

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 17, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 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, Jeff Gamble, Karen Gamble, Alan Badeaux, Dona Breaux, and Vickie Ezerman.

E. Approval of Minutes for April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for April 19, 2022. 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 April 30, 2022

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux moved, and Councilman Hartman 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. Catherine Street Sewer Force Main (SFM) Relocation:

The Certificate of Substantial Completion has been recorded and distributed. The lien period ends on June 10, 2022. A balancing change order adding \$1,578.00 to the contract is being presented to council for action.

2. SE Quad Service Linings:

The project was first advertised on April 28th. The prebid conference is on May 19th at 10 am in the council meeting room. Bid opening will occur on May 26th at 2 pm in the council meeting room. A recommendation of award will be presented with a resolution prior to the June 14th council meeting.

3. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

The Capital Outlay application was submitted. The project is not currently in House Bill 2.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to approve the change order. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

I. Proclamations

1. Motorcyclist Awareness Month- May 2022
2. National Police Week- May 11-17, 2022
3. National Pride Month- June 2022

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

J. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Greg Plaisance, Catherine Street, expressed his concerns about 231 Catherine Street.
2. Mr. Jeff Gamble, Elliot Drive, asked for an update on the boat building.
3. Mr. Alan Badeaux, Canal Street, expressed his opinion about the police department.
4. Ms. Brenda Richardson expressed her opinion about zoning in R-1 district.
5. Ms. Cheryl Boudreaux, Sixth Street, expressed her opinion about zoning in R-1 district.

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

K. 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)

Some discussion took place. There were no suggestions for change this year, but they will consider it for next year.

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

L. Call for a public hearing to adopt all leases

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

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

M. 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.

Discussion took place. The town clerk went over the budgets. Mayor Champagne proposed a new budget which includes raises for the police department and Police Chief.

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

N. Call for public hearing to adopt ordinances for budget

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

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

O. Public hearing

1. Adopt Ordinance 2022-05 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add a section to accept the subdivision known as Les Maisons des Bayou Lafourche into the Town of Lockport system. No discussion took place.

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

P. Adopt Ordinance 2022-05 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add a section to accept the subdivision known as Les Maisons des Bayou Lafourche into the Town of Lockport system. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt ordinance. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Q. Call for public hearing to adopt an ordinance to amend the comprehensive zoning ordinance and zoning district for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana to re-designate certain property located at 413 Canal Street, currently zoned C-1 Neighborhood Commercial district to R-1 Residential district. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

R. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne asked the Council for a motion to change the June meeting date to June 14 due to the budget restraints. Councilman Detillier made a motion to change the meeting date. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Champagne announced May 31, 2022, the town and police department will sponsor Second Harvest Food Distribution. Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to call for a public hearing to adopt a cell phone and technology policy. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Council

a. Councilwoman Galjour had no report.

b. Councilman Hartman had no report.

c. Councilman Acosta stated the property on Justin Street was cleaned for the second time since the first of the year. He talked about the concerns of the people who spoke at the meeting.

d. Councilman Boudreaux congratulated the Class of 2022. He briefly talked about Justin Street, upcoming hurricane season, and trash pick-up. He talked about a church group approaching him to rent the park every Sunday and renting the building on Main Street. The administration will look into this matter.

e. Councilman Detillier had no report.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

S. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:29 PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk