

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting July 21, 2020**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 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 Sharon Guidry was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Jeff Gamble, Karen Gamble, Vickie Eserman, Ernie Savoie, Frank Curole, Nicole Lopez, Paula Anderson, Wayne Galjour, Alan Badeaux, Nancy Badeaux, and Parish President Archie Chaisson.

**E. Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2020, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for May 19, 2020. Councilman Bourgeois asked the town attorney for clarification between accepting the audio versus written minutes. This was tabled.

**F. Approval of the Minutes of June 9, 2020 Regular meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for June 9, 2020. Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**G. Approval of the Minutes of June 29, 2020 Special Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for June 29, 2020. Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**H. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending June 30, 2020**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2020. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Baudoin seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**I. Police Report**

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to deviate from the agenda to allow Parish President Archie Chaisson to address the council. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion, and Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Parish President Archie Chiasson, 214 Mar Drive, addressed the Mayor and the Council about drainage and pumps involving the Town of Lockport. Mayor Reinhardt stated the calls came in about the water in town, and he asked if the floats can be adjusted. He was hoping the people would have come to the meeting because they don't understand floats, they just look at the water coming up. Parish President Chaisson stated the residents can call the parish for information or concerns.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to back to the regular agenda. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**J. Providence Report**

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

**1. Comeaux Drive Drainage Improvements:**

On June 22nd Lockport, NLLD, Lafourche Parish, and Providence met to discuss the way to move this project forward. NLLD is willing to pay for the design and construction of the major drainage improvements on the Upper Catherine side of LA 1. Lockport would be responsible for any culvert replacements and resloping of the ditches, so they drain to the improvements proposed by NLLD. NLLD is paying for the design of the large culvert replacement between Comeaux and Catherine Street on the lower side of Lockport. The construction would have to be funded through a joint effort of NLLD, the Parish, the Town, the drainage district, and an outside funding agency such as CDBG and Capital Outlay. Archie with the Parish said they could help the Town with requesting CDBG funds.

Councilman Baudoin expressed his thoughts and concerns regarding drainage.

Councilman Bourgeois talked about how the culverts need to be replaced eventually, and it is a liability on the town right now. He knows this wouldn't be the popular decision or first choice across the board, but possibly another option, if all else would fail or if it would cave in, would be all concrete with cyclone fence around it similar to the one near the Economy Inn in Lockport Heights. He referenced the levee district meeting for another option. There could possibly be an all open ditch temporarily until we

raise the money. Mayor Reinhardt stated those are some options that were discussed, but he feels this should be the last resort. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are going to meet every month with NLLD, and we are going to try to get this done as soon as possible. He is not giving up on this project.

## **2. Infiltration Investigation:**

BLD CCTVed 37 services but did not go as far as I wanted them to. They are coming back the last week of July or the first week in August to re-video 17 services. I also requested they CCTV Mr. Ralph Sapia's service since he is the only one having issues in that quadrant. As soon as those videos are reviewed, I will send a letter to the mayor with the results and repairs required including the manhole replacement on Ethel Street.

Southwest Quadrant Monitor Moves:

- 1.02/11/2020: Fourth Street on School, Ethel, Elizabeth, and Catherine.
- 2.05/20/2020: Second Street on School, Ethel, Elizabeth, and Catherine.
- 3.05/27/2020: Last three manholes on Elizabeth (left Cat and 2nd where it was).
- 4.06/03/2020: Last three manholes on Ethel (left Cat and 2nd where it was).
- 5.06/16/2020: Last three manholes on School (left Cat and 2nd where it was).
- 6.07/08/2020: All four on Catherine (2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th St. intersections).

Mr. Alan Badeaux, 219 Canal Street, expressed his concerns on behalf of 417 Catherine Street with water levels and sewer in the toilet.

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

## **K. Public Hearing to adopt Ordinances for lease renewals**

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office
4. Christopher J. Huddleston
5. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building
6. Bayou Playhouse

No discussion on 1-4.

Representatives from the Friends of Traditional LA Boat Building were present to discuss with the Mayor and the Council about their concerns and their ideas. Councilman Bourgeois suggested a CEA with this organization. He also suggested \$750.00 per quarter with a one year lease. Mayor Reinhardt thinks they should have the same terms for the Bayou Playhouse.

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

## **L. Ordinances for lease renewals**

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office-Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Baudoin seconded, and it carried unanimously.

2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office-Councilman Baudoin made the motion to accept the ordinance. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office-Councilman Hartman made the motion to accept the ordinance. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. Christopher J. Huddleston- Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

5. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building-public hearing next month.

6. Bayou Playhouse-public hearing next month.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for a public hearing for the Boat Building and Bayou Playhouse regarding CEA and new terms of a lease for \$750 per quarter for one year. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

## **M. Public Hearing to amend the subdivision ordinance to reflect the annexations on the east of Bayou Lafourche.**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for any discussion from Council and public. Councilman Bourgeois asked the Town Attorney for clarification on this ordinance.

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

## **N. Adopt the Ordinance to amend the subdivision ordinance to reflect the annexations on the east of Bayou Lafourche.**

Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to accept the ordinance. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**O. Add/amend to the agenda- Resolution for canvassing election results from July 11, 2020 regarding the Millage for police protection.**

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to add this item to the agenda noting this item will reflect the LA Secretary of State's election results. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the resolution as presented by Mr. Huddleston, Town Attorney, to accept the resolution regarding the elections results from July 11, 2020. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois asked the town attorney to go back to E. Approval for the minutes of May 19, 2020, for clarification on the audio minutes versus the written minutes. Mr. Huddleston stated public records law states there has to be written minutes for records. The town clerk stated any amendments or changes will be reflected in the current month's minutes for the prior month's minutes. Councilman Bourgeois stated it was hard to hear in the audio for that meeting. Councilman Baudoin asked about the logic behind the publication of the minutes prior to the minutes being approved. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes of May 19, 2020. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**P. Reports:**

a. Mayor Reinhardt mentioned drainage and sewage.

**b. Council**

1. Councilwoman Galjour asked about the garbage cans and how to acquire additional ones. She stated the Bayou Playhouse fund raiser went well. She thanked everyone for coming.

2. Councilman Hartman thanked for everyone for coming.

3. Councilman Bourgeois asked about generator maintenance. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are looking a new company for maintenance of the generators. Councilman Bourgeois was asked if the town can provide a letter to the Lockport Volunteer fire department to allow them to cut down and dispose of the trees by the Lockport boat launch. He asked about the dumpster on Main Street. Mayor Reinhardt stated that was not our dumpster. Councilman Bourgeois asked if we could inquire about getting another one. He also stated Bayou Playhouse fund raiser went well.

4. Councilman Baudoin thanked everyone for coming. He also asked for clarification from Town Attorney about public meetings, fact finding, conventions, and quorums involving the Council. Councilman Baudoin talked about the importance of the November 3, 2020 election.

c. Town Attorney- no report.

d. Staff- no report.

**Q. Public wishing to address the Council**

No one from the public addressed the council.

**R. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Baudoin to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:56 PM.

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

/s/ Mandy Himel  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk