

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting January 23, 2024**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 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, Gary Acosta, and Bobbie Galjour. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Joe Chauvin, Brett Hebert, Alan Badeaux, Jack Plaisance, Ron Sapia, and Dona Breaux.

**E. Approval of Minutes for December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for December 19, 2023. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending December 31, 2023**

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2023. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Acosta seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**G. Audit Report**

Mr. Pernell Pellegrin gave the audit report for year ending 6-30-23. The Town of Lockport is in good standing and had no audit findings. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the audit report. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**H. Approval for the Krewe of Apollo to roll on Saturday, February 10, 2024**

Mr. Brett Hebert, Krewe Captain of Apollo, asked the Council for permission to roll. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**I. Public wishing to address the council**

1. Mr. Jimmy Cantrelle Jr. announced his candidacy for Lafourche Parish School Board.
2. Mr. Alan Badeaux spoke about the decorations at the park.

**J. Police Report**

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Acosta and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux to accept the police report as presented. Mayor Plaisance thanked the police department and said they are all doing a fantastic job. He also commended Officer Adam Guillot for the stop he conducted that took drugs and a gun off the streets. Chief Harrelson stated the Krewe of Kiddies parade will take place at the library on February 8, 2024.

**K. Engineering Report**

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

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to deviate from the agenda to add items. Councilman Acosta made the motion, and Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to proclaim February 5-9, 2024 as National School Counselor's week. Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried.

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept Bourgeois' Land Management's bid of \$99,500.00 for the boat museum. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

It was unanimously voted to go back to the original agenda.

**L. Call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 46-2 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to double the traffic fines for speeding in school zones.** Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried.

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

**M. Public hearing to adopt an amendment to the Lockport Police Department personnel policies.**

Discussion took place.

**N. Public hearing to adopt ordinance amendment to the Town of Lockport personnel policy manual (the Manual).** Discussion took place.

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

**O. Discuss and call for public hearing for property annexation of Breaux Enterprises property located on East Main Street.** Discussion took place. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for a public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried.

**P. Reports:**

1. Mayor Plaisance gave an update on the surplus sales. He talked about sewer leaks and culverts. He gave an update on the playground equipment. The equipment was delivered. He stated we received a grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful for ten new garbage cans at the park. He thanked Ms. Elizabeth Daigle for doing on the work for the grant. He gave an update on the street light outages. He gave a report of the issues from the freeze. He thanked Lafourche Parish Water District for going out there in the cold to repair the water leaks in town. He wished everyone a happy and safe Mardi Gras. He also stated the generator on lower Catherine Street is broken. We will look into pricing for a new one to replace it.

2. Council

a. Councilman Acosta asked everyone to be safe for the Mardi Gras season.

b. Councilman Boudreaux asked everyone to be safe for Mardi Gras parade. He stated the KC Home will have their fundraiser lunch. He asked the Mayor for an update on the handrails at the sewer plant.

c. Councilwoman Galjour asked about the status of the elderly apartments. She asked who is responsible for a foreclosed property in town. She has safety concerns. Mr. Huddleston stated the bank takes back ownership of the property.

d. Councilman Hartman wished everyone a happy and safe Mardi Gras.

e. Councilman Detillier asked for a status on painting parking spot lines for the church. He spoke about decorations at the park and volunteers. He asked about an emergency shower in town hall especially since hurricane season is coming. Mayor Plaisance stated this was completed. He asked about a start date for the bulk head at the park. That date is unknown at this time. He asked about speed limits and the speed study. There was no new information at this time. He brought up allowing golf carts on the streets. Mr. Huddleston, Town Attorney, will research and give an update at a later meeting.

3. Town Attorney- No report.

4. Staff- No report.

**Q. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:15PM.

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

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