

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting February 18, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Councilwoman Guidry, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. 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 January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for January 28, 2020. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending January 31, 2020**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2020. 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. Mayor Reinhardt mentioned the fence and how people are damaging town property. We don't anyone getting hurt on that property. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the police report as presented. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**H. Providence Report**

Mayor Reinhardt called on Ms. Melanie Caillouet 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.

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 repaired the 5 services found in disrepair in the Southeast Quadrant. Lockport will be helping with some of the work to reduce the cost. The monitors were moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the Southwest Quadrant so we can start narrowing down areas where we believe inflow and infiltrations are taking place.

**I. Proclamation-Turner Syndrome**

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

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

**J. Public Hearing**

Discuss amending the budget for police communication radios and police cars. Chief Harrelson presented the information to the council. He wants two ford explorers that are on state contract. It would be another \$14,000 for accessories for the cars such as graphics, radar, etc. Mayor Reinhardt asked if it is about \$80,000. Chief Harrelson stated about \$82,000. Councilwoman Galjour stated we know we need the cars. Councilman Hartman asked about the radios. Mayor Reinhardt asked Councilman Bourgeois how long it takes to get the cars in. Chief Harrelson stated 3-5 months. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have an election coming up to vote on that millage in April. He said if it passes, then, it's no problem. If it don't pass, then, then we are looking at \$82,000. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have no money going into the fund, but we got money going out. We talking about this other project on Comeaux drive. He stated that is his job to let them know where the money is. He knows they need cars, but he wants them to decide what is best. He said if we get cars, then, he suggested they need to back off on anything else. Mayor Reinhardt asked about the cars to get rid of in the police department. Chief

Harrelson stated there are two. Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times on any more discussion with this. No one answered.

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

The town clerk stated they needed to be specific on where they wanted to take the money from for the budget. Councilman Hartman suggested it should be a capital expense in the police department. He stated it will have to come out of sales tax fund. The town clerk asked them again to be sure. She also made a suggestion the Chief about getting three quotes for equipment, graphics, etc since it would be over \$10,000. He stated the Sheriff's office will assist, and it should be all on state contract. She needs the number. She wants to make sure that we do this right. She asked if the sales tax fund gets low on cash in the bank, she wants them to approve for her to transfer money out of the LAMP account to cover these costs. She has never taken money out of LAMP, so she wants to make sure they all know what is going on. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to reallocate \$98,000 from the LAMP sales tax account to purchase two police cars outfitted referring state contract number 4400016601 and radios. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

#### **K. Reports**

**1. Mayor-** Mayor Reinhardt stated everyone is working together to try to make this happen on Comeaux Drive. Mayor Reinhardt told the Chief about his concerns of the overtime. Chief Harrelson stated an officer was back, so, they should be good now. Mayor Reinhardt asked the Chief if there was a way to set the schedule to not have so much overtime. Chief Harrelson stated all four shifts are now covered. Mayor Reinhardt stated retirement was going up July 1. He wished everyone a happy Mardi Gras.

#### **2. Council**

a. Councilman Baudoine asked about the bulkhead at the park. He also asked about Mid Winter conference. He also talked building permits and fences. He also talked about blighted property ordinance, grass cutting, etc.

b. Councilwoman Guidry asked about the camper behind the donut shop. The camper is for sale. Mayor Reinhardt stated he came get a permit to have it there for 6 months. He wasn't living in it. Councilman Baudoine expressed his thoughts and concerns about campers. They talked about the ordinance for them in town. Mayor Reinhardt stated they can make an ordinance, and they would have to move. He said the council would have to make the ordinance for him to enforce anything. She thanked everyone for coming. She wished everyone a happy mardi gras.

c. Councilwoman Galjour asked about the restaurant. To our knowledge, it should be opening. She asked about the Mccloud building. She asked about playground equipment and Rotary Club. She also stated 15mph is too slow. She thinks all the streets should be 20 mph.

d. Councilman Hartman talked about the house on Justin Street with the trash and the old National store. He also asked about the parade festivities at town hall. Mayor Reinhardt stated everyone was invited.

e. Councilman Bourgeois asked about street lights on Vacherie street where the Entergy building was. The town clerk will look into that. He asked about license renewals. He also mentioned in the last house session one of the representatives told him that he was able to secure an LGAP grant for the town for roads in the amount of \$26,500. He also asked about the recycle if the town had any left. He asked about Drainage District and if they would help for Comeaux project. Mayor Reinhardt stated we received funds from them already for this project.

3. Town Attorney- No report

4. Staff- The town clerk reminded the council about filing financial disclosure report, ethics training, and sexual harassment training.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked the public three times if they wanted to address the council. No comments.

#### **M. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:45PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk