

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 19, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 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 Dana Boudreaux. 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 Deputy Clerk Dana Boudreaux, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Town Attorney, Chris Huddleston, Mark Bergeron, Jeff Gamble, Alan Badeaux, Nancy Badeaux, Karen Gamble, Doug Fuselier, and Ernest Savoie, Jr.

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

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for March 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 March 31, 2022

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

G. 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.

H. Providence Report

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

1. CCTV Service Inspection of SE Quadrant:

A balancing change order is being presented at this meeting for the addition of four services that had to be CCTV'd for a total increase of \$1,280.00. If the change order is approved, the final application request with retainage will be given to Mandy for processing.

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

A substantial completion inspection will be held on April 19th at 8 am. The only punch list item will be final grading and seeding. A resolution is on the agenda for the council to accept the project as substantial complete and give the mayor permission to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion. This certificate will be hand delivered to the courthouse for recordation and start the 45-day lien period.

3. SE Quad Service Linings:

The plans and specifications were submitted to LDEQ, and minor revisions had to be made. The revised plans and specifications were submitted, and we should receive approval to bid prior to this meeting.

4. Company Canal Bulkhead:

The mayor requested a project cost estimate to install vinyl sheetpile along Company Canal from the boat launch to the handicap wharf (~915 feet) and steel sheetpile from that point to the theatre (~470 feet).

5. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

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

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the change order and substantial completion for sewer force main. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

I. Proclamations

1. National Donate Life Month

2. MPS Day- May 15, 2022

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

J. Public wishing to address the Council

Mr. Jeff Gamble, Elliot Drive, asked for an update on the Boat Building and talked about the scope of work prepared by them.

Mr. Alan Badeaux, Canal Street, talked about tree planting in the park.

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

K. Adopt Millage Rate for 2022 General Alimony Tax

1. Resolution 2022-03 to adopt 2022 General Alimony Tax Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt the 2022 Millage rate for the 2022 General Alimony tax. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried by roll call vote of all yeas, no nays, no absent, and no abstaining.

L. Resolution 2022-04 to authorize the filing of an application for LGAP- Local Government Assistance Program Grant. Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Call for a public hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2022)
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2022)
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2022)
4. Friends of Traditional La Boat Building (current lease expires June 30, 2022)
5. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2022)

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

N. Call for Public Hearing

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2021-2022 Town of Lockport Budgets.
2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2022-2023 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

O. Public hearing to discuss allowing street worthy golf carts to ride on the town streets excluding Crescent Ave and Main Street.

Mr. Alan Badeaux expressed his thoughts on the golf carts. Ms. Karen Gamble asked questions about age limits, times, lighting, etc. Ms. Mat Champagne expressed her thoughts and was in favor of the golf carts. Mrs. Nancy Badreaux expressed her concerns about the golf carts. Mr. Mark Bergeron expressed his thoughts about the golf carts.

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

Councilman Detillier made a motion to move forward with the golf carts. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilman Acosta made a motion to deviate from the agenda. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the Les Maisons des Bayou Lafourche subdivision into the Town's maintenance and to allow the developer to obtain a maintenance bond to run from the date of this resolution. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Detillier made a motion to call for a public hearing to adopt the ordinance for above resolution. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

P. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne asked the Council for a motion to appoint Mr. Stephen Baudoin to the Council on Aging board to represent the Town of Lockport. He thanked Ms. Mary Lynn Blanchard for her six years of service as the Town of Lockport's appointee on the Council on Aging board. Councilman Boudreaux made the motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He read an official statement regarding a pending lawsuit filed against the Town of Lockport.

2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Galjour asked about garbage trucks on town streets. She thanked Councilman Detillier for his efforts in research about the golf carts.
- b. Councilman Hartman asked for clarification and expressed his thoughts about a potential committee for trees in the park.
- c. Councilman Acosta thanked the Chief and his department for doing a good job. He mentioned the Playhouse.
- d. Councilman Boudreaux gave updates on some buildings in town. He stated the contractors did a great job on Catherine Street.
- e. Councilman Detillier asked about the Boat Building and the Playhouse.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

Q. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Detillier to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:08PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk