

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 18, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

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

Mayor Paul Champagne called the meeting to order. The meeting was live streamed through Facebook Live. The opening prayer was offered by Mandy Himel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Champagne.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Paul Champagne, Councilmembers: Gary Acosta, Ernest Boudreaux, and Rodney Hartman. Councilmembers Tyler Detillier and Bobbie Galjour were absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Town Attorney, Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Alan Badeaux, Nancy Badeaux, Phillip Gouaux, Mark Bergeron, Jeff Gamble, and Vicki Eserman.

E. Approval of Minutes for December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for December 21, 2021. Councilman Hartman 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 December 31, 2021

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2021. Councilman Boudreaux 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. Ernest Savoie, E 13th Street, preparing and planning for the future of the Louisiana Boat Museum and the surrounding area.

Mr. Jeff Gamble, Elliot Drive, spoke about the culture, heritage, and future of the Boat Museum.

Ms. Vicki Eserman, Locust Street, suggested a long term lease and committee for the Boat Museum.

Mr. Alan Badeaux, Canal Street, asked about clean up and debris in the town.

Ms. Nancy Badeaux, Canal Street, talked about park hours and conflicting signs in the park.

Mr. Rusty Edwards, Elizabeth Street, asked the Council to allow the Krewe of Apollo to roll February 26, 2022 at 12:00pm. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to allow them to roll. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Brett Hebert is the Krewe Captain for the Krewe of Apollo, and he spoke about the upcoming parade. He announced that Councilman Tyler Detillier is the Grand Marshall of this year's parade.

H. Police Report

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

I. Providence Report

Mayor Champagne called upon Ms. Caillouet presented the monthly engineering status report as follows:

1. CCTV Service Inspection of SE Quadrant:

The final report was sent to Lockport on Monday, January 10th both as a hard copy and an electronic version. There were 73 findings within the Town right-of-way and 45 on the private side. The next step is to send letters to the residents that need to fix their services and for the Town to decide how to move forward with the issues on the public side.

2. Catherine Street Sewer Force Main (SFM) Relocation:

The Notice to Proceed was issued on December 22, 2021. The assembly period will end on January 20th at which time the construction period will begin. The construction should begin by the end of January. Substantial completion is set for April 19, 2022. The first application for payment is being processed for stored materials.

3. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

The Capital Outlay application was submitted, and we will receive a decision in June 2022.

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

J. Public hearings

1. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, Section 48-97(d) to allow for recreational units to be hooked up to electricity. No discussion.

2. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to provide for reimbursement of amounts paid by the Town of Lockport for sexual harassment claims. No discussion.

3. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to provide for a curfew during a declared disaster or State of Emergency or during a mandatory evacuation and to provide penalties for violations. No discussion.

K. Ordinances

1. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, Section 48-97(d) to allow for recreational units to be hooked up to electricity. Councilman Acosta made the motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to provide for reimbursement of amounts paid by the Town of Lockport for sexual harassment claims. Councilman Acosta made the motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to provide for a curfew during a declared disaster or State of Emergency or during a mandatory evacuation and to provide penalties for violations. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

L. North Lafourche Levee District Nominees

Mayor Champagne stated there are two people who have submitted resumes for this appointment, Mr. Tory Hebert and Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Councilman Hartman made a motion to submit the two names to the Governor for ratification. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Call for public hearing to prohibit burning anything in the Town of Lockport

Councilman Boudreaux made the motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne-no report.

2. Council

a. Councilman Hartman- no report.

b. Councilman Acosta wished the Krewe of Apollo a successful parade this year.

c. Councilman Boudreaux stated the black bags of garbage on the side the road will not be picked up by the garbage company because they are not in the garbage cans.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Acosta to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Boudreaux. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:33 PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk