

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 28, 2020

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 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 Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., and Dona Breaux.

E. Approval of Minutes for December 17 2019, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for December 17, 2019. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2019. Councilman Bourgeois 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. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the police report as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson requested permission to advertise for a replacement officer to replace Mr. Lebouef who recently resigned. Mayor Reinhardt asked the Chief about Officer Bordelon being able to help with the overtime. Chief Harrelson stated he has conflicts with his personal business. Councilman Hartman commented on the big payroll last month. Councilman Hartman stated over time does not stop. Chief Harrelson cannot guarantee we would get applicants because we didn't have many last time. Councilman Hartman stated the police department is already over 51% of the budget. He also stated we did not pay for the radios yet, and there is also talk about police cars. He thinks so we don't get stuck and vote for something that will put over the budget when it is already over the budget, he thinks we should have a public hearing on amending the budget for the police department. Councilman Galjour spoke about hiring another person and overtime. Councilman Baudoin spoke about the hours to cover and overtime. Mayor Reinhardt asked since Jeff isn't picking up any hours like Councilman Bourgeois stated in a previous meeting would help eliminate some overtime, then why can't we get someone else who would want to work part time. Chief Harrelson stated there would be no one who would want to work part time because of the amount of training they are required to have, and they would have a full time job elsewhere. They would have the same problem. Mayor Reinhardt stated again we been through this before, and we are going to be making the budget in March. He wants them to think about this. He said if the millage passes then great, but if it doesn't and we hire someone then we might have to let someone go. He thinks we should work with what we got because he sees the budget, and we are already over in overtime. He stated like the auditors said we should work within our means. Councilman Hartman asked the Chief about the police cars. Chief Harrelson stated he will have the information about the cars for February meeting. Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for a public hearing to discuss and amend the budget for two police cars and radios. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the police report as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

H. Providence Report

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

1. Comeaux Drive Drainage Improvements:

The project to remove structures and obstructions from the servitude is now complete. Funding has been requested from capital outlay to replace the culverts.

A meeting was held with NLLD, Lockport, Leonard Chauvin, P.E., P.L.S., Inc., and Providence on January 10, 2020. NLLD has committed to paying for Leonard to engineer a drainage rerouting project in the Southeast Quadrant and the first phase of the culvert replacement which will be the last 900 or so feet of culvert closest to the drainage canal. The remaining culvert has been divided into three additional phases to be funded as money becomes available.

To assist in the search for funding, Mandy will calculate the amount of money Lockport has already spent on drainage work. Also, Providence will develop a cost estimate for the replacement of culverts needed to reroute the stormwater to the proposed NLLD project in the Southeast quadrant. These numbers will show NLLD board that Lockport is invested monetary in helping improve drainage and is not solely relying on outside funds.

2. Infiltration Investigation:

Rousse Plumbing, LLC will repair the 5 services found in disrepair. Lockport will be helping with some of the work to reduce the cost. This work should be occurring the first week of February. The monitors will be moved to the Southwest Quadrant so we can start narrowing down areas where we believe inflow and infiltrations are taking place.

I. Proclamation- National School's Choice week

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the proclamation. Councilman Baudoin made a motion. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Resolution to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept audit report. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Reports

1. Mayor- Mayor Reinhardt stated some contractors will be coming to town to fix some sewer lines. We will be sending out letters to the homeowners that had issues found by the camera work. We will make sure the issues are inspected that they are fixed. We will be moving the smart covers across the highway. Councilman Bourgeois asked about the cost to fix out sewer lines. Mayor Reinhardt stated it is under \$10,000.00. He stated we went to the NLLD for a meeting. They have committed to doing some work for the Comeaux drainage project. They will start with phases. He also stated we are putting up fences and no trespassing signs. He also stated it will take six to seven months to bid out the project. He has been in contact with Mr. Toups and Mr. Robichaux about opening a business in town. He stated if everything goes well with that it will be good for the town. He will keep them informed with that. Councilman Hartman stated he understood the governor will be asking for an appointment for the NLLD. Mayor Reinhardt stated Kenney has been doing a good job for the town. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to ratify the Mayor to keep Kenney as the town's representative for the NLLD board. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. a. Councilman Baudoin expressed his concerns about the bulkhead near the gazebo and the Bayou Playhouse. He also expressed concerns about cybersecurity.

b. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She asked about playground equipment and grants. She asked about the old water plant and where the money goes. The clerk said it goes in the building fund. She also talked about the Council on Government's meeting with the tax assessor.

c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.

d. Councilman Bourgeois stated the parish and the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District removed vessels from the waterways. In regards to the NLLD, he talked a possible future levee system that would go across company canal to connect the two levees they just built. He stated March 21, 2020 is Bayou Cleanup event. Councilman Bourgeois thinks an additional officer might pull back some of the overtime. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to allow the Chief to advertise for a full time or part time officer, just an advertisement, and not to hire yet. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. Councilwoman Galjour was in favor. Councilman Hartman opposed.

3. Town Attorney- no report

4. Staff- no report

L. Public wishing to address the council

1. Mr. Brian Hebert, Lockport Carnival Club, addressed the council to ask permission to roll in town for Lockport Parade on February 22, 2020 @ 12:00pm. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to allow them to do so. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to allow CLHS band to sell concessions in town for the parade. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Bourgeois. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:02PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk