

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting December 19, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 19, 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, Gary Acosta, and Bobbie Galjour. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Joe Chauvin, Cy Toups, and Dona Breaux.

**E. Approval of Minutes for November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for November 21, 2023. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending November 30, 2023**

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

**G. Public wishing to address the council**

1. Mr. Henry Lafont announced his candidacy for Lafourche Parish School Board.

**H. Police Report**

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. Councilman Acosta asked the Chief if he can include the amount collected on the police report each month. A motion was made by Councilman Detillier and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. Chief Harrelson asked the Council for permission to add a reserve officer to their department. Councilman Acosta made a motion to approve this. 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. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Friends of Bayou Lafourche for fishing lights at the park for \$1,500.00.** Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**K. Call for a public hearing to discuss and adopt Town of Lockport and police personnel policy handbooks.** Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**L. Discuss and approve transfer from the sewer bank account to the LAMP sewer unrestricted account in the amount of \$211,000.00.** Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**M. Appoint Mr. Todd Hebert as the Town of Lockport's representative for Fire Protection District No.2.** Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**N. Public hearings:**

1. Adopt an ordinance to add a 4 way stops back to Ethel and 4th Street and Elizabeth and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

2. Adopt an ordinance to change the speed limits in town to 20mph.

This will be tabled for a later date.

3. 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. No discussion took place.

4. 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. Discussion took place.

5. Adopt an ordinance to increase the Mayor's salary. Discussion took place. Ms. Dona Breaux addressed the council on the matter.

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

**O. Adopt Ordinances:**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2023-23 to add a 4 way stops back to Ethel and 4th Street and Elizabeth and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. Adopt Ordinance 2023-24 to change the speed limits in town to 20mph. This was tabled for a later date.
3. Adopt Ordinance 2023-25 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 Detillier made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
4. Adopt Ordinance 2023-26 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 Acosta made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
5. Adopt Ordinance 2023-27 to increase the Mayor's salary. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**P. Reports:**

1. Mayor Plaisance gave updates on the new tractor/boom mower, playground equipment and turf, and surplus property. He thanked Entergy for the Christmas lights on the poles. He talked about major sewer leaks on Barataria /Third Street and Vacherie/Tenth Street. He talked about the barn being cleaned. He thanked everyone who decorated the park and their homes for Christmas. He talked about the beautification committee.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Acosta congratulated the Mayor on his raise.
- b. Councilman Boudreaux wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He made suggestions for Christmas lights across Crescent Avenue.
- c. Councilwoman Galjour talked about new businesses in town. She congratulated the Mayor as well.
- d. Councilman Hartman wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He congratulated the Mayor.
- e. Councilman Detillier talked about the fishing wharf issues at the park. He also made suggestions on the future developments at the park. He thanked the Lockport Fire Department for hanging the Christmas decorations at the poles as well.

They all wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

3. Town Attorney- No report.

4. Staff- No report.

**Q. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. 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 6:56PM.

/s/Barry Plaisance \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk