

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 18, 2018

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 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, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. Councilwoman Guidry was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Allie Rasid, Sr., Dona Breaux, Weldon Triche, Mark Rodriguez, Craig Rogers, and Charlene Rodriguez.

E. Approval of Minutes for August 21, 2018, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for August 21, 2018. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2018. Councilman Baudoin moved, and Councilman Hartman seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Proclamations

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month
3. Disability Awareness Month

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept all proclamations. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

H. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. Chief Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilwoman Galjour to accept the Police Report as presented. It carried unanimously.

I. Providence Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Clay Breaud of Providence, who gave the monthly engineering status report as follows:

1. Street Repairs:

The project was bid on September 13, 2018. A resolution will be on the agenda to award the project to the lowest, responsive bidder conditional upon the state's approval.

2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Sewer Force Main and SCADA):

This project is on hold to concentrate on infiltration issues.

3. Comeaux/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements:

The right-of-way has been staked out and flagged. Residents have begun removing items that were encroaching on the right-of-way. The Mayor is discussing funding with the Drainage and Levee District.

4. Infiltration Investigation:

Efforts are being made to identify sources of infiltration, especially within sewer services. Providence has received quotes for monitoring devices that would record flow rates in heavy storm events at manhole locations. This information would be used to narrow down the source location. Providence needs official approval to order the manhole monitoring equipment. A quote from B&B Underground was given to Lockport for the installation of a grinder lift station for a single residence. This is the quickest solution to the residents' flushing/backup problems.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept a resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the Construction Contract for "2018 Roadway Improvements, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana", and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion took place.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to purchase the Smart Covers systems at a price of \$23,102.00 as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Sewer Operator Report

No report.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Public Hearings

1. Discuss changing the speed limit throughout town to 20 mph except in the school zones.

Councilman Bourgeois stated it has been speed limits every month. He stated they are trying to find a happy medium.

Mayor Reinhardt stated he thinks we should leave it like we have it, and let the police department enforce the speed limit.

Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, expressed his concerns about changing the speed limit. He also thinks this should be left for a vote from the general public to change any and all speed limits.

Mr. Craig Rogers, 108 Comeaux Drive, stated law enforcement should make recommendations. He also expressed his concerns about speed limits. He doesn't think we should change the speed limits.

Ms. Laura Brouielle, 256 Elizabeth Street, is not in favor of changing the speed limit.

Ms. Dona Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux Street, is not in favor of changing the speed limit. She did thank the police department for enforcing.

2. Discuss fence ordinance.

Mayor Reinhardt stated they wanted to change it to where you can put the fence on your property line and not five feet off of the property line. Councilman Bourgeois briefly explained the current ordinance and the changes.

Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune, stated he was told he did not need a permit for a fence. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are still going through training with the parish. Mr. Rodriguez suggested at least being six inches off the property line.

Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, stated he is In favor of changing the fence ordinance.

Mr. Dona Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux Street, asked for more clarification on the fence ordinance.

Mr. Craig Rogers, Comeaux Drive, asked for clarification as well. Discussion took place.

Mr. Tony Bellanger, 1000 Ethel Street, is In favor of changing the fence ordinance.

3. Discuss policy ordinance pertaining to schools and conventions paid for by the Town of Lockport.

Councilman Baudoin stated this is not an internal issue. Councilman Bourgeois stated we are trying to be proactive and have checks and balances. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have been going to the meetings, but he doesn't recall any place where they had to check in like some do. Councilman Hartman stated we have never had any issues where people abused this. He also stated we go by state policies for per diem and mileage.

4. Discuss amending the 2018-2019 General Fund budget.

Councilman Hartman explained we need to amend the budget to add capital projects. Small discussion took place.

After each topic, Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times each if they wanted to comment.

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

L. Ordinances

1. Adopt an ordinance to amend section 48-90 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to provide for more comprehensive fence regulations.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the above ordinance as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Adopt an ordinance to amend the General Fund operating budget of revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to amend expenditures to add and adjust line items for the payments of funds for capital projects.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the above ordinance as presented. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Ms. Dona Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux Street, stated she had a request from Ernie at the Friends of LA Boat Building. She stated he cuts the grass, but someone is poisoning around the building. Mayor Reinhardt stated he will look into that. She asked the chief what happened to the stop sign on Barrilleaux Street. The chief stated someone could have hit it, but we don't know. Mayor Reinhardt stated they did put it up today.

2. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, expressed his concerns and safety issues about the condition of the utility poles. He asked the council and the Mayor to notify AT&T and Bellsouth to do proactive maintenance of the poles. Small discussion took place.

3. Mr. Yan Lovell, 511 Elizabeth Street, expressed his concerns and frustrations with his sewer issues. Small discussion took place.

4. Mr. Kenney Matherne, 407 Lafourche Street, talked about NLLD projects.

N. Reports

a. Mayor Reinhardt briefly mentioned streets and sewer issues. He asked Councilman Bourgeois when the fair board decided to move the fair out of Lockport, how many people were on the board. Councilman Bourgeois stated six. He also asked if they were going to keep the name of Lockport in it. Councilman Bourgeois stated

the official name was La Fete Du Monde. Councilman Bourgeois stated the Lockport Fall Food Festival is what the articles of incorporation are set in. He stated all the organizations are from Lockport. Mayor Reinhardt stated the businesses in town would lose money. Councilman Bourgeois stated he talked to two of the stores, and they were surprised the fair wasn't moved earlier. He stated they have been seeing their sales drop over the last several years. Councilman Galjour asked about the Lockport Police Department for security. Chief Harrelson stated he would have to discuss this with the Sheriff. Mayor Reinhardt talked about the property on Main Street that was surveyed. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated the Christmas parade route has changed due to safety reasons. Councilman Bourgeois stated the safety aspects he understands. He stated the town has never hosted the Christmas parade before as far as he knows. Mayor Reinhardt stated he talked to someone, and he said they didn't have a committee to vote on things. Mayor Reinhardt asked what the big deal was by making changes for the route for safety issues. Mr. Triche stated Lockport pays the one day insurance policy, and it is the Lockport Christmas parade. Mayor Reinhardt stated this is why we charge everyone \$10 for the parade. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated they should put Mr. Boudreaux as the chairman of this because he talked at every one of these events. Councilman Bourgeois stated respectfully that last year was the first year Mr. Boudreaux attended since he has been involved. Councilman Bourgeois stated out of respect for the organizations, they should have been included. Mayor Reinhardt stated he did call someone, and they said they didn't have a board. Councilman Bourgeois asked if the mayor would be there to collect the money and do the lineup. Mayor Reinhardt stated the police department does the lineup. Councilman Bourgeois stated it is about communication. Councilman Bourgeois stated everything is yours this year. Mayor Reinhardt stated that is fine too. Mayor Reinhardt stated he did not say they weren't going to do it. He stated Councilman Bourgeois stated take it all. Mr. Triche stated he is glad the Mayor made that change due to past problems. Councilman Bourgeois stated it wasn't because they went in the ditch, it was because the tractor driver tried to back the float up like a regular float instead of like a hay trailer, and that is why they broke the tongue. Councilman Hartman stated the chief has coordinated those that wanted to ride in the floats. He thinks they should coordinate together. Mayor Reinhardt stated last year we had fifty something participants. He stated we collected \$140, so many people did not pay.

b. Council

1. Councilman Baudoin talked about a publication from LMA regarding an attorney general's opinion about sewer bill adjustments. Discussion took place. He talked about the Deblanc memorial.
2. Councilwoman Galjour asked about the passage way between the library and the post office. Mayor Reinhardt stated the post office would want the town to take all liability for this bridge. She also mentioned about open fire pits and changing Lafourche Street to a two way that was brought up last meeting. Discussion took place. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for public hearing to discuss Lafourche Street. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. Councilman Hartman mentioned there is a civil service mass at Holy Savior Church on Saturday @ 4pm.
4. Councilman Bourgeois asked the council to allow for Spook in the Park. He also asked if the Christmas parade can be held in town on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to allow the Christmas parade to roll that day. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The tree lighting will be November 30, 2018. He mentioned one company asked about donating some new things for Christmas. Mayor Reinhardt asked Mr. John Arvello about the lights. Councilman Bourgeois stated the Career Magnet Center will be hosting trunk or treat on October 27, 2018 from 6:30-8:30pm. He also mentioned about a ribbon cutting for STEM this Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8-12am at the magnet center. He also asked about height requirements for grass and grass cutting.

c. Town Attorney-no comment.

d. Staff- no comment.

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Baudoin to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:21PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/EdwardReinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk