

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 15, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 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. Mayor Champagne recognized all the Veterans in the audience. 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, Gary Acosta, Tyler Detillier, and Rodney Hartman. Councilwoman Bobbie Galjour was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Mary Lynn Blanchard, Charlene Rodriguez, Mark Rodriguez, Barry Plaisance, and Alan Badeaux.

E. Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for October 18, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux 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 October 31, 2022

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2022. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Boudreaux seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Proclamation- CLHS Lancer Band Day

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept proclamation. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

H. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Barry Plaisance, Mayor Elect, thanked Mayor Champagne for his year of service. He looks forward to working with the Council. He also thanked the citizens of Lockport.

I. Police Report

Mayor Champagne 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. It carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson gave an update on body cameras. Chief Harrelson gave information of the Jolly Blue Christmas where they accept applications to adopt families for Christmas. Lockport Upper is hosting a food drive November 21, 2022.

J. Providence Report

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

K. Resolution 2022-09 to allow a lot line shift between Lot F of Add. No.3 C.M. Comeaux Subdivision belonging to Andrew and Grace Griffin and A Tract of Land belonging to Raymond Birdsall Jr. Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept resolution. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

L. Public hearings:

1. Adopt Ordinance 2022-18 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add Section 28-72 to prohibit the discharge of any septage into any of the town's wastewater facilities. No discussion took place.
2. Adopt Ordinance 2022-19 to classify the Town Supervisor as a Department Head. No discussion took place.
3. Discuss adopting an ordinance to increase sewer rates. No discussion took place.

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

M. Adopt Ordinance 2022-18 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add Section 28-72 to prohibit the discharge of any septage into any of the town's wastewater facilities. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Adopt Ordinance 2022-19 to classify the Town Supervisor as a Department Head. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne recognized Ms. Danielle Lecompte, CLHS Teacher of the Year, Ms. Hope Adams, CLHS Support Employee of the Year, and Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, Recipient of the Thomas Laughlin Memorial Award from the Louisiana Council on Aging Director’s Association. He gave updates on the fork lift, culvert cleaner, town trucks, boom mower, and appraisals for boat building and Playhouse. He thanked Mr. Alan Badeaux for his service to the town as an employee. He congratulated Ms. Joann Falgout for being named as this year’s Christmas Parade Grand Marshal. The Christmas Event at the recreation Center will be December 2, 2022 @ 6:30pm. The Christmas Parade will be December 3, 2022 @ 5:30pm. He stated It’s What We Do Ministry will be giving out food boxes November 19, 2022 near the ballpark. He congratulated Mr. Plaisance for being elected as Mayor. Mr. Andrew Griffin stated anything having to do with drainage, the town can seek assistance from the drainage board.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Boudreaux thanked everyone for coming. He congratulated Mr. Plaisance on the race. He looks forward to working with him. He thanked Councilman Acosta on running a good race.
- b. Councilman Hartman congratulated Mr. Plaisance. He thanked Mayor Champagne.
- c. Councilman Acosta congratulated Mr. Plaisance, and he looks forward to working with him. He thanked Mayo Champagne for his service.
- d. Councilman Detillier congratulated Mr. Plaisance on the election. He asked about the forklift and LGAP funding. He announced he is selling tickets for jambalaya dinner fundraiser on November 27, 2022. He asked Chief Harrelson for an update on the decals for police cars.

3. Town Attorney- no report.

4. Staff- No report.

P. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 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 6:33 PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk