

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting October 21, 2019

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 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, Bobbie Galjour, Wayne Bourgeois, Jr., and Rodney Hartman. Councilwoman Guidry was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, and Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Dona Breaux, Mark Rodriguez, Scott Guidry, and Charlene Rodriguez.

E. Approval of Minutes for September 17, 2019, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for September 17, 2019. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes for September 30, 2019, Special Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for September 30, 2019. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2019, Special Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for October 7, 2019. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending September 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. Councilman Hartman asked the Chief about overtime, and the officer that is currently out of work at this time. Chief Harrelson announced Officer Jeffrey Bordelon will be resigning, but he is not sure of an exact date at this time. He requested to start the hiring process. Councilman Bourgeois recommended to start looking for a replacement. Mayor Reinhardt stated they definitely have to look at the budget. A motion was made by Councilman Baudoin and seconded by Councilman Bourgeois 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. **Comeaux/Catherine Street Drainage Improvements:**
Lien period is over. Waiting on the contractor to submit the clear lien certification and application for payment of retainage.
2. **Infiltration Investigation:**
Approximately 1,700 feet of gravity main has been eliminated because major infiltration is not a concern in these areas. Twenty-nine (29) services in southeast quadrant were videoed. Waiting on report from BLD Services.

K. Resolutions

1. Adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for year ending of June 30, 2019
Council Hartman made a motion to accept above resolution. Councilman Bourgeois seconded it, and it carried unanimously.
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for LGAP-Local Government Assistance Program Grant
Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept above stated resolution. Councilman Bourgeois seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
3. Adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Town of Lockport, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois stated we have to bring it to the people honestly. He has no problem letting the people vote. Mayor Reinhardt stated he doesn't know exactly what they will get because it will depend on the revenue next year. They will definitely start the funds from the millage if it passes. He said they will get more money, but he couldn't give an exact amount. Councilman Baudoin stated he is concerned about who will be after them as

far as council and administration since it is a ten year millage. Councilman Baudoin doesn't have any problem with letting the people decide. Councilman Bourgeois stated we need to look at other revenue sources as well. Mayor Reinhardt stated if it passes they should be able to get cars and raises. He stated it is time to help them too. Chief Harrelson stated this is showing that if this passes then the police department will have less appropriations from the town, but still the same amount of budget. He stated as the police chief cannot go out there and push something on the backs of the police department that will benefit the town. The chief wants clarification on if this will benefit the police department or this will help the town fund them. Councilwoman Galjour stated if the revenue goes down, and they are not equal with this years, then, everyone has to share in the loss. Councilman Hartman stated we need to replenish any matching funds that we may need for capital projects. Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune, is all for the millage for the police department. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept above resolution. Councilwoman Galjour seconded it. The roll call was as follows: Yeas: Baudoin, Galjour, Hartman, and Bourgeois. Nays: None Absent: Councilwoman Guidry.

L. Call for a public hearing 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. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Baudoin seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Reports

1. Mayor Reinhardt briefly talked about the Comeaux/Catherine Street drainage project. He has been in contact with the NLLD. He asked for motion to go down on the rent on the property for bids on Main Street. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to advertise the old police station for a minimum of one year lease at a price of \$500 a month. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the bid of \$5,879.00 from JJ Merchant. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Reinhardt asked the council to surplus the utility trailer. This will be tabled until next meeting so the Mayor can get more information. He mentioned Spook in the Park. He said everything is being lined up for Christmas events.

2 Council

- a. Councilman Baudoin asked about sexual harassment training.
 - b. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
 - c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming. He asked about Halloween.
 - d. Councilman Bourgeois asked about recovering stop signs on Ninth Street from Vacherie to Church Street. He stated Halloween night will be Spook in the Park from 6pm -8pm. He thanked anyone who went and supported the fair in Raceland. On October 24, 2019, the Domestic Violence Vigil 6pm at the Lafourche Central Market.
3. Town Attorney- no report
4. Staff- no report.

N. Public wishing to address the council

1. Mr. Allen Badeaux, 219 Canal Street, addressed the council on issues to help promote and improve the town. He also suggested adopting the Town of Lockport Campaign to improve the image of this town.
1. Mr. Mark Rodriguez, 103 Myrtle Delaune, expressed his concerns about occupational licenses, permits, and blighted property. He also asked about camper trailers/mobile homes in town.

O. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. 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 8:31PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk