

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 21, 2023

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 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, Rodney Hartman, Tyler Detillier, and Bobbie Galjour. Councilman Gary Acosta was absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., and Town Attorney Chris Huddleston.

E. Approval of Minutes for February 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for February 15, 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 February 28, 2023

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2023. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Detillier seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Lafourche Parish School Superintendent- Mr. Jarod Martin

Mr. Jarod Martin addressed the Mayor and the Council about the upcoming election that will involve sales taxes, property taxes, school employees, etc.

H. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Daniel Lorraine, E 176th Street, addressed the Council about the upcoming election and road sales tax.
2. Mr. Phillip Gouaux, Romy Drive, announced his candidacy for Lafourche Parish Council District 7.
3. Mr. Brian Rodrigue, Barrilleaux Street, expressed his thoughts about the upcoming election.

I. Light up Lockport 5K Run

Chief Harrelson spoke about the 5K run since a representative could not be present. Councilman Detillier made a motion to allow this event in town. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Police Report

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreaux and seconded by Councilman Detillier to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson stated there will be Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the KC home March 25, 2023. There will also be Lockport Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2023 at the Lockport ballpark.

K. Providence Report

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

1. Sewer Monitoring:

Two sewer monitors were repaired with replacement parts on March 14th and the other two will hopefully be repaired soon. The replacement parts were under warranty.

2. Comeaux Drainage Improvements: (No change since last month.)

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

4. MWPP Audit and Annual Sludge Report:

The MWPP Audit and Annual Sludge Report were submitted to LDEQ.

5. Road Evaluation:

Road evaluation will be completed this week.

L. Proclamations

1. Autism Awareness Month-April 2023
2. National Donate Life Month- April 2023

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

M. Discuss Governor John Bell Edwards' emergency declaration ending August 1, 2023.

Mayor Plaisance talked about the declaration and how it would be ending August 1, 2023 unless the Governor grants an extension.

N. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Southern Electric to repair the lights at the pavilion and bathroom at the Bayou side park. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

O. Public hearing

To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add Section 48-97 to provide for structural design requirements and provisions for support and anchoring systems for manufactured homes in accordance with the HUD Code. No discussion took place.

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

P. Adopt Ordinance 2023-04 To adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add Section 48-97 to provide for structural design requirements and provisions for support and anchoring systems for manufactured homes in accordance with the HUD Code.

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

Q. Call for public hearings

1. To adopt an Ordinance to sell surplus immovable property (the “Boat Building”) owned by the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, located at 202 Main Street for the minimum price of NINETY-NINE THOUSAND (\$99,000.00) DOLLARS and upon the terms as described in the Ordinance. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. To adopt an Ordinance to sell surplus immovable property known as the “Playhouse” and Lot D (the parking lot) owned by the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, located at 101 Main Street for the minimum price of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND (\$32,000.00) DOLLARS and upon the terms as described in the Ordinance. Councilman Detillier made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. To adopt an Ordinance to revise the planning and zoning commission ordinances for the Town of Lockport, Chapter 36, Article II, to re-establish a volunteer planning and zoning commission appointed by the mayor and to provide rules for its purpose and powers, terms of office and filling of vacancies, meeting rules, and consultants. Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
4. To adopt an Ordinance to revise the subdivision ordinances for the Town of Lockport, Chapter 42 to revise the town’s subdivision procedures to clarify the procedure and to add an administrative approval process for certain minor modifications. Councilman Detillier made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
5. To adopt an Ordinance to revise the zoning ordinances for the Town of Lockport, Chapter 48, Article IX, to re-establish a volunteer Board of Adjustment who shall be the members of the planning and zoning commission; to provide for the board’s authority; and to provide the procedure for appeals and court review. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

R. Reports

1. Mayor Plaisance reached out to CMC to build four new barbeque pits for the park. The town purchased the materials only for them. He stated we will put out bids for decorative lighting at the park to replace what was damaged from the storm. He stated there will be more overhead lighting and less decorative lighting. He stated the door was installed at the boat museum, and the windows will be replaced tomorrow. He had a few meetings and is trying to move forward with grants and grant writing for the town. He stated all generators are now operational. He stated we are looking into buying a spare 80kw generator on a trailer which will be paid for by the state. He mentioned the street lights outages and repairs. He stated we will be working on the budget. He also expressed his thoughts about the upcoming election involving the tax reform.

2. Council

- a. Councilman Boudreaux thanked everyone for coming and briefly talked about the upcoming election.
- b. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming. She briefly talked about the upcoming election. She also asked the Mayor about the decorative lighting and funding options specifically for those wanting to put “in memory of”. She encouraged people to participate in Light up Lockport 5K Run/Walk.
- c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming. He encouraged people to go out in vote in the upcoming election.
- d. Councilman Detillier expressed his thoughts about the upcoming election. He mentioned the success of the spay/neuter program.

3. Town Attorney- No report.

4. Staff- No report.

S. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:18 PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk