

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting July 16, 2019

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 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 Dana Boudreaux. 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 Deputy Town Clerk Dana Boudreaux, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Mark Rodriguez, Craig Rogers, Dolores Cothran, Henry "Hank" Boudreaux, Beverly Boudreaux, and Charlene Rodriguez.

E. Ms. Wendy Thibodeaux, Lafourche Parish Tax Assessor

Ms. Thibodeaux gave a presentation on economic development.

F. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2019, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for June 11, 2019. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes for June 28, 2019, Special Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for June 28, 2019. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

H. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending June 30, 2019

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2019. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Baudoin seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

I. 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.

J. Providence Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Mr. Clay Breaud 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. The punch list has been completed. The final payment application with retainage was submitted to Lockport on June 25, 2019.

Phase II – Project is in lien period. The lien period ends on July 14, 2019. All field items on the punch list has been completed. Some paperwork is outstanding.

2. Comeaux/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements:

A Substantial Completion Inspection was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Providence recommends acceptance of the project. A resolution should be in your package with a copy of the Substantial Completion Certificate and punch list (paperwork only).

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. Due to lack of hard rain events (greater than 1-inch/hour) in June, data was not available for analyses. The tropical storm should give us some more information.

K. Resolutions

1. A resolution for approval of Change Order No. 2 (Balancing), 2018 Roadway Improvements Program, Phase II, Town of Lockport, Louisiana.

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

2. A resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Lebouef Contracting, LLC for the construction of the Comeaux Drive/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements, Town of Lockport, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to accept the 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.

L. Public Hearing

1. Discuss an ordinance to amend the comprehensive zoning ordinance and zoning district map for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to re-designate certain property located at 126 Catherine Street, currently zoned R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential.

Mayor Reinhardt spoke to Mr. Adams, and the decision was made to table this discussion.

2. Discuss an ordinance to amend the comprehensive zoning ordinance and zoning district map for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to re-designate certain property located at 151 Mccloud Rd, currently zoned C-1 neighborhood commercial to R-3 Residential.

Discussion took place. Gulf Housing Partnership gave an update on the project.

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

M. Adopt an ordinance to amend the comprehensive zoning ordinance and zoning district map for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to re-designate certain property located at 126 Catherine Street, currently zoned R-1 Residential to R-2 Residential.

This was tabled.

N. Adopt an ordinance to amend the comprehensive zoning ordinance and zoning district map for the Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to re-designate certain property located at 151 Mccloud Rd, currently zoned C-1 neighborhood commercial to R-3 Residential.

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

O. Reports

1. Mayor Reinhardt thanked everyone even the citizens, police department, fire department, and town crew who helped for the storm. He is still waiting on the NLLD for the Comeaux/ Catherine Drainage project. He said he will make sure he will do whatever it takes to get it done. He has been getting calls about the budget, and he is taking it all in and do what is best for the town.

2. Council

a. Councilman Baudoin talked about economic development.

b. Councilwoman Guidry thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She thanking employees, police officers, firefighters, first responders, and volunteers for helping with the storm.

c. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for help with the storm. She stated she is willing to help out there with the storms as well.

d. Councilman Hartman thanked first responders, employees, fire department, police department, and other citizens for helping with the storm.

e. Councilman Bourgeois thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked everyone, police department, town crew, fire department, etc. who helped with the storm. He announced August 6, 2019 @ 6pm will be Night out Against Crime at the Lockport Ballpark.

P. Public wishing to address the council

1. Mr. Henry "Hank" Boudreaux, 133 Catherine Street, expressed his concerns about rezoning the lot on Catherine Street. Councilman Bourgeois explained the process of public hearings and procedures.

2. Mr. Craig Rogers, 108 Comeaux Drive, expressed his concerns about the rezoning of the property on Catherine Street. He asked about tall grass down on properties down Comeaux Drive. He asked about the pole that was pulled down behind his store. Chief Harrelson stated they have notified Entergy. He appreciates everything the town crew, fire department, and police department did for the storm.

3. Ms. Charlene Rodriguez asked what the town is doing about the blighted property down her street. Mayor Reinhardt stated we sent a letter to them. We will clean it up and rent a dumpster, and we will charge the resident. We will do this when we can. She appreciated everything everyone did for the storm.

4. Mr. Mike Arcement expressed his concerns about a sewer related issue. He knows the Mayor did what he had to do to make this right.

5. Mr. Weldon Triche, 321 Canal Street, expressed his disappointment with the council about not passing the budget. He gave examples of different ways to fix the budget. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt said we are not going to pick sides. This is the town's budget, and it is all in one. He stated the council has turned down their own suggestions for the budgets. Mr. Craig Rogers talked about the past administration and actions about the budget. He would like to talk to the Mayor about his opinions. Mayor Reinhardt stated his door is always open. Mayor Reinhardt stated he has been asking people all over town for their opinions.

Q. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilwoman Galjour. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:44PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk