

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 17, 2023

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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, Gary Acosta, Rodney Hartman, Tyler Detillier, and Bobbie Galjour. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Ernest Savoie, Alan Badeaux, and Jeff Gamble.

E. Approval of Minutes for December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for December 20, 2022. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending December 31, 2022

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2022. Councilman Detillier moved, and Councilman Hartman seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Jeff Gamble, Elliot Drive, asked for updates on the repairs of the Boat Museum.
2. Officer Adam Guillot, Lockport Police Department, addressed the Mayor and the Council about the recent certification for EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) that Captain Breaux, Officer Hosea, and himself had received recently. They can assist with medical needs when responding to calls if needed. It required three months of training which was authorized by Chief Harrelson.

H. Police Report

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

I. Providence Report

Mayor Plaisance called upon Ms. Caillouet, she presented the monthly engineering status report.

1. Sewer Projects:

The DEQ loan projects are now complete. Providence is working with Smartcover to get the four monitors back in operation and moved to locations picked by the mayor.

2. Comeaux Drainage Improvements: (No change since last month.)

3. Church St./School St. Drainage Improvements: (No change since last month.)

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

J. Public hearing to adopt ordinance 2023-01 to amend section 2-238 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to amend and re-enact a schedule of court costs. Mayor Plaisance asked the public three times, and there were no comments. No discussion from the Council. Mr. Huddleston briefly went over the fee changes.

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

K. Adopt ordinance 2023-01 to amend section 2-238 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to amend and re-enact a schedule of court costs. Councilman Detillier made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-01. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Public hearing to discuss all forms of public records requests and fees associated with the requests.

Mayor Plaisance explained how he thought this should be handled by having a public hearing next month to adopt the ordinance for public records request. Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Change meeting date in February 2023 from February 14, 2023 to February 15, 2023. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to change the meeting date. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with 5A contractors to repair pavilions and gazebo at the park. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with 5A Contractors. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Call for public hearing

1. To adopt an ordinance to prohibit wind rating 1 and 2 zoned trailers in town.
2. To adopt an ordinance to establish a community service/litter abatement program.
3. To adopt an ordinance to sell surplus immovable property (the “Boat Building”) owned by the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, located at 202 Main Street for the minimum price of NINETY-NINE THOUSAND (\$99,000.00) DOLLARS and upon the terms as described in the Ordinance.
4. To adopt an ordinance to sell surplus immovable property (the “Bayou Playhouse”) owned by the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, located at 101 Main Street for the minimum price of TWENTY THOUSAND (\$20,000.00) DOLLARS and upon the terms as described in the Ordinance.

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

P. Reports

1. **Mayor Plaisance** gave an update about the damages and lighting at the Bayou side park. Mayor Plaisance stated the two new maintenance trucks have been picked up. He gave a sewer repair update of the ones that are on the resident’s side. He gave a report about the vandalism at the park. He stated the forklift is on schedule to be delivered early March. He stated notices were sent out for blighted properties. He thanked the people of the town who worked and cleaned up their properties and those that are continuing to the work on their properties. He thanked the business owners that attended the business meeting he conducted on January 11, 2023. He gave an update on the repairs to the boat museum. He presented information about the spay/neuter program for the cat problem in town. He updated the Council on the status of the generators and the maintenance contract. He talked about road repairs, and he encouraged the Council and anyone in the public to send in an area that needs attention. He stated the Town Attorney is working on the ordinances for the zoning and planning commission. He spoke to Double Oak about cypress trees for the park, and there is a group who will help with them. Street sign installation is almost complete.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Acosta thanked everyone for coming. He expressed to be careful for the Mardi Gras season.
 - b. Councilman Boudreaux asked about hiring a grant writer. Mayor Plaisance gave an update on that. He asked about street lights. He asked Chief Harrelson about decals for the cars. Chief Harrelson stated they were ordered.
 - c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked Officer Guillot for his report and thanked the officers who participated in the EMR training. She thanked the fire department and spoke about the Christmas decorations in town. She thanked the Mayor for all the meetings he has been involved in over the last month.
 - d. Councilman Hartman thanked the Town Attorney for the detailed report regarding the police vehicles. He mentioned South Central Planning helping the town. He thanked the officers and the Chief for taking the initiative to complete the EMR training.
 - e. Councilman Detillier mentioned the spay/neuter program as well. He briefly mentioned the skate park proposal. Discussion took place. He talked the playground equipment at the park.
3. Town Attorney- No report
 4. Staff- The town clerk mentioned LMA Mid-Winter Conference is coming up in February. Those who want to attend should contact her to make arrangements.

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Boudreaux. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:51 PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk