

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 17, 2023

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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. A moment of silence was done in honor of Mr. Willie Windham. 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, Tyler Detillier, Rodney Hartman, Bobbie Galjour, and Gary Acosta. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Alan Badeaux, Joe Chauvin, Laura Barnes, Cy Toups, John Leblanc, and James Brabham.

E. Proclamations

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month
2. Breast Cancer Awareness Month
3. National Bullying Prevention Month

Mayor Plaisance read the proclamations. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept proclamations. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes for September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for September 19, 2023. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending September 30, 2023

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2023. Councilman Detillier moved, and Councilman Acosta seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Police Report

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Detillier and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux to accept the police report as presented. Chief Harrelson announced the police department will be sponsoring a trunk at Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm at Pelican Fuel in town.

I. Engineering Report

GIS presented a report to the Council. T Baker Smith presented a report to the Council.

J. Public Wishing to Address the Council

1. Mr. James Brabham thanked the Mayor, Council and the Chief for helping make a successful movie night.
2. Mr. Alan Badeaux asked about replacing trees in the park.

K. Approve surplus list.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to approved the surplus list. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Resolution 2023-03 to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for year ending 6-30-2023

Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Approve Ms. Zina Sampey as the Town of Lockport's representative on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission Board.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion.

Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Authorize the Mayor to sign all documents associated with the health insurance renewal provided by Gallagher.

Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Call for public hearings:

1. Amend the 2023-2024 Town of Lockport budgets. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. Amend Ordinance 2023-05 to correct property description for the boat museum. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour 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.

P. Public hearing

Adopt Ordinance 2023-20 to amend Section 32-20 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for operating hours of the Weldon “Chunky” Triche Bayou Side Park to provide penalties for violations. No discussion.

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

Q. Adopt Ordinance 2023-20 to amend Section 32-20 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for operating hours of the Weldon “Chunky” Triche Bayou Side Park to provide penalties for violations. Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

R. Reports

1. Mayor Plaisance asked the Council for approval to sign two cooperative endeavor agreements with the Drainage District for the Church Street Project and a tractor totaling \$358,000.00. Councilman Acosta made a motion to approve for Church Street Project. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve for tractor. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He talked about uv lights at the sewer plant. He talked about and thanked the people involved with “Love Lockport Day”. He thanked everyone who ran in the last election. He also talked about the bulkhead at the Bayouside Park. He talked about the spare generator that was purchased and delivered. He mentioned the sewer leak repairs and force main repair. Mayor Plaisance suggested we should start exploring options to display events in town such as a marque of some sort.

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- a. Councilman Acosta announced there will be a flag burning ceremony on November 9, 2023 at CLHS. He stated the American Legion will host a craft show on December 16, 2023 from 9am -5pm at the American Legion in Lockport.
- b. Councilman Boudreaux announced the Knights of Columbus will have a shrimp boil fundraiser October 27, 2023 from 10:30-1:00pm to benefit the church. He thanked everyone who ran for office. He talked about safety with Halloween.
- c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked the Mayor for working so hard for the town.
- d. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone involved with community activities. He addressed Mr. Badeaux about the trees in the park.
- e. Councilman Detillier asked about the zoning board meetings. He talked about sidewalk issues in town. He also talked about community events in town and surrounding areas. He talked about developing a Town of Lockport app for events in town and things associated with the town. He stated there will be a kiosk to be able to make a dog tag for your pet at town hall, but that day has not been determined yet.

S. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:52PM.

/s/Barry Plaisance _____
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel _____
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk