

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 12, 2018

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 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, Sharon Guidry, Bobbie M. Galjour, Rodney Hartman, and Wayne Bourgeois, Jr. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief of Police David Harrelson, Allie Rasid, Sr., Charlene Rodriguez, Melissa Gonzales, Timmy Adams, Charlene Adams, Renee Adams, and Bruce Simpson.

E. Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2018, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for May 15, 2018. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilwoman Guidry and Councilman Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending May 31, 2018

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2018. Councilman Baudoin moved, and Councilman Hartman seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Councilwomen Galjour and Guidry were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote. 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. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to accept the Police Report as presented. Councilwoman Galjour and Councilman Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

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):

The lien period ended on June 6, 2018 at which time the retainage can be paid. We have not received the clear lien certificate at this time.

2. Street Repairs:

Surveying is complete and design has begun. Preliminary plans and specifications should be ready by the end of June.

3. Capital Outlay:

Capital Outlay requests were submitted with support letters for the Lockport Streets and the Church Street Drainage. The 2018 House Bill was signed on June 1st. Lockport Streets is in Priority 1 but Church Street Drainage is not in the bill.

4. Sewer Rehabilitation (Phase V):

Surveying will occur during the week of June 11th. Design will start afterwards.

I. Select Official Municipal Journal for fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the Daily Comet as our official journal. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion. Councilwoman Galjour and Councilman Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

J. Public wishing to address the Council on Lease Ordinances

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

K. Public wishing to address the Council on Budget Ordinances.

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

L. Ordinances for lease renewals

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2018)
2. Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2018)
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2018)

4. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building (no current lease)
5. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2018)

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the ordinances for all leases stated above. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman and Councilwoman Galjour were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

M. Ordinances for Budgets

1. Adopt the amended budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the ordinance for the amended budgets. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. Councilwomen Galjour and Guidry were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

2. Adopt the new budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the new budgets. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilmen Hartman and Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. Councilwomen Galjour and Guidry were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

N. Public Hearing for ordinance on AUP Policies

Small discussion took place.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if they wanted to address the Council. No one answered.

O. Public Hearing to discuss Occupational License ordinance.

Small discussion took place. There will be no changes to this ordinance at this time.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if they wanted to address the Council. No one answered.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilwoman Guidry and Councilman Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to accept the AUP policy ordinance. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman and Councilman Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

P. Reports

a. Mayor

Mayor Reinhardt talked about the drainage problem between Comeaux Drive and Catherine Street. We will have a meeting with everyone down Catherine Street and Comeaux drive who are affected by this issue, and we will let everyone know when this will happen. The town attorney, engineers, NLLD, and drainage district will all be there. Mayor Reinhardt stated he had seven calls since he has been in office. Mr. Breaud stated over these forty years, people have encroached on these servitudes with sheds, concrete slabs, etc, and this makes it difficult to get in there. A letter will be sent to all property owners asking them to remove their structures off of the town's servitude. They would then put in a temporary fence until there are funds to change the culvert. Mr. Breaud stated the property owners have and own their property. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are not taking anyone's property. Mr. Breaud stated they will be sending out a survey crew to flag out and create a boundary survey. Mayor Reinhardt asked the Council to allow him to pay \$9,500.00 to Providence for the drainage servitude stakeout. This is a major issue back there, and it turned into an emergency. There is somewhere between 60-80 land owners that will be affected. Mayor Reinhardt stated the town attorney was working on getting the letters together, and we are trying to set up a meeting somewhere where everyone can come. More discussion took place. Councilman Hartman made a motion to allow the Mayor to pay this invoice of \$9,500 to Providence. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilman Baudoin and Councilwoman Guidry were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote. Mr. Timothy Adams, 1109 Catherine Street/388 Comeaux Drive, asked about the kind of fence that will be put up for the drainage project. Mr. Huddleston stated he doesn't think we can make him put up a fence on his own property. Mr. Huddleston stated Mr. Adams might have to sign a waiver that says you understand there is a risk, and you assume that risk. Discussion took place. Ms. Melissa Gonzales, 709 Catherine Street/322 Comeaux Drive, stated she has all the same concerns as Mr. Adams. She stated people will still cross no matter what kind of fence is put up. Mayor Reinhardt asked if they call the police to keep them off of their property. She stated the Lockport Police Department. goes out when she calls. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated the project between Church Street and library will be held off for now. Mayor Reinhardt stated we had to adopt a street list. This is for the parish transportation funds. This list has to be adopted by the council. Small discussion took place. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the street list. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. Councilwoman Guidry and Councilman Hartman were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote.

b. Council

1. Councilman Baudoin suggested the stretch of Hwy 308 that belongs to the Town of Lockport be named in memory Jefferson Deblanc. Mayor Reinhardt stated our attorney would have to look into it because it is a state highway.
2. Councilwoman Guidry stated she had attended the ground breaking ceremony that was held at the bayou side park which had turned out to be really nice, and she is anxious to see when all of that will be put

together. She also stated Ochsner St. Anne has some programs that most people aren't aware of and most of them are free of charge. She stated she just wanted to pass that information along so the public knows there are programs out there that may be helpful. She thanked and appreciated everyone for coming.

3. Councilwoman Galjour stated she had some citizens come to her, and they asked if there could be a walking bridge put between the post office and the library. There are a lot of programs that go on at the library, and the senior citizens that want to attend have to walk on the highway to get there. Mayor Reinhardt stated he would look into it, and he will get a price. She also stated some of the park equipment was damaged, and it could be a hazard to the children. Mayor Reinhardt stated we put up things to rope it off, and it gets taken down. He stated we are looking into some things to see about trying to replace some of the toys. She stated maybe the town can do some kind of fundraiser to help raise money to fix the playground equipment at the park.

4. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

5. Councilman Bourgeois- no comment.

Q. Public Wishing to Address the Council

1. Mr. Charlene Rodriguez, PO Box 500 Raceland, she stated that's her work address. She wanted to invite the council members to the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging public hearing that will be held on June 25 at the office in Mathews. She stated she would like to hear anything the councilmembers would like to suggest as far as services the Council on Aging provides.

2. Mr. Bruce Simpson, 930 Main St, stated there is property across from him on Main Street that he would like to divide into two sections. Short discussion took place about the zoning of the property on the steps to complete this process.

R. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Baudoin to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman, Councilwomen Galjour and Guidry were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois did not vote. The meeting ended at 8:11PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk