

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 19, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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 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: Ernest Boudreaux, Tyler Detillier, Gary Acosta, and Rodney Hartman. Councilwoman Galjour was absent. Also present were Deputy Clerk Dana Boudreaux, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Dona Breaux, Mark Bergeron, and Heather Hendrix.

E. Approval of Minutes for June 14, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for June 14, 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 June 30, 2022

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux moved, and Councilman Detillier seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Ms. Heather Hendrix, Assistant District Attorney, introduced herself and stated she will be running for Judge Division A.
2. Mr. Raymond Birdsall, Main Street, wishes to subdivide his property at 908 Main Street. The town attorney explained the process to complete this subdivision.
3. Mr. Mark Bergeron, Catherine Street, addressed the council about blighted property near his house.

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. Chief Harrelson asked the council to purchase a new police unit for himself. He presented the quotes to the council. Councilman Detillier made a motion to allow him to purchase a Ford Explorer based on the quotes. This is also pending funding and accurate paperwork. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

I. Providence Report

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

1. **SE Quad Service Linings:**
Bids were accepted on May 26, 2022, with BLD Services, LLC (BLD) submitting the lowest base bid in the amount of \$219,690.00. LDEQ concurred with the award on June 13, 2022.
2. **Comeaux Drainage Improvements:**
This project is estimated to cost \$4.4 million and would be shared between four entities. Capital Outlay applications were submitted annually since 2019.
3. **Church St./School St. Drainage Improvements:**
The banks of the canal between Church and School Streets are unstable. Due to structures being located adjacent to the canal, there is not enough room for construction equipment on either side of the canal nor will contractors take the risk of driving sheet pile so close to the structures. Therefore, one option is for the construction equipment to work from the canal itself by installing concrete arch pipe and rolling on top of it to install the next section. The option is estimated at \$2.24 million.

J. Call for public hearing to discuss adopting an ordinance to amend/update the personnel policy

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

K. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne spoke briefly about the new Fema housing location on/near McCloud Rd.
2. Council
 - a. Councilman Acosta spoke about blighted property and Fema trailers. He announced the DAV will send National Service Officers to the American Legion from 12pm-2pm to help and educate with disability claims.
 - b. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.

- c. Councilman Detillier asked the community to report any situation that is in question to the police department to prevent a possibly tragedy in the future. He also spoke about funding opportunities for people who were affected by Hurricane Ida.
- d. Councilman Boudreaux thanked everyone for coming.
3. Mr. Chris Huddleston stated it has almost been a year since the hurricane. The town will start enforcing the rv/camper ordinance. Permits will be required for a six-month extension.
4. Staff- No report

L. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:37 PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk