

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting May 19, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 5:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex (in the parking lot).

**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 Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Kenneth Matherne, Junior Adams, Joseph Orgeron, Ernest Boudreaux, and Phil Gilligan.

**E. Approval of Minutes for February 18, 2020, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for February 18, 2020. 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 February 29, March 31, and April 30, 2020**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending February 29, March 31, and April 30, 2020. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Bourgeois seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**G. Proclamations**

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

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept above stated proclamation. The council seconded the motion unanimously. Miss Meekel Stevens was present to receive the proclamation.

**H. Police Report**

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Bourgeois and seconded by Councilman Baudoin to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. The Chief asked for permission for a provisional hiring of Josh Babin pending he passes the testing phase. Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to allow the Chief to hire Josh Babin if he passes the testing phase in the amount of \$34,157.24. He stated we don't know where things will go with this virus, but they need one patrol officer to have four patrol officers and himself. The Chief stated he was employed here, and when he left here, he had some issues, but he cannot discuss it. Councilman Hartman asked the Chief about his administrative issues he had previously with the former chief. He suggested that he needed to find out. The Chief stated he feels he has grown and matured. Councilmembers Galjour, Guidry, and Baudoin were in favor. Councilman Hartman voted no.

**I. Providence Report**

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

**1. Comeaux Drive Drainage Improvements: (No change since last meeting.)**

Providence has provided our costs thus far to Mandy for her to include with the Town's costs. This information will be provided to Leonard Chauvin and NLLD. This information was requested to help entice NLLD to provide funding to move forward with replacing the culvert between Comeaux and Catherine Streets on the west side of LA 1 and installing a culvert system on the east side of LA 1 to tie into the existing.

**2. Infiltration Investigation:**

The monitors are on 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. Based on the last storms, we have requested quotes to CCTV of 37 services on Elizabeth Street between Main and Third. The quotes are due on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at noon. The quotes will be presented at this meeting and possible award requested. The monitors will also be moved to Second Street on May 19<sup>th</sup> before the council meeting.

Ms. Caillouet stated she received quotes from three different companies to perform the CCTV work for the sewer lines. Quotes are as follows: Gulf Coast Underground: \$18,167.50, BLD: \$13,465.00, and CES per basis/hour not per service. She recommended the council accept BLD's quote. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept BLD's quote in the amount of \$13,465.00. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept Amendment No. 2 to increase the amount by \$10,000.00 to allow Providence to continue monitoring the smart covers which will come out of the sewer fund. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **J. Resolutions**

1. Adopt a resolution 2020-02 authorizing the subdivision of property currently owned by Valentine, L.L.C., designated as Lot M-1, as described on a plat prepared by Leonard Chauvin P.E., P.L.S., Inc., dated November 4, 2019, and titled "A Division of Property Belonging to Valentine L.L.C. to Create Lot M-1 Located in Section 15, T16S-R19E Lafourche Parish, Louisiana."

Discussion took place mostly about drainage. Mr. Tre Chauvin stated there should be no issues. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to subdivide this property. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Adopt a resolution 2020-03 confirming an election date change pursuant to proclamation of the Governor; establishing a new date to canvass election returns; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept this resolution. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

## **K. Public Hearing**

1. Adopt an ordinance to reallocate \$98,000.00 from the LAMP Sales tax Fund to purchase two police cars outfitted referring state contract #4400016601 and radios. Councilwoman Galjour asked if the cars have been ordered. Chief said no. Councilman Hartman asked when the Chief was going to have the proposal. Chief said the state contract numbers were given already. Councilwoman Guidry asked if an emergency comes up or something comes up once they move the money, can it be used for something else. Chief stated no because it was dedicated for this purchase. Councilman Bourgeois said they already approved the purchase of the cars. Mayor Reinhardt mentioned the millage coming up in an election in five weeks. He feels they should wait, then, they might receive the money, and they wouldn't have to go into the fund balance. He said if it passes they can get two new cars, and maybe give the officers a raise. The town clerk stated she needs three quotes on the accessories for the cars since it will exceed the \$10,000 threshold. Chief stated it should be on state contract. She said she needs the state contract number. She also asked for clarity on the state contract for the cars. Councilwoman Guidry asked if they agree to move the money from LAMP, and this millage does pass, can we put the money back into the LAMP account. Councilman Bourgeois stated if the millage does pass, they will still have to wait because they won't see that money until the year after. No comments from the public.

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

## **L. Ordinance**

1. Adopt an ordinance to reallocate \$98,000 from LAMP sales tax account to purchase two police cars outfitted referring state contract number 4400016601 and radios.

Councilman Baudoin made the motion to accept ordinance. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **M. Request motion to change June meeting date from June 16, 2020 to June 9, 2020.**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to change the meeting date. Councilwoman Galjour 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, 2020)
  - b. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2020)
  - c. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (PACT Center) (current lease expires June 30, 2020)
  - d. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2020)
  - e. Friends of Traditional LA Boat Building (no current lease)
  - f. Bayou Playhouse (current lease expires June 30, 2022)

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

## **O. Call for Public Hearing**

1. To hear public comments on the amended budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 Town of Lockport budgets.

2. To hear public comments on the new budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 Town of Lockport budgets.

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

## **P. Request motion to sign agreement with Martin and Pellegrin, LLC.**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to sign the agreement. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

## **Q. Reports**

1. Mayor-Mayor Reinhardt stated they are waiting on NLLD for drainage project. He said they have more equipment and cameras at the park. He contacted Entergy about the low hanging trees in town to prepare for hurricane season. He mentioned the graduates' procession. Mayor Reinhardt told the council about a sewer fee issue with some residents in town. There was an error which resulted in some residents not being charged for sewer. The Mayor asked the council to waive those charges and start billing them now. Councilwoman Guidry made a motion to waive those back bills. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilmen Baudoin and Hartman were in favor. Councilman Bourgeois recused from voting because he was one of the residents not being billed for sewer. He thanked Officer Kreamer for his service.

## **2. Council**

a. Councilman Baudoin was glad to see everyone is healthy. He thanked Officer Kreamer for his service to the town, and he wished him the best.

b. Councilwoman Guidry mentioned Mr. Frank Curole, Justin Street, told her that water came up from his toilet with the heavy rain the other night. Mr. Curole said ever since they did work with the sewerage he has had nothing but trouble. Mayor Reinhardt stated this is why they are trying to find the problems in the lines. Mr. Curole stated they have been working on this for years. Councilman Bourgeois asked him if he had a check valve on his side. Mr. Curole stated no. He stated they needed to ride around the town to see what is going on in town. He stated they want to worry about across the bayou, and they can't take care of Lockport. Councilman Baudoin stated he can agree there may be something there after a large rainfall. He told them to look at the streets and the ditches. Mayor Reinhardt stated they are spending money right now to try to fix these problems, but they have to follow the steps. Mr. Curole said they could have built something by Rouses. The pump can't take care of Mccloud right now. He said you don't need two guys riding in a dump or pickup truck. He said they should pass an ordinance if you cut grass in Lockport, don't throw it on the road because it is going in the sewerage. Mayor Reinhardt stated they have worked on everything he has told him so far. Mr. Curole also stated they have workers in town using town equipment at their house. The Mayor will find out about this. Councilman Bourgeois stated anyone who gets paid for a service is considered a business, and a business license is required. Mr. Curole addressed Councilman Bourgeois, and asked what about his fifth DWI. He said Councilman Bourgeois is worried about everyone else, and he has money to pay a lawyer. Mr. Curole told him he will go see why they didn't do anything if he doesn't get anything up there. He said how a man gets DWIs, but says he was on medicine five years ago. He said that don't count. Councilwoman Guidry addressed the sewer/water issues again. Mayor Reinhardt stated once it is finished on this side, then we will move to the other side. In the past, Councilwoman Guidry stated she has asked for several things, and she was always told it was being done. She wished Officer Kreamer best wishes.

c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked Officer Kreamer for his service. She asked about park closure.

d. Council Hartman thanked everyone for coming. He thanked officer Kreamer, and wished him well.

e. Councilman Bourgeois expressed his concerns about the millage proposal especially at this time. He thanked Officer Kreamer for his dedication for years of service. He mentioned meeting guidance for future.

**3. Town Attorney-** Chris explained to the council what had to be done with the preliminary and final plat for the Les Maison de Bayou project on Mccloud Rd. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to deviate from the agenda. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the preliminary plat and to discuss at the next meeting about approving the final plat for the project pending our engineer's and the Parish's permit approval. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**4. Staff-** no report.

## **R. Public wishing to address the Council**

1. Mr. Joe Orgeron introduced himself and announced his candidacy for State Representative.

2. Mr. Phil Gillian introduced himself and announced his candidacy for State Representative.

## **S. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Guidry. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:47PM.

Town of Lockport  
/s/ Edward Reinhardt  
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/Mandy Himel  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk