

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 15, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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, Mark Bergeron, Jeff Gamble, Charlene Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, John Champagne, Dona Breaux, Darlene Arcement, Angie Acosta, Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor, Wendy Thibodeaux, Jenny Hanley, and Lafourche Parish President, Archie Chaisson.

E. Approval of Minutes for February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for February 15, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending February 28, 2022

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2022. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilwoman Galjour seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Public wishing to address the Council

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

Mayor Champagne asked for motion to deviate from the agenda to allow Ms. Wendy Thibodeaux, Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor, to speak and to be followed by Mr. Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Wendy Thibodeaux, Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor gave an update on the reassessment and the effects of Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President, gave an update on the potential FEMA housing in the area.

H. Police Report

Mayor Champagne called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreaux and seconded by Councilman Detillier 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:

This project is substantially complete, and the lien period will end on March 16th, 2022.

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

The subcontractor has successfully installed 1460 feet of sewer force main. The last pull of 650 feet should happen early next week (March 14 – March 16). Afterwards, LA Contracting will connect it to the wet well and the existing sewer force main. They must be substantially complete by April 19th.

3. SE Quad Service Linings:

The engineering agreement was sent to LDEQ for approval and the plans and specs were started. They should be ready and approved by LDEQ for advertisement by the next meeting.

4. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

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

The Water Sector Program has not opened Round 2 for applications.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to start advertising for bids pending DEQ review. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Proclamations-Autism Awareness Month

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

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

K. Public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2022-04 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. Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, Myrtle Delaune Drive, addressed the council and voiced her approval for the passage of this ordinance.

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

L. Adopt Ordinance 2022-04 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 Boudreaux made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The roll call vote was as follows: Councilman Acosta: yes, Councilman Boudreaux: yes, Councilman Detillier: yes, Councilwoman Galjour: yes, and Councilman Hartman: yes.

M. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept Dynamic Construction's bid and begin discussions in the amount of \$130,000 for repairs to the town hall complex. Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept the bid. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to call for public hearing to dedicate the streets to the Town of Lockport for the Les Maisons des Bayou Lafourche. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Champagne announced Second Harvest will be March 18, 2022 on Church Street near the ball park. He spoke about a meeting between he and Mr. Mike Delaune, Senator Mike Fesi's Legislative Assistant. They talked about the safety issues with the Comeaux Drainage project, painting of the bridge, etc.

2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Galjour gave an update with the elderly apartments.
- b. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.
- c. Councilman Acosta asked the public to report anything that is illegal or might be wrong in town.
- d. Councilman Boudreaux briefly talked about the trash burning ordinance and laws.
- e. Councilman Detillier talked about the bulkhead at the park. He mentioned the spay/neuter program.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

N. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 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 7:05PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk