

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 16, 2019

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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 Galjour, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. Councilwoman Guidry was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Chief David Harrelson, Jr.

E. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2019, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for March 19, 2019. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending March 31, 2019

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2019. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilwoman Galjour 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 Bourgeois and seconded by Councilman Bourgeois to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Providence Report

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

1. Street Repairs (Phase I and Phase II):

Phase I – Certificate of Substantial Completion was recorded with Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court on 3-28-19 and project is in lien period.

Phase II – Contractor has completed patching and milling and will begin overlay.

2. Comeaux/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements:

Quotes were received on April 11, 2019. A capital outlay application was submitted requesting funds for Lockport's portion of this project. A Resolution of Award is on Council's Agenda.

3. Infiltration Investigation:

A presentation on monitoring will be shown at meeting.

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

This project is on hold to concentrate on infiltration issues.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the resolution awarding and authorizing the signing of the construction contract for the "Town of Lockport", Comeaux Drive/ Catherine Street Drainage improvements, and authorizing the issuance of the notice to proceed. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

I. Public wishing to address the council on agenda items

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public if they would like to address the council on any agenda items. He asked three times, and there were no comments.

J. Adopt the Millage Rate for 2019 General Alimony Tax

The resolution was read aloud. A roll call was taken in favor of the millage with 4 yeas: Councilman Baudoin, Councilwoman Galjour, Councilman Hartman, and Councilman Bourgeois. Councilwoman Guidry was absent.

K. Resolution in opposition of all proposed legislation that transfer the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the LA Department of Revenue.

Discussion took place. The council tabled this resolution.

L. Call for a public hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
4. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building (no current lease)
5. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2019)

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public on lease renewals. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Call for Public Hearing

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to call for a public hearing for above. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2019-2020 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for public hearing for above. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Reports

a. Mayor Reinhardt called upon Mr. Huddleston to discuss Mayor's Court. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to adopt rules for court for the magistrate court for the town of Lockport, to give the magistrate judge discretion in reducing or increasing fines, reconsidering or suspending sentences, or imposing community services, and to allow the magistrate judge to adopt policies and procedures for the magistrate court. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois called for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to make changes to the town of Lockport criminal code to add certain offenses previously omitted, more specifically to add the offenses simple criminal damage to property and possession of drug paraphernalia. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mr. Huddleston talked about a program called Quick PD. Discussion took place. This program is designed to make Mayor's Court easier, more cost effective, and an efficient way of tracking the process of the ticket, etc. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to sign a contract with Quick PD in the amount of \$150.00 per month. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mr. Huddleston also talked about American Municipal Services. This company would service as a collection agency that would help the town collect any old outstanding debt/tickets. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to sign a contract with AMS. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mr. Huddleston also mentioned in the future the town may have to have a judge and a prosecutor. The town clerk briefly mentioned the garbage committee meeting she attended at the parish last month. She will keep in touch with Mr. Jerome Danos. Mayor Reinhardt asked the council for motion to sign an agreement with the Council on Aging. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to sign the agreement. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

b. Council

1. Councilman Baudoin wished everyone a safe Easter holiday.

2. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming. She hopes the fair is successful.

3. Councilman Hartman stated he will get with the town clerk on the budgets. He asked the Chief to get with the Mayor as soon as he can.

4. Councilman Bourgeois thanked everyone who went to the Easter egg hunt. He mentioned the fair. He thanked the town clerk for sending in burnt street light requests that he sends. He talked about the May 4, 2019 election. He said the fire district #2 is going through their rating right now. Discussion took place. He stated the millage renewal for fire district #2 is on the ballot. He sincerely asked for everyone's support. He also mentioned Main Street Market was fairly successful even with the weather. He said new people have taken over the boat museum.

O. Public wishing to address the council

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times. No one wanted to address the council.

P Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:32 PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk