

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 18, 2023

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 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, Gary Acosta, and Bobbie Galjour. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Alan Badeaux, Shelia Danner, Jesse Danner, James Brabham, and Joe Chauvin.

E. Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for June 13, 2023. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Plaisance asked for a motion to accept the budget to actual financial statements for the month ending June 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. James Brabham has been using the Bayouside Park for his church services. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the town. He mentioned different things he wants to do for the community. He also thanked the Bayou Quick Stop for their contribution to his event at the park.
2. John Leblanc expressed his concerns and made suggestions concerning the town. He also wanted to participate in committees focused on community involvement in town.

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 Councilwoman Galjour to accept the police report as presented. Councilman Detillier asked for an update on the hiring process. The Chief stated they are still accepting applications. Councilwoman Galjour asked about collections of tickets. The Chief stated due to the technology of the texting program, what is being issued is what is being collected. There are very few warrants being issued. It carried unanimously.

I. Engineering Report

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

J. Restore Louisiana Presentation- Mr. Cullen Curole with South Central Planning gave a presentation on Restore LA for businesses affected by natural disasters.

K. Authorize the Mayor to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government to provide funding from the State of Louisiana's Parish Transportation Revenue Program. Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Municode/Civicplus. Councilwoman Galjour made the motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Call for a public hearing to change the Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor's Lease from one year to a six-month time frame. Councilman Acosta made a motion. 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.

N. Public hearing to discuss amendments to the ordinance referencing Section 10-2 Raising livestock in the Code of Ordinances. Ms. Dona Breaux expressed her opinion about this matter and was not in favor. Mr. Alan Badeaux expressed his opinion and was not in favor. Ms. Nancy Badeaux expressed her opinion. Mr. James Brabham expressed his opinion. Discussion took place. They remained in public hearing for the next line item.

O. Public hearing to discuss Section 46-6 establishing 4 way stop signs throughout Town and possibly removing them completely. Ms. Dona Breaux expressed her opinion about this matter. Mr. John Leblanc expressed his opinions about this matter. Discussion took place. Council agreed to potentially remove them all except on 7th and School Street and 6th and Lafourche.

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

P. Discuss speed limits in town. Discussion took place. They mentioned 15mph, 20mph, and 25 mph options. Ms. Dona Breaux expressed her opinion about this matter. Mr. John Leblanc expressed his opinion on this matter. Ms. Jessica Rodrigue expressed her opinion on this matter.

Q. Discuss curfew at the Bayou side Park. Discussion took place. Chief Harrelson gave his input on the enforcement. Ms. Nancy Badeaux gave her opinion on this matter.

R. Discuss fees associated with the Bayou side Park. Discussion took place. Mr. James Brabham spoke to the Council about this matter.

S. Reports

1. Mayor Plaisance gave an update on the sale of the Bayou Playhouse. He addressed the sewer upgrades. He stated the smoke test will take place August 8 and 9, 2023 throughout the entire town. We received funds from FEMA. He thanked Parish President Archie Chaisson and DPW Director Dillon Baronne for allowing the town to use their culvert cleaner. He thanked people who are investing in our town, Nick and Michelle Lusco, Kajun Twist, and Bayou Quick Stop. He also announced the town will host an event called, Love Lockport. The event will take place in October to bring the community together and also clean up the town. He also addressed the dog, cat, rat, and mice complaints.

2. Council

a. Councilman Acosta thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the parish for help with the drainage. He talked about the improvements in town.

b. Councilman Boudreaux asked a property with tall grass. He talked about purchasing plaques for the park. Small discussion took place. He talked about the Rita bridge and the trees that block the view.

c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming. She also mentioned Lockport is looking better.

d. Councilman Hartman told everyone to a good summer and thanked them for coming.

e. Councilman Detillier talked about the cat issues. He agreed the town is looking better and talked about the future of the town. Councilman Boudreaux asked him about the possible skate park.

3. Town Attorney- Mr. Huddleston gave an update on administrative actions and violation notices.

4. Staff- No report.

T. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Acosta to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Detillier. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:13PM.

/s/ Barry Plaisance
Barry Plaisance, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk