

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting June 13, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 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, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Alan Badeaux, Jack Plaisance, Laura Barnes, and Joe Chauvin.

**E. Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for May 16, 2023. Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Minutes for May 23, 2023 Special Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for May 23, 2023. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

**G. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending May 31, 2023**

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2023. Councilman Detillier moved, and Councilman Boudreaux seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**H. Public Wishing to Address the Council**

Dona Breaux, Barrilleaux Street, addressed the four way stop signs especially the one at 7<sup>th</sup> and Barrilleaux street. She asked the council to consider removing all of them throughout the town. Mayor Plaisance stated we would discuss at the next meeting with the public.

Nancy Badeaux, Canal Street, expressed her concerns with the park.

**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. Engineering Report**

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

**K. Select the official municipal journal for fiscal year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024**

Discussion took place. Councilman Boudreaux asked for motion to get an AG opinion about using another circulation besides the Daily Comet. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to select the Daily Comet temporarily until the AG opinion comes back. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**L. Authorize the Mayor to sign an engagement agreement with Martin and Pellegrin to perform our end of the year audit.** Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**M. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with T Baker Smith for sewer, streets, and possible other public works' projects.** Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with GIS for drainage and possible other public works' projects.** Councilman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**O. Approve the nominee to serve on the board on behalf of the Town of Lockport for Fire Protection District No. 2.** Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to approved Mr. John Arvello. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**P. Public hearing**

1. To adopt Ordinance 2023-14 to amend the fiscal year 2022-2023 Town of Lockport Budgets.  
2. To adopt Ordinance 2023-15 to adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of Lockport Budgets  
Mayor Plaisance asked for comments from public. There were none.  
Councilman Detillier made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Q. Adopt Ordinances**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2023-14 to amend the fiscal year 2022-2023 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.  
2. Adopt Ordinance 2023-15 to adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of Lockport Budgets Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**R. Public hearing**

Public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2023-16 to change election of council seats from divisions to elected at large. Mayor Plaisance asked for comments from public. Discussion took place. Mr. Alan Badeaux gave his opinion on this matter.

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

**S. Adopt Ordinance 2023-16 to change election of council seats from divisions to elected at large.**

Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Boudreaux-Nay, Hartman- Nay, Detillier- Yea, and Galjour- Yea. Motion failed due to tied vote.

**T. Discuss Section 10-2 Raising livestock in the Code of Ordinances in the Town of Lockport.** Discussion took place.

**U. Reports**

1. Mayor Plaisance gave an update on street lights. He stated the cement slab was poured behind the boat museum. He gave updates on the lighting in the park. He stated he and the town supervisor went visit the City of Thibodaux’s sewer plant. He also addressed the clean ups and blighted property around town. He stated we still waiting on FEMA Money. He also reminded residents who are living in campers that the deadline is still August 1, 2023 as per the Governor. He attended the Drainage District meeting, and they approved some funding for drainage improvements.

**2. Council**

- a. Councilman Boudreaux asked about the boom mower. He asked for people not to throw grass on the road from cutting grass because it can cause accidents.
  - b. Councilwoman Galjour stated it is ok to agree to disagree, and there was no animosity with it in the meeting tonight. She mentioned the property for sale on Barataria Street.
  - c. Councilman Hartman thanked the Mayor for all of the things he has been doing for the town.
  - d. Councilman Detillier stated we have talented and great people in the town. He asked for the town to look into the fishing wharf, cross walks, and speed bumps. He asked about hardship permits. He also encouraged people to do their part with trash and clean up in town. He is looking forward to working with GIS and T Baker Smith. He announced the Blue Boot Rodeo will take place July 6, 7, and 8, 2023.
3. **Town Attorney-** Mr. Huddleston gave an update on administrative actions and violation notices.  
4. **Staff-** No report.

**V. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 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 7:24PM.

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

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