

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting May 16, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 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, Gary Acosta, Tyler Detillier and Bobbie Galjour. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Alan Badeaux, Jack Plaisance, Laura Barnes, Cy Toups, and Joe Chauvin.

**E. Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for April 18, 2023. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2023. Councilman Boudreaux 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. Alan Badeaux, Canal Street, addressed the Council about replacing the trees in the park.

**H. Proclamations**

1. National Police Week-May 14-20, 2023
2. Motorcyclist Awareness Month- May 2023
3. National Pride Month-June 2023

Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the proclamations as presented. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**I. Police Report**

Mayor Plaisance called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Boudreaux to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

**J. Providence Report**

Mayor Plaisance called upon Mr. CJ Chauvin, he presented the monthly engineering status report.

1. **Sewer Monitoring (540-021):** *(No change since last month.)*
2. **Comeaux Drainage Improvements:** *(No change since last month.)*
3. **Church St./School St. Drainage Improvements:** *(No change since last month.)*

**K. Change the meeting date in June 2023 from June 20, 2023 to June 13, 2023**

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to change the meeting date. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**L. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract to repair the lights and electrical at the Bayou side park.**

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**M. Authorize the Mayor to sign the contract to purchase a new generator for the lower Catherine Street pump station.** The Mayor clarified this would be for the lower and upper Catherine Street pump station because it is portable. Councilman Acosta made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N.** Authorize the Mayor to sign documents with DOTD for the roadways. Councilwoman Galjour made the motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**O. Approve appointments for the Planning and Zoning Commission.** Mayor Plaisance recommended the following people: Selina Adams, Stephen Baudoin, Alan Badeaux, Claude Richardel, and Dean Martin. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendations. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**P. Public hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:**

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2023)
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2023)
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2023)
4. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2023)

Mayor Plaisance asked for comments from public. There were none. The town clerk went over the lease increases for the proposed leases.

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

**Q. Adopt Ordinances**

1. Ordinance 2023-10 Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2023) Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. Ordinance 2023-11 Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2023) Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. Ordinance 2023-12 Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2023) Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
4. Ordinance 2023-13 Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2023) Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**R. Public hearing**

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2022-2023 Town of Lockport Budgets.
  2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of Lockport Budgets.
- Discussion took place. Mayor Plaisance presented the budgets. Councilman Hartman made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**S. Call for a public hearing to adopt ordinances for the amended and new budget.** Councilman Detillier made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**T. Public hearing to discuss/ adopt an ordinance to change election of council seats from divisions to elected at large.** No discussion took place.

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

**U. Reports**

**1. Mayor** Plaisance addressed street lights. He talked about the park and playground equipment. He stated the ditches are now swept on upper Catherine Street. They will continue to swept the ditches in town. They completed the first round of dye testing. He addressed 122 Justin Street status. He congratulated all Lafourche Parish graduates especially our Trojan graduates. He stated the cameras in the park are working. He also announced there is a contractor that has invested in renovating homes in town. He stated they were wearing purple to show their support for MPS Awareness day.

**2. Council**

- a. Councilman Acosta announced on Friday from 11am-2pm, the Boat Museum is having a shrimp boil fundraiser. He expressed the importance of water safety with the summer coming up. He mentioned the improvement in the park.
  - b. Councilman Boudreaux congratulated and wished all the graduates well. He addressed the bar screens and a fence for around the aeration tank at the sewer plant.
  - c. Councilwoman Galjour congratulated all graduates. She also mentioned all the improvements in town. She stated 122 Justin Street didn't get like that overnight.
  - d. Councilman Hartman thanked business owners in town. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.
  - e. Councilman Detillier congratulated all the seniors. He also talked about the improvements in town. He thanked the Mayor for keeping them informed on everything with weekly updates.
3. **Town Attorney**- Mr. Huddleston gave an update on administrative actions and violation notices.
  4. **Staff**- No report.

**R. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Boudreaux. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:28PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance

Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk