

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 21, 2023

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 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, Tyler Detillier, Rodney Hartman, and Bobbie Galjour. Council Gary Acosta was absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Alan Badeaux, Paula Rome, Joe Chauvin, Cy Toups, John Leblanc, Shelli Bergeron, Dona Breaux, and James Brabham.

E. Approval of Minutes for October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for October 17, 2023. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending October 31, 2023

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2023. Councilman Hartman 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. Mr. John Leblanc asked them to consider installing an accessible handicap ramp at the park near the pavilion.
2. Phillip Hosea announced there will be a hunter's safety course at the new gun shop in town for ages 10-16. He also asked the council about clarification on the Chief's position.
3. Alan Badeaux talked about the American flag disposal bin. He also announced the awards ceremony they will host.
4. Paula Rome, customer service manager from Entergy, addressed the council about future plans for Entergy.
5. James Braham talked about upcoming Christmas events.
6. Floyd Cretini Sr. addressed the council about blighted property near his residence.

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 Councilwoman Galjour to accept the police report as presented. Chief Harrelson talked about the upcoming Christmas festivities in town and at the Lockport Recreation Center. He stated the burn ban was lifted. Councilman Hartman made a motion to allow the Christmas Parade to roll throughout town on December 2, 2023 at 5:30pm. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

I. Engineering Report

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

J. Add generator on Main Street to the surplus list.

Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The minimum bid will be set at \$2,000.00.

K. Authorize the Mayor to sign CEA with Lafourche Parish Government for the Cajun Coral Project at the Bayou side Park. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with LA DOTD for the maintenance agreement including mowing and litter pickup. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Adopt Resolution 2023-04 to authorize the filing of an application for a LGAP grant.

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

N. Discuss and/or call for public hearing:

1. Speed limit reduction on all town streets to 15mph excluding Main Street and Crescent Ave. Discussion took place. They discussed making it uniform throughout town. They suggested 20mph. Councilman Detillier called for a public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Mayor's salary increase- Discussion took place. Councilwoman Galjour suggested \$2,750.00 per month and called for a public hearing. Councilman Detillier seconded it, and it carried.
3. Add a 4 way stop back to Ethel and 4th Street- Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried.

4. Adopt an ordinance approving the Lafourche Parish Sales and Use Tax Ordinance for the Town of Lockport and authorizing the Mayor to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried.

5. Adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add Section 46-11 to prohibit U-turns on Main Street in front of Lockport Middle School. Councilman Detillier called for a public hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried.

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

O. Public hearings:

1. Amend the 2023-2024 Town of Lockport budgets. Discussion took place.
2. Amend Ordinance 2023-05 to correct property description for the boat museum. Discussion took place.

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

P. Adopt Ordinance 2023-21 to amend Town of Lockport Budget

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Q. Adopt Ordinance 2023-22 to correct property description for the boat museum

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

R. Reports

1. Mayor Plaisance stated the town will put a sign for an autistic child on Ethel Street and Fourth Street. Mayor Plaisance announcing Transgender Awareness Week, November 13-19, 2023. He stated he met with the people involved with the bulkhead project at the Bayou side Park. He stated The Luscos' are hosting Luke Martin's Benefit for the family on December 9, 2023 from 11am -7pm at Breaux's Hideaway. They asked to close off a piece of Sixth Street in between Lafourche and Barataria Street. Councilman Detillier made a motion to allow this. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. There will be a food drive near the Lockport Ball Park on December 7, 2023. He thanked J and J Body Shop for painting the flag disposal bin and American Legion Post 83 for the installation of the bin. He mentioned leaking or broken fire hydrants will be changed out throughout town. He announced Tree Lighting on December 1, 2023 @ 5:30pm. He mentioned he will be coming to the Council for approval to transfer money to LAMP account. He attended the sewer treatment certification class and passed the operator's tests. He thanked the community for stepping up. He thanked local businesses and homeowners for improving their properties. He thanked the homeowners who repaired their sewer lines. He thanked Grand Marshal, Steve Rogers, for all his help with the Christmas lights and decorations as well as Entergy.

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a. Councilman Boudreaux thanked everyone for coming and Happy and safe Thanksgiving. He announced the KC's will have a chicken lunch on Sunday. He asked the Mayor for an update about the park.

b. Councilwoman Galjour stated she will give the clerk her cell phone number if anyone needs to call her. She thanked the Lockport Fire Department and Rotary Club for the help with the decorations on the light poles. She talked about the upcoming food drive and blocking the dental office driveway. She announced the KC Home will host a special needs Christmas Party for adults on December 8, 2023, and the pancake breakfast will be on December 9, 2023.

c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming and supporting them.

d. Councilman Detillier asked the Mayor for park equipment update. He talked about the Jolly Blue Christmas event. He thanked everyone who is involved with all the community events throughout the town and surrounding communities. He stated they appreciate everyone's input. They try to listen to them and do what they have to do.

S. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 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 7:55PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance _____
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel _____
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk