

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting November 17, 2020

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 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 Town Clerk, 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, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Dona Breaux, Alan Badeaux, Angie Acosta, Gary Acosta, and Kenneth Matherne.

E. Approval of Minutes for October 20, 2020, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for October 20, 2020. Councilman Bourgeois made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending October 31, 2020

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2020. Councilman Hartman expressed his concerns about revenue from bonds and fines. Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois 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. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Bourgeois to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Providence Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Ms. Melanie Caillouet of Providence, who gave the monthly engineering status report as follows:

1. Infiltration Investigation:

BLD's quote for lining three services is \$11,850. This is below the threshold to require bidding but DEQ may still require a quote for reimbursement. (DEQ has not returned my call to verify this at the time of this status report.)

We need to discuss remaining funds and how to spend it. DEQ is pushing to have an anticipated completion date for spending the remaining funds (\$678,850). They will not likely give another extension for expenditures. This is a loan at 3.45% and 25% forgiven. This means if Lockport does not use this money, then Lockport is losing approximately \$170,000 of free money.

A possible project is to reroute the sewer force main from Upper Catherine Street SLS directly to Lower Catherine Street SLS. This would not reduce inflow/infiltration but would likely stop the overflows from the manhole near Crescent Avenue.

Southwest Quadrant Monitor Moves:

1. 02/11/2020: Fourth Street on School, Ethel, Elizabeth, and Catherine.
2. 05/20/2020: Second Street on School, Ethel, Elizabeth, and Catherine.
3. 05/27/2020: Last three manholes on Elizabeth (left Cat and 2nd where it was).
4. 06/03/2020: Last three manholes on Ethel (left Cat and 2nd where it was).
5. 06/16/2020: Last three manholes on School (left Cat and 2nd where it was).
6. 07/08/2020: All four on Catherine (2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th St. intersections).

Battery was replaced 11/12/20 on monitor currently at LC04 (under warranty).

2. Capital Outlay Request:

Capital Outlay Request for funds for the Comeaux Drive Drainage Improvements was submitted before the November 1st deadline. The next step is to get support letters from NLLD, Lafourche Parish, and Lafourche Drainage District No. 1 to help Senator Fesi prove to the committee that the project needs to be put in the next House Bill 2.

I. Call for a public hearing to adopt an ordinance to amend the code of ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to add section 2-26(d) to allow for councilmembers to waive the mandated salary and to elect to receive no compensation.

Discussion took place. The council wanted to table this until they received more information. The town clerk and the town attorney will look into this. Councilman Bourgeois called for a public hearing to discuss this pending more information is provided. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

J. Reports

1. Mayor Reinhardt asked each and every one of the councilmembers if they still want to go in with the Christmas Parade. Councilman Bourgeois stated he was in favor of it. Councilman Hartman said the floats they do their own thing, and the people on the grounds should have masks. Mayor Reinhardt is concerned about the rise in numbers of the virus. Councilwoman Galjour stated she will be wearing a mask for the parade. Chief Harrelson asked about liability issues. Councilman Baudoin asked who actually hosts the parade. Councilman Bourgeois stated it was a community of people. Councilman Baudoin stated we have to keep the best interest of public health. Discussion took place. No vote was officially taken.

2. Council

a. Councilman Baudoin talked about the recent election. He knows there are restrictions due to open meeting laws. He stated there are zoning laws that are messed up. He stated there are grass, trash, and derelict property issues. He stated there has been a lot that was accomplished. He stated there are animal issues like dogs and cats, and the chickens are part of it. He stated there are the areas he would like to see the next council set up committees to address and consider those areas.

b. Councilwoman Galjour thanked everyone for coming, and she wished everyone a happy thanksgiving. She wants things going on in town sent to her personal email. She doesn't think social media is the place for their business.

c. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.

d. Councilman Bourgeois thanked everyone. He asked about health insurance quotes. He wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

2. Town Attorney- no comment

3. Staff- The town clerk presented the quotes for health and dental insurance to the council. Discussion took place. Councilman Bourgeois made the motion to stay the BCBS. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. The clerk reminded all of them about annual ethics training and sexual harassment training.

K. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Ms. Dona Breaux thanked everyone who represented the town. She appreciates everything that everyone has done and the newcomers coming in.

2. Mr. Kenneth Matherne stated Friday there will be a Second Harvest Food Drive on Friday, and it will start at 9am. He stated Saturday they were having a can shake for Second Harvest.

Mayor Reinhardt wanted to get the record straight. He stated him and Wayne did not say anything about each other on Facebook. It was other people. He never posted anything on Facebook or the "We the People" page and neither did Councilman Bourgeois. He said what people hear are rumors.

L. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. 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 8:55PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk