

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting September 19, 2023**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 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. A moment of silence was done in honor of Mr. Willie Windham. 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, Rodney Hartman, and Gary Acosta. Councilwoman Bobbie Galjour was absent. Others present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Dona Breaux, Alan Badaux, Joe Chauvin, Laura Barnes, Jack Plaisance, Jeff Gamble, Karen Gamble, and James Brabham.

**E. Approval of Minutes for August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Mayor Plaisance asked for approval of the minutes for August 15, 2023. Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending August 31, 2023**

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

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

1. Mr. James Brabham spoke about a movie event at the Lockport Ballpark on September 29, 2023 @ 7pm. Councilman Detillier made a motion to allow this event to happen. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Barry Zeringue announced his candidacy for Councilman District #7.
3. Mr. Tony Bellanger expressed his concerns about the removal of the 4 way stop sign on Ethel Street.
4. Mr. Kevin Gaubert addressed the Council about parking on Church Street for mass. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to approve the angle parking on Church Street temporarily for church services. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**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. Chief Harrelson asked the Council to approve the hire of a new officer. Discussion took place. Councilman Detillier made a motion to allow the Chief to hire a new officer. Motion died due to lack of a second. Chief Harrelson asked the Council for authority to purchase a new police unit through Calvin Braxton Ford and piggy back off of Baton Rouge Police Department contract. Mayor Plaisance stated the LGAP funds will be substantially reduced. Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The Chief announced "Night Out Against Crime" will be held on October 3, 2023 at Town Hall @ 6:00pm.

**I. Engineering Report**

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

1. Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract with GIS Engineering, LLC for the planning and design of the Church St. Outfall. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**J. Consider Authorization for GIS Engineering, LLC to prepare and submit Capital Outlay Requests for 2024-2025 to State of Louisiana on behalf of the Town of Lockport.** Councilman Boudreaux made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**K. Discuss playground equipment for the Bayou Side Park.** Discussion took place. Councilman Detillier made a motion to purchase playground equipment from Kincade Recreation in the amount of \$65,000.00. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**L. Discuss turf at the Bayou Side Park.** Discussion took place. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to purchase turf for park in the amount of \$72,068.00 from Forever Lawn. Mayor Plaisance stated this will be funded using ARP funds. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**M. Discuss and approve fees for rentals at the Bayou side Park.** Discussion took place. Mayor Plaisance suggested the fees should be set for Pavilion 1 and 2 for \$40.00, and Pavilion 3 and 4 for \$25.00. The entire park will be rented for \$120.00. Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**N. Authorize Mayor to purchase tractor and boom mower from Range for \$158,000.00 paid for by the Lafourche Parish Drainage District #1.** Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**O. Authorize the Mayor to transfer funds from Sales Tax Bank Account to Sales Tax LAMP account in the amount of \$367,118.01.** Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**P. Authorize the Mayor to transfer funds from Building Maintenance Bank Account to Building Maintenance LAMP account in the amount of \$37,614.09.** Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Q. Call for public hearing to amend Ordinance 2023-16 Section 32-20 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for operating hours of the Weldon “Chunky” Triche Bayou side Park and to provide penalties for violations.** Councilman Hartman made a motion. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**R. Public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2023-19 to amend Section 10-2 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to prohibit the raising of livestock, excepting chickens and rabbits, subject to specific conditions, and imposing a fine for non-compliance.** Discussion took place.

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

**S. Adopt Ordinance 2023-19 to amend Section 10-2 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to prohibit the raising of livestock, excepting chickens and rabbits, subject to specific conditions, and imposing a fine for non-compliance.** Councilman Detillier made a motion. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman voted yes. Councilman Boudreaux voted no. Ordinance passed.

#### **T. Reports**

1. Mayor Plaisance spoke about capital outlay. He stated Love Lockport Day will take place October 7, 2023 from 8am- 12pm. He asked the Council to waive the law to prohibit golf carts on the streets for Love Lockport Day. Councilman Acosta made a motion. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried. He thanked Parish President Chaisson for taking care of the adjudicated properties in town and allowing the town to borrow the side by side for smoke testing. Smoke testing will continue throughout town. The town purchased culverts and a lawn mower with funds from the Drainage District. He thanked Derek Theriot, current student at NSU, who is helping the town with grant writing. He thanked the people who are cleaning up their property and fixing their sewer leaks.

#### 2. Council

a. Councilman Acosta said there will be a plate lunch fundraiser on September 24, 2023 for the American Legion. He wished the CLHS Band who will be performing at a festival in Mississippi this weekend. On September 30, 2023, CLHS will host a band festival. He asked if the American Legion can put a mailbox around the monument in the park so people can dispose of old flags.

b. Councilman Boudreaux said there will be a plate lunch fundraiser on September 24, 2023 for the Knights of Columbus. He stated they will also have a garage sale and sell food on September 29 and 30, 2023. He asked Mayor Plaisance about the fence around the sewer plant. Mayor Plaisance stated T Baker Smith is already working on handrails around the sewer tank.

c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.

d. Councilman Detillier stated the Carnival Club will host a Pumpkin Patch this weekend at the Lockport Ballpark. He briefly spoke about the animal ordinance. He spoke about a “buddy bench” for the Bayouside park and possibly the schools for kids to get engaged with others. He mentioned Pet Day. There will be a dog tag machine at town hall one day for people to get a dog tag made.

3. **Town Attorney**- No report.

4. **Staff**- No Report.

#### **U. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Boudreaux. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:45PM.

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

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