

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting December 18, 2018**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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, Sharon Guidry, Bobbie Galjour, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief David Harrelson, Jr., and Michelle Foret.

**E. Approval of Minutes for November 20, 2018, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for November 20, 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 November 30, 2018**

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

**G. Audit Report- Stagni and Company (Ms. Angelique Barker)**

Ms. Barker reviewed the audit report. She stated there were no audit findings. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the audit report. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**H. Proclamation- National School Choice Week (January 20-26, 2019)**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the proclamation stated above. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**I. Police Report**

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. Chief Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Councilman Bourgeois and seconded by Councilman Hartman to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson talked about an invoice from the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's office in the amount of \$14,208.75. He stated the original bill was \$28,000.00. Sheriff Webre was able to secure a partial grant which is why the bill is now this amount. He stated this is a database that is used to share information in real time with other agencies in this parish and other parishes, run driver's license, and criminal histories. He looked at other options, and from a productive or safety stand point he doesn't think we can do without this database. Mayor Reinhardt stated there is nothing against the police department for the record. He asked how long we had the bill. Chief Harrelson stated the bill was sent in July. Mayor Reinhardt asked the Chief if he expected to go over 5% of his budget this year. Chief Harrelson stated he does not know. The mayor asked if he had any ideas on how we were going to pay this because this was not a line item on their budget. The Major stated we would have to figure out how we would come up with \$14,000.00. Councilman Baudoin expressed his concerns about the amount and details of the bill. Councilman Hartman asked if we still had access to information without this database. Chief Harrelson stated the sheriff's office can give you information through the radio. Councilman Bourgeois asked if there was a possibility of the sheriff's office dropping dispatch. He said we may need to ask the sheriff that question. He stated if we start calling in every single call to dispatch, it could cause crowding on dispatch. Then, it would be possible we would have to hire a dispatcher. Councilwoman Galjour asked if we could apply for a grant for this database. She also express her concerns about schools if we would get rid of this system. Mayor Reinhardt is worried about the bill, but he is totally for it. He stated we have to figure out how to pay it. Councilman Hartman stated we would have to amend the budget. Chief Harrelson stated we have been using this database for six years with no cost. Councilman Bourgeois stated his biggest concern is without it, it would be more expensive. Councilman Hartman asked what if the bill is more next year. Mayor Reinhardt stated some adjustments would have to be made. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to pay this invoice in the amount of \$14,208.75. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion. Councilmembers Baudoin and Galjour were in favor. Councilman Hartman was against. Councilman Baudoin asked if someone can contact the sheriff or someone on his staff to get some background information on this issue. Mayor Reinhardt stated we just have to figure out how to keep both sides running.

**J. Providence Report**

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

**1. Street Repairs:**

Phase I is approximately 60% complete with patching. The contractor did begin milling. Phase II of the street project was submitted to the state for approval to go to quotes. We expect to have a decision by the end of the year.

**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 was submitted requesting funds for Lockport's portion of this project.

**4. Infiltration Investigation:**

The Smartcovers were received and installed. Data is being collected and analyzed. As storm data is evaluated, the Smartcovers are being moved and adjusted.

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

**K. Public Hearing**

**1. Adopt an ordinance to accept the amended Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office lease.**

Brief discussion took place. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, asked about the lease details.

**2. Adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add section 46-9 to change that section of Lafourche Street between Crescent Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street from a one-way to a two-way street.**

Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois suggested to add remove on street parking to the ordinance. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, expressed his concerns about changing this to a two way street. Ms. Dona Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux Street, expressed her safety concerns.

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

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the amended Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (PACT Place) lease as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

They tabled ordinance #2.

**L. Reports**

1. Mayor Reinhardt talked about the Comeaux/Catherine street drainage project. He should have more answers for next month's meeting. He stated the contractors are doing a good job on the streets. He has been getting calls about rocks. He stated if the contractor wants to give it out, he stated he didn't care. He stated they should give it to the people of the town first. We are not using our trucks or anything to give out rocks. Councilman Bourgeois asked if we could put some rocks near the Playhouse because they have some bad areas. Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to subdivide the property on Main street. The surveyors completed the map as they requested at a previous meeting. Councilman Baudoin made a motion subdivide the property as per the presented map. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to declare Lot B as surplus (old water plant). Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to rent A-2 with the minimum bid amount of \$650.00 with the same lease terms as other tenants. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to sell Lot B (old water plant) with the minimum bid set at \$60,000.00. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. This is all set with the understanding that the council can refuse or accept any and all bids.

2. Council

a. Councilman Baudoin asked about the annual bank charges. The town clerk clarified these charges.

b. Councilwoman Guidry stated she is glad to be back. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

c. Councilwoman Galjour apologized for missing last month's meeting. She stated it is nice to see people at the meeting.

d. Councilman Hartman apologized to Councilman Baudoin. He stated he can abstain or not vote. He stated he keeps track of financial statements monthly. He stated next month we will have six months completed. He thinks it would be a good time during the meeting to make an analysis of the current budget as of 12/31/18. He thinks we need to cut expenses.

e. Councilman Bourgeois stated the economy hasn't picked up as much as we thought it would. He stated Rouses is redoing some things in their store, and he hopes that will help the sales tax. He stated Mr. Brian's store will help the town as well. He hopes we start January on a brighter note. Discussion took place about businesses and sales tax. He stated there are a lot of things getting done in town, but that means we won't have a lot of money sitting in the bank. He talked about reserve deputies for the police department. Discussion took place.

3. Town Attorney- no report

4. Staff- no report

**M. Public Wishing to address the Council**

1. Ms. Michelle Foret, Lafourche Street, was representing the Bayou Folklife Museum. She asked for the council's help on making Main Street Market a success. She stated it will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Mayor Reinhardt stated we will take care of it.
2. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, asked about the privately owned property with the business on Lafourche Street. Discussion took place.

**N. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Baudoin. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:57PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt  
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk