Town of Lockport Lockport, Louisiana

Minutes of Regular Meeting June 6, 2024

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 6, 2024 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, Bobbie Galjour, and Rodney Hartman. Councilman Gary Acosta was absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, James Brabham, Terry Martin, Alan Badeaux, Jenny Hanley, Leopold Scioneaux, Jr., and Joe Chauvin.

E. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for May 21, 2024. 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 May 31, 2024

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2024. 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

Mr. James Brabham talked about community events and the food pantry in town.

Mr. Alan Badeaux officially announced he is running for town council for the upcoming election.

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 Councilman Hartman to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

I. Engineers' Report

GIS presented a report to the Council.

J. Select the Official Municipal Journal for the fiscal year July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

Councilman Hartman made a motion to select the Daily Comet. Councilwoman Galjour 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.

K. Public hearings

- 1. To adopt Ordinance 2024-10 to amend the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of Lockport Budgets. No discussion.
- 2. To adopt Ordinance 2024-11 to adopt the fiscal year 2024-2025 Town of Lockport Budgets. There was a little discussion.
- ${\it 3.}\ To\ adopt\ Ordinance\ 2024-12\ to\ amend\ Lockport\ Police\ personnel\ policy.\ No\ discussion.$
- 4. To adopt Ordinance 2024-13 to grant zoning variance for square footage at 746 Second Street. Ms. Terri Martin asked questions about the future plans for this property. Discussion took place.
- 5. To adopt Ordinance 2024-14 to amend zoning ordinance to change classification of property at 115 Lafourche Street and 202 Main Street (the Boat Building & adjoining lot) from C-1 to R-1. There was discussion about changing it from commercial to residential and how it would affect the area.
- 6. To adopt Ordinance 2024-15 to sell the Boat Building in a private sale. No discussion.
- 7. To adopt Ordinance 2024-16 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, to amend the Hit and Run Driving Ordinance and to add an Ordinance pertaining to pet vaccinations. No discussion.
- 8. To adopt Ordinance 2024-17 for a lease agreement between the Town of Lockport and Geaux Paddle, LLC for a kayak kiosk at the bayouside park. No discussion.

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

L. Adopt Ordinances

1. Adopt Ordinance 2024-10 to amend the fiscal year 2023-2024 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

- 2. Adopt Ordinance 2024-11 to adopt the fiscal year 2024-2025 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 3. Adopt Ordinance 2024-12 to amend the police personnel policy. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 4. Adopt Ordinance 2024-13 to grant zoning variance for square footage requirements at 746 Second Street. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- 5. Adopt Ordinance 2024-14 to amend zoning ordinance to change classification of property at 115 Lafourche Street and 202 Main Street (the Boat Building & adjoining lot) from C-1 to R-1. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
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M. Reports:

- 1. Mayor Plaisance talked about sewer repairs on Vacherie Street and improvements to the sewer system. He stated the plant handrails are 100% complete. The boom mower will be here by the end of June. He stated the Town Clerk has completed the Louisiana Municipal Master Clerk Program, and she is now a Master Clerk. He also stated our Deputy Clerk is on her first level of the program of the Louisiana Municipal Deputy Clerk Program. He talked about Catherine and Walnut Streets for culvert repairs. He stated the working schedule at Town Hall will be changed from Monday through Thursday, 7:00am to 5:00pm. The office will be closed on Fridays. He stated June 6, 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. He thanked all the men and women who have served our country.
- 2. Council
- a. Councilman Boudreaux talked about black top breaking up on the corner of Eighth and Vacherie Street. He asked if we can look into a hole at 402 Canal Street because the mail lady keeps getting stuck. He also addressed a certain property in town with tall grass. Mayor Plaisance stated this has been addressed. Councilman Boudreaux wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.
- b. Councilwoman Galjour announced she will not seek re-election this upcoming election. She commended the police department for doing a good job. She asked for clarity on the chicken ordinance.
- c. Councilman Hartman had no report and thanked everyone for coming.
- d. Councilman Detillier had no report this month.
- 3. Town Attorney- No Report
- 4. Staff- No Report

N. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 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 Detillier. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 6:59PM.

	/s/ Barry Plaisance	
	Barry Plaisance, Mayor	
s/ Mandy Himel		
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk		