

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting August 20, 2024

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 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, Rodney Hartman, and Gary Acosta. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, James Brabham, Joe Chauvin, Dona Breaux, Ron Sapia, Ralph Sapia, Jennifer Breaux, Billy Disbrow, Jr., Selina Adams, Jael Dardar, Alan Badeaux, Jack Plaisance, Lacie Lebouef, Reola Lanegrasse, Dianell Reinhardt, LJ Martin, Bryan Adams, Karen Adams, and Rev. Jaekin Dardar.

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

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for July 16, 2024. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as amended to change the day from Thursday to Tuesday for the day of the meeting. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending July 31, 2024

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending July 31, 2024. Councilman Detillier moved, and Councilman Hartman 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. He spoke about the tree planting service that took place in the park. He also announced he and his wife were named Grand Marshals for the Lockport Christmas Parade.

Mr. Alan Badeaux asked the Council for their permission to have a Veteran's Appreciation Day on November 9, 2024 from 10 am to 4pm at the park. Councilman Detillier made the motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

James Brabham talked about community events. He also spoke about 5th quarter that will be starting back up at Victory Life Church

Ms. Lacie Lebouef requested permission to host a candle light vigil in memory of two local teens who lost their life to suicide last year. She wants it to coincide with Suicide Awareness Month. She would like for it to be tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2024 at dusk. Location will be determined at a later date.

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

Ms. Dona Breaux announced her candidacy for Town Council.

Mr. Jael Dardar announced his candidacy for Town Council.

H. Proclamation- Suicide Awareness Month

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the proclamation. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

I. 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. The Blue Mass will be September 25, 2024 at St Joseph. Night Out Against Crime will be in October 1, 2024 from 6pm-9pm at Town Hall.

J. Approve the purchase of new radios from Service Communications for the Lockport Police

Department. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to purchase new radios under the State Contract # 4400022343 in the amount of \$11,850.24. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Engineers' Report

GIS presented a report to the Council. T Baker Smith presented a report to the Council. The Mayor gave a presentation about sewer. He also mentioned drainage as well.

L. Resolution 2024-05 to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for year ending 6/30/2024.

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

M. Discuss condemnation of blighted properties. Mayor Plaisance presented a list of properties to the Council.

N. Change the meeting date in September from September 17, 2024 to September 24, 2024. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Call for a public hearing to adopt general alimony millage rate for 2024. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

P. Public hearings:

1. Discuss Council's Salaries. Discussion took place. No official action taken at this time.
2. Discuss mobile vendor requirements. Discussion took place. No official action was taken at this time.

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

Councilwoman Galjour left the meeting at 7:22pm.

Q. Reports:

1. Mayor Plaisance stated we submitted in our line of credit for capital outlay. This is the first time since 2014 when Mayor Champagne was in office for road repairs. We completed some sewer leaks. He talked about mosquito spraying in town. He also mentioned to be prepared for hurricane season. He wished good luck to all the candidates running for office. He announced Ms. Lauri Naquin would like to bring back the town wide garage sale.

Council

- a. Councilman Acosta thanked everyone for coming. He also wished all candidates well for the upcoming election. He thanked the Mayor and engineers for all of the work they have been doing for the town.
 - b. Councilman Boudreaux talked about the drainage issues on Comeaux Drive. He also asked the Mayor for an update on the blowers at the sewer plant. The Mayor stated they are working fine and has been repaired. He also mentioned we should look into buying another one in the future. He asked for an update on Longview Apartments. He wished all the candidates well in the upcoming election.
 - c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming especially the candidates running for office.
 - d. Councilman Detillier talked about rotten poles in town that need to be changed out. He stated he has been in touch with Entergy. He also mentioned having a support fair to coincide with Suicide Awareness Month. He stated an anonymous donor will be donating a fence to put around the play area at the park. He wished all the candidates well in the upcoming election.
3. Town Attorney- No Report
 4. Staff- No Report

R. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:41PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance _____
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel _____
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk