mayor Reinhardt stated the Chief proposed his department's budget, and the Mayor stated he would see what we can do to make things happen. Mayor Reinhardt stated we had discussions in the office. The Chief felt like his officers got bumped up with promotions, and they got raises when he took office. Mayor Reinhardt stated the Chief felt like these officers were comfortable with that. Councilwoman Galjour asked if a police officer can request a raise. Chief Harrelson stated they most certainly can. It does have to be approved by Council. Mayor Reinhardt stated we will look in to the Chief's salary. More discussion took place.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if anyone would like to address the Council. No one answered.

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

L. Call for Public Hearing

1 Ordinances for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

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2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office
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2. Ordinances

- a. Adopt the amended budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets.
- b. Adopt the new budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets.

3. Discuss adopting ordinances for AUP Policies.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for public hearings on all of the above stated topics. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Small discussion took place about personnel policies.

O. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Reinhardt asked for motion to change the meeting date next month from June 19, 2018 to June 12, 2018. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to move the meeting to June 12, 2018 @ 7:00 pm. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Reinhardt stated there are letters that went out about blighted property.

b. Council

1. Councilman Baudoin- no report.

2. Councilwoman Galjour mentioned a fence by the pool that was discussed last meeting. She also talked about the old Jeandron building. She also mentioned the ordinance pertaining to occupational licenses. We need to make some changes to the current ordinance. Discussion took place. Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for public hearing to change the occupational license ordinance. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilwoman Galjour stated she wished everyone would support the Bayou Playhouse. She also mentioned and supported Amedisys which is located in Town.

3. Councilman Hartman briefly talked about the boat launch by the park.

4. Councilman Bourgeois stated he was glad to see the Mayor at the meeting. He thanked everyone who helped out with the fair. He also thanked anyone who helped out with the softball tournament that the fire department hosted. Brief discussion took place about the house fire that happened the weekend of the fair.

c. Town Attorney- no report.

d. Staff- The Town Clerk reminded the Council about the LMA Convention.

P. Public Wishing to address the Council

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public if anyone would like to address the council. He asked three times, no one answered.

Q. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman, and it carried unanimously at 8:45PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk