

**Town of Lockport  
Lockport, Louisiana**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting June 11, 2019**

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 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, and Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Dylan Delatte, Karen Adams, Scott J. Guidry, Rusty Edwards, Brian Brining, Mark Rodriguez, and Dona Breaux.

**E. Approval of Minutes for May 21, 2019, Regular Meeting**

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for May 21, 2019. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2019. Councilman Baudoin moved, and Councilman Bourgeois 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. 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 Melanie Caillouet of Providence, who gave the monthly engineering status report as follows:

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

Phase I – The lien period ended on May 12, 2019. Contractor working on punch list.

Phase II – Project is in lien period. Contractor working on punch list.

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

The project was awarded to LeBoeuf Contracting, LLC of Gheens, Louisiana. A Substantial Completion Inspection has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Capital Outlay Funds for 2019 have not been received.

**3. Infiltration Investigation:**

Monitors are being moved as information is being analyzed. Approximately 1,700 feet of gravity main has been eliminated because major infiltration is not a concern in these areas.

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

This project is on hold to concentrate on infiltration issues.

**I. Select Official Municipal Journal for fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

Councilman Hartman made a motion to select the Daily Comet as the official journal. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Reinhardt asked the council for permission to move public wishing to address the council. Councilman Hartman made a motion to allow this. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

1. Mr. Will Bowling, Project Analyst, with Gulf Coast Housing Partnership asked the council to consider a zoning variance on McCloud Road from C-1 to R-3. This will be for the Le Maison De Bayou housing development pending the project gets funded. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for a public hearing on July 16, 2019 at 7:00pm. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Ms. Charlene Vedros, 109 Myrtle Delaune Drive, expressed her concerns about blighted property down her street.

3. Mr. Brian Brining, 606 Ethel Street, asked about the garbage contract.

4. Mr. Rusty Edwards, 250 Elizabeth Street, asked the council for a letter of no obligation for an event at the Bayouside Park on August 3, 2019. Mayor Reinhardt stated he doesn't have a problem with this.

5. Mr. Bryan Adams, 135 Catherine Street, asked the council for a zoning variance at 126 Catherine Street. He wants this property rezoned from R-1 to R-2. This would allow a mobile home to be placed here. Councilman Bourgeois called for a public hearing on July 16, 2019 at 7:00pm. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

6. Mr. Andrew Griffin, Comeaux Drive, stated he is in charge of the pumps now in our area. He also represents this area for the Lafourche Parish Drainage District.

Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to return to the agenda. Councilman Baudoin seconded, and it carried unanimously.

**J. Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the Town of Lockport to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Lockport and Lafourche Parish Government to cooperate in the operation of solid waste services in the portion of Lafourche Parish within the Town of Lockport.**

Councilman Baudoin made a motion to accept this resolution. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**K. Public hearing to adopt ordinances for lease renewals:**

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2019)
4. Friends of Traditional Louisiana Boat Building (no current lease)
5. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2019)

The Mayor asked three times if public wanted to comment. There were no comments.

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

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept all the leases. Councilwoman Guidry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

**L. Public hearing to adopt Ordinances for Budgets**

1. To adopt an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2018-2019 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois asked the town attorney about policies on ordinances.

Councilwoman Guidry asked about office rent expenses on the police department budget.

2. To adopt an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2019-2020 Town of Lockport Budgets.

Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt stated he is trying to move the town forward. The council made a proposal to him at the last meeting, and he accepted it. Chief Harrelson stated the proposal was not feasible. Mr. Craig Dufrene spoke to council about sheriff's office dispatching, communication, experience, sales tax, and Leds program. He spoke about the safety of this town. Mr. Mark Rodriguez asked about the sales tax and property on McCloud Rd. Ms. Dona Breaux, Barrilleaux Street, stated people don't want any more taxes. Mr. Andrew Griffin, Comeaux Drive, fully supports the police department. Mr. Brian Brining, Ethel Street, moved here after Katrina. He loves the town because of the safety. He thinks we need more revenue and businesses in town. Mr. Jeff Bordelon, 312 Sixth Street, stated Raceland has experienced burglaries, and they have not touched our town because of the work they do in this town. Mr. Mike Kreamer talked about experiences on calls in town. Mr. James Gouaux, 310 Lafourche Street, addressed the council about their position on the old Noah's building.

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

Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt the amended budget 2018-2019. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to adopt the new budget 2019-2020 as presented by the Mayor. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilwoman Galjour thinks we should cut some, but she thinks this amount is too much in one year. Councilman Baudoin is an advocate of reversing the trend. Councilwoman Guidry does not want to go against the people and what they are asking. Councilman Bourgeois mentioned Mayor's court and hiring a prosecutor for the future.

The Mayor asked for proposals. Councilman Bourgeois would like to receive the budget earlier. Councilman Bourgeois suggested take the \$519,798.00 from last year for police department and add the \$20,000.00 for Leds. That would make be \$539,798.00. He stated to immediately start working for next year. Councilman Hartman suggested \$544,050.00 for the police department. Discussion took place. Ms. Dona Breaux stated they need to all work together to get this resolved. Mayor Reinhardt will take everything into consideration.

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

**M. Public Hearing to discuss and adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, LA, in order to amend the Town of Lockport Personnel Policy to amend the ethics policy, sexual harassment policy, and to change part-time status.**

Ms. Charlene Rodriguez made some points at about part time status and health reform. Discussion took place. The administration will look into this further.

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

**N. Reports**

1. Mayor Reinhardt stated we are going to do everything we can to make this work. He stated for the record no one is against the police department or trying to cut them. We want to adjust. He is trying to help the town too and not just one department. He stated his position is not an easy position. He will look into all suggestions.

2. Council

a. Councilman Baudoin mentioned the event at the Bayouside Park for the monument.

b. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone. She thinks they got what they wanted to get accomplished. She thanked police department.

c. Councilwoman Galjour talked about the development on Mccloud Rd. She mentioned our property for rent and for sale. She asked about the opening of Mr. Rivet's business.

d. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.

e. Councilman Bourgeois thanked everyone who came to the meeting. He mentioned the prosecutor for court again. He will bring up sidewalks next month. He mentioned road sales tax. Discussion took place.

**O. Public wishing to address the council.**

This item was moved up on the agenda.

**P. Adjourn**

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Bourgeois to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 11:23PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk