

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 24, 2024

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 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, Billy Disbrow, Selina Adams, Jael Dardar, Alan Badeaux, Leopold Scioneaux Jr., Dee Verdin, Rowdy Chiasson, and Cy Toups.

E. Approval of Minutes for August 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for August 20, 2024. Councilman Boudreaux 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 August 31, 2024

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

G. Proclamations

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month- October 2024
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month- October 2024
3. National Bullying Prevention Month- October 2024

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt all proclamations as presented. Councilman Detillier 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 Boudreaux and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. The Blue Mass will be September 25, 2024 at St Joseph and September 29, 2024 at Holy Savior. Night Out Against Crime will be in October 1, 2024 from 6pm-9pm at Town Hall. Chief Harrelson warned people not to approach any officer while they are on a call or traffic stop because it can put his officers and possibly themselves in danger. There will be zero toleration for this, and there will be serious consequences if it does happen.

I. Engineers' Report

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

J. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Arthur J. Gallagher for property insurance

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

K. Public wishing to address the Council

1. James Braham spoke about community events that took place in town and upcoming events in town.
2. Ms. Dee Verdin spoke about issues with her residence at the Les Maison de Bayou Lafourche housing units.
3. Mr. Brian Curole expressed his concerns about personal issues.
4. Mr. Alan Badeaux spoke about the upcoming veterans' event in the park on November 9, 2024.
5. Ms. Dona Breaux spoke about her campaign.

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

L. Public Hearing to adopt millage rate for 2024 General Alimony Tax

1. To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior's maximum. No discussion took place.

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

M. Resolutions

1. Adopt Resolution 2024-06, TO ADOPT THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE FOR 2024 TAX YEAR. There was no discussion that took place. The Mayor asked the public three times, and there were no comments. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-06. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. Mayor Plaisance called for a roll call vote: YEAS: Acosta, Boudreaux, Galjour, Hartman, and Detillier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINING: None. Resolution passed unanimously.

2. Adopt Resolution 2024-07; TO ADOPT RESOLUTION WHICH SETS FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATE NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE FOR 2024 TAX YEAR. The Council asked the Mayor for clarification. There were no comments from the public after the Mayor asked three times. Councilman Acosta made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-07. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Mayor Plaisance called a roll call vote: YEAS: Acosta, Boudreaux, Galjour, Hartman, and Detillier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINING: None. Resolution passed unanimously.

N. Reports:

1. Mayor Plaisance spoke about trees at the park that came down for the hurricane and future tree planting. He talked about the signs in town that were affected by the hurricane. He said 5th quarter will held at Victory Life and to contact Victory Life for more information. He gave an update on the drainage work being done in town. He thanked Parish President Archie Chiasson and DPW. Since we are in the peak of hurricane season, he asked the residents to secure loose items around your homes especially garbage cans. He thanked Councilman Detillier and Mr. Billy Disbrow for their help during the hurricane. He stated we had little damage, and we continued town services without any interruption. He thanked the town, police department, town maintenance department, Entergy especially Paula Rome, James Braham, and Catholic Charities. He asked to say a prayer for Florida. He talked about DSNAP benefits that will be offered to Lafourche Parish residents.

Council

- a. Councilman Acosta thanked the police department, the Mayor, Councilman Detillier, and Mr. Billy Disbrow for everything they did during the storm. He commended James Braham for all they have done and keep doing in the Town of Lockport. He spoke about upcoming events in the town.
- b. Councilman Boudreaux expressed his concerns about people going up the wrong way on Lafourche Street.
- c. Councilwoman Galjour stated she appreciated Rodrigue Productions for live streaming our town meetings. She thanked Councilman Detillier for checking on her for the hurricane.
- d. Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for a public hearing to increase the Council's salary. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He thanked the police department and the Mayor for their updates during the storm.
- e. Councilman Detillier spoke about all the events going on in town and the surrounding areas. He stated everyone did well for storm efforts. He stated he set a goal to help out anyone he could. He also addressed Ms. Verdin about her issues at her residence.

3. Town Attorney- No Report

4. Staff- No Report

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Boudreaux. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:18PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance _____
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/Mandy Himel _____
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk