

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting February 20, 2024

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 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, Rodney Hartman, Gary Acosta, and Bobbie Galjour. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Joe Chauvin, Alan Badeaux, Cy Toups, James Brabham, Gloria Pruitt, Edward Davaine, Jr, and Dona Breaux.

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

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for January 16, 2024. Councilman Detillier 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 January 31, 2024

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

G. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. John Leblanc expressed his concerns about Vacherie Street.
2. Ms. Gloria Pruitt expressed her concerns about a tire problem near her home.

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.

I. Engineers' Report

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

J. Proclamation- Retired Teacher's Day- March 16, 2024

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

K. Love the Boot Event- April 27, 2024 @ 8am

Mayor Plaisance spoke about this upcoming event, and he will give more information at a later date.

L. Resolution 2024-01 to adopt the MWPP Audit Report

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

M. Call for a public hearing to prohibit parking in a fire zone. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

N. Public hearing

1. **Amend Town of Lockport policy handbook ordinance.**
2. **Discuss annexation of Breaux Enterprises' property located on East Main Street.**
3. **Adopt an ordinance to amend Section 46-2 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to double the fines for speeding in school zones.**

There was little to no discussion about the above topics.

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

O. Adopt Ordinance 2024-01 An Ordinance to amend the Town of Lockport Personnel Policy Manual (the Manual), Section 6.6(C)(1) and Section 6.6(G) to clarify the Town's vehicle use policy and Section 5.10 to clarify the funeral leave policy. Councilman Detillier made a motion to adopt ordinance. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

P. Adopt Ordinance 2024-02 to amend Section 46-2 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to double traffic fines for speeding in school zones. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Q. Cooperative Endeavor Agreements

1. Authorize the Mayor to sign a CEA with City of Gonzales to purchase a surplus vehicle. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign a CEA with City of Gonzales to accept a surplus vehicle donation. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

R. Approve the quote of installation of handrails at the sewer plant. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept BETCO's bid in the amount of \$41,848.00. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

S. Approve the quote for new UV light system for the sewer plant. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept T Baker Smith's opinion of probable costs in the amount of \$175,052.00. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

T. Reports:

1. Mayor Plaisance talked about the signage from the Tourist's Commission. He gave an update on sewer leaks and repairs. He addressed Vacherie Street issues. He gave an update on the playground equipment and turf at the park. He stated we are working with Lafourche Parish Animal Shelter to address the cat issue in town. He briefly spoke about homeowners' and flood insurance increases in town. He thanked the City of Gonzales for the police units. He confirmed South Lafourche Bank purchased the old Community Bank, and they have plans to hopefully open toward the end of the year. He thanked LPSO and Sheriff Craig Webre for getting the town cleaned up the day after the Lockport Parade. He stated he passed the sewer certification test, and he is a certified sewer operator for Class 1 and 2. He thanked the younger crowd near Lockport Middle School for cleaning up.

2. Council

a. Councilman Acosta thanked the Mayor and the Chief for their help with acquiring the police units from City of Gonzales. He also asked the Chief to commend his officers for him for doing a good job. He stated Mardi Gras was a success in the town.
b. Councilman Boudreaux stated the KC Home will have their fundraiser lunch on Sunday. The church has dinners on Fridays during Lent. He thanked the engineers for doing a great job.
c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked the Mayor for his hard work. She stated she will deliver an appreciation package to the City of Gonzales.
d. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated the Krewe of Apollo for the parade.
e. Councilman Detillier thanked the City of Gonzales as well. He spoke about the cat spay and neuter project.

3. Town Attorney- No report.

4. Staff- No report.

U. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Acosta to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:06PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance _____
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel _____
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk