

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 16, 2024

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 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. 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, Bobbie Galjour, and Rodney Hartman. Councilman Gary Acosta was absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, James Brabham, Jenny Hanley, Joe Chauvin, Dona Breaux, Ron Sapia, Ralph Sapia, Doug Fuselier, Jennifer Breaux, Addison Breaux, Jacob Rodrigue, Ray Richard, Stelly Kelly, Amy Portier, William Disbrow, Jr., Selina Adams, Matt Daniel, Riley Dufrene, Dylan Miller, Blaydin Alloway, Caleb Hebert, Reese Chaisson, Rylee Boudreaux, Niah Guidry and Cy Toups.

E. Approval of Minutes for June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for June 6, 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 June 30, 2024

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending June 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. Ralph Sapia spoke about suicide awareness and prevention especially with young adults. He stated the kids in the audience wanted to plant a tree in memory of his grandson, Holden Breaux. He also mentioned Luke Martin who we lost to suicide as well. He suggested to start a program in town. The Mayor and the Council expressed their condolences for the families.

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

Ms. Dona Breaux thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She thanked the town for their support and help. She also asked for the Council to come up with something for older children to do in town.

Mr. Stelly Kelly representing Woodman of the World stated there would be a blessing box at town hall for people to put canned goods, food, baby items, hygiene products, etc for anyone who needs them. They want to give back to the community.

Mr. William "Billy" Disbrow announced his candidacy for Town Council in the upcoming election.

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.

Councilman Detillier made a motion to add authorize the Mayor to sign and execute any and all documents for Capital Outlay 24-25 Church Street Outfall Project#50-MG9-24-01 to the agenda. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the CEA. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Authorize the Mayor to sign master service agreements with Compliance EnviroSystems, LLC for sewer and storm drain cleaning and evaluation services.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion.

Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Authorize the Mayor to sign the generator maintenance contract with Down South Electric and A/C, LLC.

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

L. Authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment and supplement letter of agreement for Hurricane Ida Fund Grants.

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

Councilman Detillier made a motion to add authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Martin and Pellegrin, LLC to perform our annual audit. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Call for public hearing to discuss Council's salary. Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Call for public hearing to discuss mobile vendor requirements. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Reports:

1. Mayor Plaisance spoke about a grant application for the sewer department. He talked about sewer repairs that will be taking place in town. He stated we should receive our reimbursement check from the drainage district in the next few weeks. We received the boom mower, and we have expenses associated with engineering for the Church Street Outfall Drainage Project. He stated we will begin pricing fencing for the playground area, a sidewalk that will tie in the walking track to the playground area, and a canopy to put over the centerpiece. He congratulated the Bayou Heritage and Folklife museum for their grand reopening. He welcomed Lafourche Parish Coroner's office to the town. He stated in the next several months he will bring forth some blighted structures in town that need to be torn down. He spoke about a grant application to plant trees in the park. He also mentioned the Cajun Coral Project.

2. Council

a. Councilman Boudreaux asked if there were any changes to the flushable wipe in the jar that was presented in the past meetings to show what causes issues at the sewer plant. There were no changes. He thanked everyone who came to the meeting. He announced he is running for re-election for his seat in the upcoming election.

b. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She asked about unclean and unfenced pools in town. Mayor Plaisance asked for addresses, and he will check it out.

c. Councilman Hartman gave his condolences to the Breaux family. He announced he is running for re-election for his seat in the upcoming election. He commended the Mayor for his leadership.

d. Councilman Detillier asked about ditches in town. He talked about the memorial sites at the bayouside park. He asked to add a proclamation on the agenda in September for Suicide Awareness Month. He announced he is running for re-election for his seat for the upcoming election. He wrote and read an open letter to anyone considering running for an elected position.

3. Town Attorney- No Report

4. Staff- No Report

P. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. 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 6:56PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance _____
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel _____
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk