

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 16, 2018

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 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 Dana Boudreaux. 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 Deputy Clerk Dana Boudreaux, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Allie Rasid, Sr., Weldon Triche, and Mark Rodriguez.

E. Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2018, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for September 18, 2018. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

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

G. 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 Baudoin and seconded by Councilman Hartman to accept the Police Report as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Providence Report

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

1. Street Repairs:

The State approved the award to Huey P. Stockstill, LLC as well as a change order to add additional footage to the project since the bids were lower than expected. The contracts have been received from the contractor with all insurances and bonds. The contracts and the change order will be signed by the Mayor and recorded. Once recorded a preconstruction conference will be scheduled.

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. A capital outlay application will be submitted requesting funds for Lockport's portion of this project.

4. Infiltration Investigation:

The smartcovers were received and training will occur soon.

I. Sewer Operator Report

Mr. John Arvello stated the smart covers are in, and they hope to get everything under control.

J. Resolutions

1. To adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for year ending of June 30, 2018

Councilman Hartman made the motion to accept above resolution. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. To subdivide batture property currently owned by Ashly Simpson and Mary Patricia Gouaux Simpson into two lots.

Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to accept above resolution. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. To adopt the proposed map of the batture property on Main Street.

Discussion took place. No action was taken at this time.

K. Call for a public hearing

1. Discuss Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office Lease.

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to call for public hearing next month. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

L. Public Hearing

1. Discuss Lafourche Street.

1. Mr. Brian Rivet, 111 South Leon Drive, Gheens, asked the council at a prior meeting to consider making the first block of Lafourche Street a two way. This would help the gas business he would like to open at the corner of Lafourche Street and Crescent Ave.

2. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, is not in favor of changing the first block of Lafourche Street to a two way street. Discussion took place. Councilman Hartman is concerned with the bridge traffic becoming a problem. Discussion took place. They also discussed parking issues down the street.

Mr. Rivet addressed all of their concerns again. He wants to bring business right there. He also has been studying the traffic through town as well.

3. Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune Street, is in favor of changing the street to bring in business.

Councilman Bourgeois asked Mr. Rivet how long it would take for the business to open if they would put this change in place. Mr. Rivet stated as early as within a month. More discussion took place. Councilman Baudoin is concerned with the traffic.

Mayor Reinhardt stated he is for business in town. He stated it is a tough decision. More discussion took place.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if they had anything to say. No one answered.

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

Councilman Bourgeois made a contingency motion to change the first block of Lafourche Street to a two way one week prior to the store opening. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman was in favor. Councilman Baudoin did not vote. They will vote on the ordinance next month with a public hearing as well.

M. Reports

a. Mayor Reinhardt asked the council about purchasing a backhoe. He stated everyone got a list of what we are looking at to purchase. Mayor Reinhardt stated they went to several places and did research on them. He stated they found one on state contract in the price of \$68,670.36 which included a 34% discount. We have been investing too much money in the 30 year old backhoe. Mr. Arvello also expressed his concerns and why he felt we needed a backhoe. Councilwoman Galjour stated she would not use any equipment that was thirty years old either. Councilman Bourgeois stated all of these items were brought up last year, and he thinks the excavator was bought to replace the backhoe. He also remembers making the comment that a mini excavator would never replace the backhoe. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are asking for approval to purchase a backhoe if the money is there. Councilman Hartman stated the sewer fund would be used to purchase this equipment. Councilwoman Galjour asked if there was any value for the old one. Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois is concerned with the add ons and if they are on state contract or not. He stated someone might come in lower on public bid. Councilman Bourgeois stated he would feel more comfortable with this backhoe being advertised for bids. He wants to make sure it is done correctly. Councilman Bourgeois asked about the sales tax and sewer funds. Discussion took place. Mr. Armand Autin, 129 Valentine Drive, gave his advice and opinions with state bids. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to advertise for the purchase of a comparable backhoe that was presented with the contingency that this isn't the state contract. If it is state contact, and the town clerk is willing to sign off on it, then, they won't advertise for bids. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, it carried unanimously. Mayor Reinhardt recommended they appoint Mr. John Arvello as the representative for the town for Fire District No.2. Councilman Hartman made a motion to appoint Mr. Arvello. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

b. Council

1. Councilman Bourgeois reminded everyone about Spook in the Park on October 31, 2018. He thanked everyone who helped with the Le Fete Des Vieux Temps Festival.

2. Councilman Hartman mentioned about calling for a public hearing for charging fees for subdividing and rezoning property. The town attorney will write up an ordinance to discuss at a later meeting.

3. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming tonight. She is glad to see they can agree to disagree on some things.

4. Councilman Baudoin talked about capital outlay paperwork. He also mentioned the potential Deblanc memorial that was proposed by Mr. Gary Acosta.

c. Town Attorney-no comment

d. Staff- no comment.

N. Public wishing to address the council

1. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, asked about the bellsouth utility poles. The town clerk already called about it. He also asked about zoning and the size of political signs on residential property. He talked about Crescent Ave and drainage issues. He asked about the insurance for the property on Main Street.

2. Mr. Armand Autin, 129 Valentine Drive, addressed the council and the public regarding fire prevention. He acknowledged and thanked his colleagues, Councilman Corey Perrillieux and Mr. Reggie Bagala, for being

present at the meeting. He mentioned the boat launch, the new community center, and derelict vessels. He also addressed the council regarding the garbage tax.

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Baudoin to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Bourgeois. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:12PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk