

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 15, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 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, Bobbie Galjour, Tyler Detillier, and Rodney Hartman. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Town Attorney, Chris Huddleston, Alan Badeaux, Nancy Badeaux, Mark Bergeron, and Jeff Gamble.

E. Audit Report- Mr. Pernelle Pellegrin

Mr. Pellegrin gave the audit report for year ending 6/30/2021. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept it as it was presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes for January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for January 18, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending January 31, 2022

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux moved, and Councilman Acosta seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Public wishing to address the Council

Mr. Jeff Gamble, Elliot Drive, asked for an update on the Boat Building.

I. Police Report

Mayor Champagne 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.

J. Providence Report

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

1. CCTV Service Inspection of SE Quadrant:

This project is substantially complete, and the lien period will extend for 45 days once the certificate is recorded.

2. SE Quad Service Linings:

Two informal proposals were sent to the Town for the installation of service linings in services needing repair within the Town's right-of-way per the CCTV project. Option 1 was for 54 long liners and a total project cost of \$249,848.00. Option 2 was for 31 long liners and 23 short liners for a project cost of \$212,859.00. The amount remaining in the LDEQ loan is ~\$194,700.00. If the Town has the additional funds, her recommendation is Option 1. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to approve Option 1. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

Subcontractor began fusing the pipe on February 7th and will likely start boring the week of February 14th. They must be substantially complete by April 19th.

4. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

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

The 2nd round of applications was supposed to start on January 3rd but was postponed to a TBD to allow decisions to be made on the 1st round project. We will reapply when the 2nd round opens because drainage projects will be eligible.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the MWPP audit. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Proclamations

1. Donovan Barker Day- Mayor Champagne stated the Town proclaimed February 23 as Donovan Barker Day.
2. Problem Gambling Awareness Month-March 2022-Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept proclamation. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

L. Public hearing to discuss adopting an ordinance to prohibit burning in the Town of Lockport

Discussion took place. There was no action taken at this time. Mr. Huddleston will research into this further because we already have an ordinance in place.

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

M. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne-Mayor Champagne presented the new contract from Deep South for generator maintenance. Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept the contract. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Champagne proposed to the Council, as per request by Councilman Detillier, to give premium pay to essential workers using the American Rescue Plan Money. Councilman Detillier approved this proposal. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Champagne asked the Council to surplus the white Ford car. Councilman Detillier made a motion to declare it as surplus. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Council

a. Councilwoman Galjour asked for an update on the elderly apartments in town. She also asked about status on construction of town hall. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for a public hearing to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add Section 2-213 to prohibit an elected town official who has irrevocably retired or resigned his office from being appointed to fill that office; from being elected to fill the vacancy in that office; and from filling any vacancy, by appointment or election, in any office before his previous term was to have expired. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

b. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming and hopes everyone comes out and has a great time for the Lockport Parade

c. Councilman Acosta briefly talked about the Comeaux drainage project. He talked about the meeting among himself, Mayor Champagne, and Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. Next Thursday, they will start having meetings at the American Legion for all Veterans. They will have meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and they can also get help with any claims they may have.

d. Councilman Boudreaux congratulated Councilman Detillier for being selected as Grand Marshal, and he hopes everyone stays safe and enjoys the parade. He gave an update on the Dollar General, and he said they will be reopening as per the district manager. He talked about the street light outages.

e. Councilman Detillier thanked the Carnival Club, and he briefly talked about the upcoming parade. He also talked about the Comeaux drainage project, the skateboard park project, and the spay/neuter program. Councilman Detillier made a motion to call for a public hearing to allow street worthy golf carts to ride on the town streets excluding Crescent Ave and Main Street. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

N. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:04PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk