

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting May 21, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 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, Sharon Guidry, Bobbie Galjour, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Assistant Chief Ricky Breaux, Jr, Allie Rasid, Sr., Mike Kreamer, Junior Adams, Charlene Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, and Jacob Rodriguez.

**E. Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2019, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for April 16, 2019. 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 April 30, 2019**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2019. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilwoman Galjour seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**G. Proclamations**

**1. MPS Awareness Month- Miss Meekel Stevens**

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

**H. Police Report**

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Assistant Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilman Bourgeois to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

**I. 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 – Substantial completion inspection was conducted on May 15, 2019. A punch list was developed, and the contractor has begun working on it.

**2. Comeaux/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements:**

The project was awarded to LeBoeuf Contracting, LLC of Gheens, Louisiana. The contractor will begin work on or before May 28, 2019 and should be completed around August 25, 2019.

A capital outlay application was submitted requesting funds for this project.

**3. Infiltration Investigation:**

Monitors are being moved as information is being analyzed. Approximately 1,700 feet of gravity main has been eliminated because major infiltration is not a concern in these areas.

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

This project is on hold to concentrate on infiltration issues.

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

**J. 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)

The Mayor asked three times if public wanted to comment. There were no comments.

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

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

#### **K. Public hearing**

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets. Discussion took place. Councilman Hartman explained to the council the different amendments to the budgets. Discussion took place. Audience was asked three times to comment, there were none.

2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2019-2020 Town of Lockport Budgets. The Mayor stated we have been taking out of funding for the last five years, and that is why he adjusted the budget this year. He stated we can't keep operating in the red. He stated eventually this will catch up to us. He stated the administration adjusted the last two years all we could adjust, and we still have a town to run. Councilman Hartman explained the Mayor's proposal to the general fund budget. The Mayor stated he is open to suggestions. Councilman Baudoin stated we need to raise revenue sources such as new millages, increasing bonds and fines, etc. Councilwoman Galjour thinks the police department should partially cut, but the proposed amount was too much at one time. Councilman Hartman stated we have a deficit. Councilman Bourgeois stated we just got new streets, so why don't we cut out the street department.

Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune, suggested cutting across the board not just police department.

He stated he moved into this town because of the police department. The Mayor stated the police department is doing a great job, and he doesn't want to see anyone get cut. He asked where we are going to keep getting the money.

Mr. Mike Glaspell, 135 E. Lafourche Street, stated there is a big difference in law enforcement from just across the bayou compared to the Town of Lockport. He stated if there are cuts to law enforcement and services, then, the sales tax needs to go back to the people.

Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune Street, asked when the budget is due. She asked if we could wait until the police chief is back in town to make adjustments. The Mayor stated we have been trying for a month to speak to the chief.

Councilman Hartman suggested to adjust the police department budget by \$31,000.00 instead of \$80,000.00 or \$62,000.00. We won't end up with a deficit in the general fund net change. Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois asked about technological upgrades and law enforcement equipment funds from tickets.

The Mayor asked three times if anyone wanted to address the council. No one answered.

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

There was no suggestions or changes made at the time to propose back to the Mayor.

Mr. Huddleston stated the Mayor has to propose the budget. The council can make suggestions or adjustments, but the Mayor has to take the amendment, and propose it back again. The Mayor stated he wished he could have talked to the chief about the budget.

Councilman Hartman made a suggestion for an additional \$31,000.00 to be appropriated from the sales tax fund, and \$31,000.00 would be adjusted either from the police department revenue and/or expenditures resulting in a net change balance of \$824.00. The Mayor accepted the council's adjustments, and will propose the budget again as amended at the next meeting.

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

#### **L. Public hearing**

1. Discuss 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.

There was no discussion. No comments from the public when asked three times.

2. Discuss 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 service, and to allow the Magistrate Judge to adopt Policies and Procedures for the Magistrate Court.

There was no discussion. No comments from the public when asked three times.

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

#### **M. Ordinances**

1. 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.

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to adopt the ordinance as stated above. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. 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 service, and to allow the Magistrate Judge to adopt Policies and Procedures for the Magistrate Court.

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

#### **N. Call for Public Hearing:**

1. Ordinances for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

- a. Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
- b. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
- c. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (PACT Center) (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
- d. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
- e. Friends of Traditional LA Boat Building (no current lease)

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

2. Ordinances

- a. Adopt the amended budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets.
- b. Adopt the new budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilman Baudoin called for a public hearing for to adopt the budgets. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Discuss an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, LA, in order to amend the Town of Lockport Personnel Policy to amend the ethics policy, sexual harassment policy, and to change part-time status.

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

#### **O. Reports:**

1. Mayor- The Mayor asked the council for authority to sign a new auditing agreement with Martin and Pellegrin for the upcoming year. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept this proposal. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Hartman made a motion to change the meeting date from June 18, 2019 to June 11, 2019. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He briefly talked about the drainage project. He also stated the crew is working on catch basins.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Baudoin-He thanked everyone for working on the budget.
- b. Councilwoman Guidry-no report. c. Councilman Galjour- no report. d. Councilman Hartman- no report.
- e. Councilman Bourgeois thanked the audience who sat through the meeting. He asked to check with IT for problems with website. He asked about preparation for hurricane season. He stated at the next meeting he will call for public hearing to turn over all sidewalks to homeowners. Discussion took place.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- no report.

#### **P. Public wishing to address the council.**

The Mayor asked the public three times if anyone wanted to address the council. There were no comments.

#### **Q.Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 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 10:01PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk