

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting February 26, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

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

Mayor Edward Reinhardt called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was offered by Mandy Himel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Reinhardt.

**D. Roll Call**

The roll was called with the following present: Mayor Edward Reinhardt, Councilmembers Stephen Baudoin, Sharon Guidry, Bobbie Galjour, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Michael St Pierre, Ernest Thibodaux, Dona Breaux, and Mark Rodriguez.

**E. Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2019, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for January 15, 2019. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending January 31, 2019**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2019. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Baudoin seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

**G. Police Report**

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. Chief Harrelson distributed copies of the monthly activity report. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Councilman Bourgeois and seconded by Councilwoman Guidry to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

**H. Providence Report**

Mayor Reinhardt called on Clay Breaud of Providence, who gave the monthly engineering status report as follows:

**1. Street Repairs (Phase I and Phase II):**

Phase I - Patching, milling, and overlay are 95% complete. Substantial Completion will soon be scheduled.

Phase II - Recommendation of Award and Change Order No. 1 are on the Agenda. The award and change order have been submitted to the State for their concurrence.

**2. Sewer Rehabilitation (Sewer Force Main and SCADA):**

This project is on hold to concentrate on infiltration issues.

**3. Comeaux/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements:**

The Drainage District has agreed to put \$80,654.00 toward this project. A formal agreement is being discussed. A capital outlay application was submitted requesting funds for Lockport's portion of this project.

**4. Infiltration Investigation:**

The smartcovers were moved January 9, 2019. No surges have been found since the middle of November 2018. We will likely move them to the Southwest quadrant to continue evaluating the system.

Discussion took place.

**I. Resolution to award and authorize the signing of the Construction Contract for the "Town of Lockport, 2018 Roadway Improvements-Phase II, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana", and authorize the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.**

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept above state resolution. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**J. Resolution to accept the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report**

Discussion took place. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept above stated resolution. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**K. Public Hearing**

1. To adopt an ordinance to lease surplus immovable property owned by the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, designated as Lot A-2, as described on a plat prepared by Leonard Chauvin P.E., P.L.S., Inc. dated December 6, 2018, and titled "Redivision of Property Belonging to the Town of Lockport to Create Lot A-1, Lot A-2, & Lot D Located in the Town of Lockport Section 18, T16S-R19E, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana," for the minimum price of SIX HUNDRED FIFTY (\$650.00) DOLLARS per month and upon the terms as described in the Ordinance.

Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, asked the council questions about this property such as lease agreement terms, maintenance, insurance, and the generator power. Discussion took place.

2. To adopt an ordinance to sell surplus immovable property (the "Old Water Plant") owned by the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, designated as Lot B, as described on a plat prepared by Leonard Chauvin P.E., P.L.S., Inc. dated December 6, 2018, and titled "Redivision of Property Belonging to the Town of Lockport to Create Lot A-1, Lot A-2, & Lot D Located in the Town of Lockport Section 18, T16S-R19E, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana," for the minimum price of SIXTY THOUSAND (\$60,000.00) DOLLARS and upon the terms as described in the Ordinance.

3. To adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, Town of Lockport, LA, to add section 46-9 to change that section of Lafourche Street between Crescent Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> Street from a one-way into a two-way street and to disallow parking on that block.

Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, stated people he talked to are strongly against this ordinance. He is against this ordinance. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated they understand it, but we already had a public hearing on this, and no one showed up. Councilwoman Guidry asked if the business wouldn't work out for some reason, can the ordinance be repealed. Discussion took place.

Ms. Dona Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux Street, stated they speak for the town when they come to the meetings. She agreed with Mr. Triche. She stated there will be issues, and it will take adjustments. Councilman Hartman stated we are here to move the town forward. Discussion took place.

4. To adopt an ordinance to repeal section 46-8 to the code of ordinances, Town of Lockport, LA, to remove the three way stop at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> street and Lafourche street and to amend section 46-6 to establish a four-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Lafourche Street.

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

Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt ordinance 1 as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to adopt ordinance 2. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to adopt ordinance 3. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. Councilwoman Galjour was in favor. Councilmembers Guidry and Baudoin abstained.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt ordinance 4. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion. Councilwoman Galjour was in favor. Councilmembers Guidry and Baudoin abstained.

#### **L. Public Wishing to address the Council**

Mayor Reinhardt and the council allowed the public to address the council at this time.

Mr. Ernest Thibodaux, 10022 Hwy 1, stated he and his grandson were attending the meeting for the Mayor to sign his boy scout's book that he attended a meeting. Mr. Thibodaux stated they would be selling donuts in Roy Baudoin's parking lot for the parade which the council already approved.

Mr. Jason Pueblo, 420 Crescent Ave, asked the council for permission to sell daiquiris for the Lockport Mardi Gras Parade. He stated he has his permits, and he needs permission from the council. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign a letter of no objection to allow him to sell daiquiris in the parking lot of the Gulf station. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune Street, thanked the council for the streets.

Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, asked about animals running at large, zoning, blighted property, etc. Mayor Reinhardt stated we don't have anywhere to put the animals. We put traps out, and we call the animal shelter. He also stated we have people who have cleaned up and tore down houses, and we send out letters. He said it takes time to get these things addressed. Mayor Reinhardt stated we pay the parish to do inspections and follow up on them. Mr. Triche asked about Bell South and Entergy poles. The town clerk has already called this into the companies. Mr. Triche asked about signs and enforcement about no parking 24 hours prior to the Lockport Mardi Gras parade. Discussion took place about utilities in town.

#### **M. Reports**

##### **1. Mayor**

Mayor Reinhardt stated he called the shipyard and addressed the 18 wheelers in town. He stated all the trailers are being parked at other places that are not in town. They discussed deliveries made by 18 wheelers. Mayor

Reinhardt asked about a detour sign or no trucks allowed on Main Street. Mayor Reinhardt stated O'Reilly wanted him to talk to the chief. They are concerned about deliveries in the morning. Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to move forward with the Catherine/Comeaux drainage project to sign the CEA from the drainage district. Mayor Reinhardt stated our portion is thirty percent, but no more than \$40,000.00. Councilman Hartman made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the CEA with the drainage district. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Reinhardt asked Mr. Breaud how many times we have to survey that location. He asked about the cost. The town will take quotes for this project. Councilman Bourgeois stated to not necessarily take the lowest quote, and make sure we compare apples to apples for the scope of work. Mayor Reinhardt asked to surplus the old 580K Case Backhoe. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to surplus the backhoe. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Reinhardt talked about the LMA midwinter conference. He talked about the state giving money, but having the match to give them for the money. He stated we will have to look at the budget really good this year to see what we will do with it. He stated the contractors are cleaning the streets, but he can't make their schedule. It depends on weather and other jobs they have scheduled. He congratulated Ms. Kristine Russell for being selected as the Grand Marshall of the Lockport Mardi Gras Parade.

## 2. Council

a. Councilman Baudoin stated we are winding down on a major project in town. He suggested we apply for more streets through capital outlay in the future. Mayor Reinhardt stated we have already done that.

b. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for coming. She stated they were voted in to listen to the people, but she wants to see people present at the meeting. They need to hear from the people so they will know what people are looking for. She thanked everyone involved with the parade. She thanked the chief and his officers.

c. Councilwoman Galjour asked about new businesses in town.

d. Councilman Hartman stated he is not saying people have to be at the town meeting, but people can give them a call, or call town hall. He asked the Mayor about refreshments for the parade. Mayor Reinhardt stated they are all welcomed to come. They will start around 10:00 am.

e. Councilman Bourgeois asked the administration if they can get the information for meetings earlier. He thanked everyone who is involved with Mardi Gras.

3. Town Attorney- Mr. Huddleston stated the council has to adopt an ordinance to sell the backhoe because it will be sold for more than \$5,000.00. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to advertise to sell the backhoe. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

4. Staff- no comment.

## N. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Baudoin to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Bourgeois. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk