

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting September 20, 2022

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

A. Call to Order B. Opening Prayer C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Paul Champagne 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 Champagne.

D. Roll Call

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Paul Champagne, Councilmembers: Ernest Boudreaux, Bobbie Galjour, Gary Acosta, and Rodney Hartman. Councilman Detillier was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Dona Breaux, Ernest Savoie Jr., Jeff Gamble, and Karen Gamble.

E. Approval of Minutes for August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting

Mayor Champagne asked for approval of the minutes for August 16, 2022. Councilman Boudreaux 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, 2022

Mayor Champagne asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2022. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilwoman Galjour seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

G. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Archie Chaisson, Lafourche Parish President, spoke to the Mayor and the Council about Road Sales Tax.
2. Mr. Jeff Gamble, Elliot Drive, read a statement from the Boat Museum Board. He stated there will be a meeting on October 11, 2022 @ 6:00pm to discuss the future of the museum.
3. Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Lafourche Parish Councilman, spoke about the Road Sales Tax.
4. Mr. Armand Autin, Lafourche Parish Councilman, spoke about the Road Sales Tax and the upcoming La Fete Des Vieux Temps festival.

H. Police Report

Mayor Champagne called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson stated Night Out Against Crime will be held at Town Hall on October 4, 2022 at 6pm.

I. Providence Report

Mayor Champagne called upon Ms. Caillouet, she presented the monthly engineering status report as follows:

1. **SE Quad Service Linings:**
BLD started work on August 8th. They had a few issues including snagging a low hanging cable line that moved a power pole and pulled wires from a house on Comeaux Drive. They should be finished by September 16th but must be substantially complete prior to October 6th.
2. **Comeaux Drainage Improvements:**
This project is estimated to cost \$4.4 million and would be shared between four entities. Capital Outlay applications were submitted annually since 2019
3. **Church St./School St. Drainage Improvements:**
The banks of the canal between Church and School Streets are unstable. Due to structures being located adjacent to the canal, there is not enough room for construction equipment on either side of the canal nor will contractors take the risk of driving sheet pile so close to the structures.

J. Resolution 2022-06 authorizing the filing of 22-23 LGAP application

Councilman Acosta made a motion to authorize the filing of the 22-23 LGAP application to purchase a new police unit. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Resolution 2022-07 adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire year ending 6-30-22

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt the questionnaire. Councilman Hartman 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.

L. Public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2022-16 to amend the budget

Discussion took place. Mayor Champagne spoke about body cameras for the police department. There were no comments from the public.

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

M. Adopt Ordinance 2022-16 to amend the budget

Councilman Acosta made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-16. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

N. Public hearing to adopt Ordinance 2022-17 to amend the personnel policy

Discussion took place. There were no comments from the public.

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

O. Adopt Ordinance 2022-17 to amend the personnel policy

Councilman Acosta made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-17. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

P. Reports

1. Mayor Champagne suggested the Council start thinking about developing a plan to increase sewer rates.

Discussion took place. He has no new update on the new trucks.

2. Council

- a. Councilwoman Galjour asked for update on ipads.
- b. Councilman Hartman thanked the parish officials for coming.
- c. Councilman Boudreaux asked about Pact Center. He also asked about Spook in the Park.
- d. Councilman Acosta talked about deplorable properties in town. He suggested fixing the roof and minor damages on the Boat Museum. Discussion took place. Councilman Acosta made a motion to surplus the Playhouse. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He announced the First Annual DAV Fundraiser will take place at the Lockport Ballpark on October 22, 2022.

Q. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Hartman. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:11 PM.

/s/ Paul Champagne

Paul Champagne, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk