

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting October 15, 2024**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Rodney Hartman, and Gary Acosta. Councilwoman Bobbie Galjour was absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, James Brabham, Joe Chauvin, Billy Disbrow, Selina Adams, Jael Dardar, Alan Badeaux, and Ron Sapia.

**E. Approval of Minutes for September 24, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for September 24, 2024. Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2024. Councilman Boudreaux moved, and Councilman Hartman seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**G. Proclamation-Town of Lockport Unity Day-October 16, 2024**

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

**H. Police Report**

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Hartman and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson briefly spoke about cancellation of Spook at the Park due to low participation.

**I. Engineers' Report**

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

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

1. James Braham spoke about community events that took place in town and upcoming events in town.
2. Jenny Bordelon asked the Council to close off some streets for Trunk or Treat at Pelican Fuel on October 25, 2024. Councilman Acosta made a motion to allow this. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. Alan Badeaux spoke about the Veteran's event at the park on November 9, 2024.
4. Gloria Pruitt spoke about the tire problem near her home.

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

**K. Public Hearing to amend ordinance to increase the Council's salary taking effect 1/1/2025.**

Mr. Ron Sapia addressed his opinions about the ordinance presented. There was some discussion.

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

**L. Adopt Ordinance 2024-18 to amend the Council's salary taking effect 1/1/2025.**

Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion. Councilman Boudreaux voted yes. Councilman Acosta voted no. Councilwoman Galjour was absent. Ordinance passed.

**M. Discuss and approve lower Comeaux Drive and Ethel Street Drainage projects.**

Mayor Plaisance gave a presentation on drainage issues on Comeaux Drive and Ethel Street. Mayor Plaisance asked the Council to approve fixing these problem areas. The estimated cost is about \$10,000.00. Discussion took place. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N. Reports:**

1. Mayor Plaisance thanked the Town of Lockport and the surrounding community for the donations and can shake for the hurricane victims in and around Florida. He talked about roads in town that need to be addressed. He encouraged anyone any everyone who have problems areas to contact town hall. He addressed

issues with flushable wipes especially in the area of Comeaux Drive lift station. He stated the crew removed and cleaned that pump four times in the last week because it is clogging the pumps. He talked about sales tax statewide with the upcoming legislation. He stated to always stay prepared throughout hurricane season. He also talked about adjudicated properties in town. We will continue to take donations in town. He wished well wish to all the candidates in the election.

**Council**

- a. Councilman Acosta thanked the maintenance crew for all the work they do for the town. He also addressed the sewer issues with things being flushed that should not be. He mentioned the tire problem that was addressed earlier in the meeting. He also explained why he voted no to the salary increase for the Council. He stated it has been an honor to serve as councilman.
  - b. Councilman Boudreaux thanked all the candidates running in the election.
  - c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming. He also asked everyone to go vote in the upcoming election.
  - d. Councilman Detillier asked for an update with the bulkhead project at the park. He thanked everyone for supporting the organizations involved with the pumpkin patch. He asked everyone to go vote and vote with your heart. He thanked Mr. Jael Dardar for running a clean campaign.
- 3. Town Attorney- No Report
  - 4. Staff- No Report

**O. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:01PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/Mandy Himel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk