

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 18, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 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 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: Ernest Boudreaux, Bobbie Galjour, Gary Acosta, Tyler Detillier, and Rodney Hartman. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Brittany Adams, Stephanie Hebert, Decina Rodriguez, Daniel Lorraine, Alexis Adams, Mark Bergeron, Jeff Gamble, Ernie Savoie, Charlene Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, Barry Plaisance, and Sherry Bergeron.

E. Proclamations

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

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

Councilman Detillier presented the National Bullying Prevention Month proclamation and anti-bullying posters to a representative from the three Lockport public schools.

F. Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for September 20, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour made comments about the ipads. She does not want one. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending September 30, 2022

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

H. Police Report

Mayor Champagne called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Detillier to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. He announced Officer Adam Guillot is a certified negotiator. He also announced the Veteran's Day Program at the library on November 10, 2022 @ 4pm. Chief Harrelson thanked Mayor Champagne for his support and for stepping into the position.

I. Providence Report

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

1. SE Quad Service Linings:

BLD completed all work by the required substantial completion date of October 6, 2022. A liner on Elliot Drive has some bulges, but they do not seem to impede flow. BLD has sent an email stating that if any problems occur with this liner, they will come back to insert another liner or replace the service where the defective liner is installed at their cost.

Also being present is a balancing change order that reduces the cost of the project by \$3,785. One liner could not be installed due to a previous liner. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to approve the Change Order. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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. I will be submitting a Capital Outlay request again this year for this project. Applications are due November 1st.

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

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.

J. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Ms. Alexis Adams addressed the Council about events she experienced when working for the town.
2. Mr. Daniel Lorraine addressed the Council about taxes, sewer fees, etc.
3. Mr. Jeff Gamble thanked the ones who attended the meeting they had, and he thanked them for getting the roof repaired. He also asked for any new updates with the boat museum.

4. Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, Executive Director of Lafourche Council on Aging, talked about their millage renewal on the upcoming ballot.
5. Mr. Barry Plaisance made comments about the upcoming election.

K. Resolution to provide for the acceptance of work performed by BLD Services, LLC for the construction of SE Quad Service Linings, CWSRF Contract No. C5221120-06, Providence Project No. 540-025-000. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the resolution, Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Resolution to confirm the intention of the governing authority of the Town of Lockport to be included in the Lafourche Parish Road Sales Tax and to authorize, empower, and direct the Mayor to take any and all further action required to that end. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept this resolution. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Councilmen Detillier and Hartman voted yes. Councilman Boudreaux voted no.

M. Call for public hearing to discuss sewer rates.

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. Mr. Mark Rodriguez addressed the Council about his concerns. Discussion took place. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Call for Public hearing to discuss and adopt an ordinance to prohibit sewer dumping

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. Mr. Mark Bergeron asked the Council some questions. Discussion took place. The motion carried unanimously.

O. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne stated the roof has been repaired on the boat building, and they are working on getting other repairs done. He thanked LPDD #1 and Councilman Armand Autin for their participation in funding a boom mower for the town. He gave an update on the town trucks which should be delivered in late December.

2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Galjour addressed the voters of Lockport. She wants them to consider all aspects when they vote. She thanked Mayor Champagne for his serving as interim Mayor. She also thanked Councilman Detillier for his efforts with the anti-bullying presentation.
- b. Councilman Hartman thanked Mayor Champagne for the work he has done since they called the special election. He addressed the voters about the special election.
- c. Councilman Boudreaux thanked Mayor Champagne. He attended the library meeting, and he spoke about building a bridge for the elderly to get to the library from post office parking lot. He thanked LPDD#1 for the mower as well.
- d. Councilman Acosta talked about sewer rates. Councilman Acosta called for a public hearing to amend the ordinance to classify the town maintenance supervisor as a department head. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Acosta made a motion to declare the boat building as surplus. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He briefly mentioned the upcoming election. He also thanked Mayor Champagne. He announced the First Annual DAV Fundraiser will take place at the Lockport Ballpark on October 22, 2022.
- e. Councilman Detillier thanked the representatives from the schools. He also thanked Mayor Champagne for his service. He asked about blighted property notices. He announced there will be a Teddy Run on October 22, 2022 under the overpass in Raceland. He announced Friday, December 2, 2022 @ 6pm will be the event at the community center and Saturday, December 3, 2022 @ 5:30 pm will be the Christmas Parade.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

P. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 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 7:04 PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne
Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk