Town of Lockport Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 21, 2024

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 6:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

A. Call to Order B. Opening Prayer C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Barry Plaisance called the meeting to order. The meeting was streamed through Facebook Live. The opening prayer was offered by Mandy Himel. Mayor Plaisance asked for a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Plaisance.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Barry Plaisance, Councilmembers: Ernest Boudreaux, Tyler Detillier, and Rodney Hartman. Councilmembers: Gary Acosta and Bobbie Galjour were absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, James Brabham, Cy Toups, Joe Chauvin, and Dona Breaux.

E. Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for April 16, 2024. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending April 30, 2024

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2024. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Boudreaux seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Public wishing to address the Council

Mr. James Brabham talked about community events and the food pantry in town.

H. Police Report

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

I. Engineers' Report

GIS presented a report to the Council. T Baker Smith presented a report to the Council.

J. Resolution authorizing the Lockport Police Department to partner with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission to perform details for Click It or Ticket campaign. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Change the meeting date in June 2024 from June 11, 2024 to June 6, 2024

Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

- **L.** Authorized the Mayor to sign documents with DOTD for the roadways. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- M. Authorize the Mayor to sign documents for the garbage contract with Lafourche Parish Government. Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- N. Authorize the Mayor to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government to provide funds from the Louisiana's Parish Transportation Revenue Fund. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

O. Public hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

- 1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2024)
- 2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2024)
- 3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2024)
- 4. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2024)

There was no discussion from the Council or the public.

P. Adopt Ordinances

- 1. Ordinance 2024-06 Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2024) Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 2. Ordinance 2024-07 Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2024) Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 3. Ordinance 2024-08 Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2024) Councilman Detillier made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 4. Ordinance 2024-09 Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2024) Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Detillier made a motion to go in to public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Q. Public hearing

- 1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of Lockport Budgets.
- 2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2024-2025 Town of Lockport Budgets

R. Call for public hearing:

- 1. To adopt ordinances for the amended and new budget. Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion.
- 2. To amend the personnel policy. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion.
- 3. To discuss variance on square footage of Parcel #0041449818 746 Second Street. Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion.
- 4. To discuss an amendment in the zoning ordinance to change the classification of the property at 115 Lafourche Street and 202 Main Street (the Boat Building & adjoining lot) from C-1 to R-1. Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion.
- 5. To adopt an ordinance to sell the boat building in a private sale. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion.
- 6. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, to amend the Hit and Run Driving Ordinance and to add an Ordinance pertaining to pet vaccinations. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion.
- 7. To adopt an ordinance for a lease agreement between the Town of Lockport and Geaux Paddle, LLC for a kayak kiosk at the bayouside park. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion.

S. Reports:

- 1. Mayor Plaisance talked about sewer repairs and plant handrails. He also talked about flushable wipes and the issues that they cause at the sewer plant. He thanked the parish president and DPW with Lafourche Parish Government for allowing us to use their culvert cleaner. He gave update on the boom mower. He formerly announced he is seeking reelection for the November 5, 2024 election for the seat of Mayor. He gave his condolences to the families in the community who are going through hard times.
- 2. Council
- a. Councilman Boudreaux asked for an update on the Longview Apartments. He also asked about substation on Elliot Drive and blighted properties on Second Street.
- b. Councilman Hartman congratulated all the graduates of Class of 2024.
- c. Councilman Detillier congratulated all the graduates as well. He mentioned our community is going through some sad times, and he sent his condolences. He stated the kids are enjoying the park and new equipment. He also mentioned the street issue caused by the garbage trucks.
- 3. Town Attorney- No Report
- 4. Staff- No Report

T. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Detillier to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:52PM.

	/s/ Barry Plaisance	
	Barry Plaisance, Mayor	
/s/ Mandy Himel		
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk		