

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting January 26, 2021

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 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 Gary Acosta, Ernest Boudreaux, and Bobbie Galjour. Councilmembers: Rodney Hartman and Tyler Detillier were present through Zoom. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Alan Badeaux, Ross Sampey, Michelle Gautreaux, Douglas Fuselier, and Jenny Hanley.

E. Audit Report- Mr. Pernell Martin

Mr. Martin presented the audit report to the Town Council. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the audit. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Minutes for November 17, 2020, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for November 17, 2020. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending November 30, 2020

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending November 30, 2020. Councilman Boudreaux moved, and Councilman Acosta seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending December 31, 2020

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending December 31, 2020. Councilman Acosta moved, and Councilman Boudreaux 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 Boudreaux asked the Chief about the white Ford Taurus. Chief Harrelson stated it is stored at the sheriff's office with a blow engine and transmission. Councilman Boudreaux asked if he tried to get it fixed. Chief Harrelson stated it is not cost effective to fix it because it will cost more to fix it than the car is worth. Councilman Boudreaux asked about the new cars. He thinks purchasing two vehicles is a lot. He asked the Chief if he can just use one vehicle. The check was not issued yet. Councilman Boudreaux would like to look into this matter. Councilman Boudreaux asked why the Chief doesn't read the report out loud in the meeting. The public will know what is in the reports. The Chief said he will do whatever the Council request. A motion was made by Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

J. Providence Report

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

1. Infiltration Investigation:

Providence is coordinating repair efforts to the I/I found on Elizabeth Street in three locations. Two proposals were presented to Lockport on November 17, 2020 to use the remaining funds by the end of 2022.

Transmitter was replaced 12/02/20 on monitor currently at LC04 (under warranty). Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to approve Providence to review videos from CCTV work and get quotes for CCTV work in the amount of \$6650.00. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried.

2. Comeaux/Catherine Drainage Improvements:

No update until June 2021 when the Capital Outlay bill is approved.

Councilman Boudreaux expressed his concerns about manholes and infiltration issues.

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to deviate from the agenda to allow the Public Wishing to Address the Council at this time. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to allow this. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Public wishing to address the council

1. Mr. Ross Sampey, 1037 Hwy 652, Raceland, addressed the Council about the building on his property and the violation at 302 9th street. Discussion took place. Mr. Sampey will decide what he would like to present to the zoning board which is the Council at another meeting.
 2. Ms. Michelle Gautreaux, 1203 Romy Drive, Lockport, addressed the Council about her ideas to help better the town through a Main Street Market Program.
 3. Ms. Jenny Hanley, 314 Barataria Street, Lockport, expressed her concerns with the building at 302 9th street. She also talked about zoning issues.
 4. Ms. Brandi Lyons, 607 10th Street, Lockport, expressed her concerns about property on Justin Street. She also asked about the street progress.
 5. Mr. Alan Badeaux, 219 Canal Street, Lockport, addressed the Council on future ideas for the betterment of the town.
 6. Mr. Mark Bergeron addressed the Council on his ideas for the Action Committee and the ordinances. He will work with Councilman Detillier and Councilwoman Galjour.
- Councilman Acosta made a motion to go back to the regular agenda. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Appointments for January 1, 2021-December 31, 2024

All appointments are recommendations by Mayor Reinhardt.

1. Mayor Pro Tem- Councilman Acosta made a motion to appoint Councilman Hartman. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mayor Reinhardt stated Councilman Boudreaux would serve as Assistant Mayor Pro Tem in the event Councilman Hartman is not able.
2. Town Court Magistrate- Mayor Reinhardt will preside over court.
3. Town Attorney/ Prosecutor- Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to appoint Christopher Huddleston. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried.
4. Town Clerk- Councilman Acosta made a motion to appoint Mandy Himel. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried.
5. Finance and Sewerage- Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to appoint Councilman Hartman. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried.
6. Events, Parks, Drainage, Chairman of the Action Committee- Councilman Acosta made to the motion to appoint Councilman Boudreaux. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried.
7. Finance, Grants, Abandoned Buildings-Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to appoint Councilman Acosta. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
8. Zoning, Ordinances, and Campers- Councilman Boudreaux made the motion to appoint Councilman Detillier. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried.
9. Blighted Property, Animal issues, and Ordinances- Councilman Acosta made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Galjour. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
10. Town of Lockport Community Action Committee- Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to appoint Mr. Mark Bergeron, Mr. Alan Badeaux, Councilman Acosta, Councilman Boudreaux, and Mr. Kenneth Matherne. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried.

L. Resolutions

1. Adopt Resolution 2021-01 to authorize the filing of an application for LGAP- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT. Councilman Boudreaux made the motion to accept above resolution. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried.
2. Adopt Resolution 2021-02 adopting the Lafourche Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, authorizing the Mayor to sign, execute, and administer any and all relevant documents. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept the above resolution. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

M. Public Hearing

1. Adopt ordinance 2021-01 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. No discussion. Mayor asked three times. Councilman Acosta made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to accept above ordinance. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

N. Call for a public hearing

1. To adopt An Ordinance to change the time of the regular meeting of the Town of Lockport from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., to add rules providing for regular and special meetings, for meetings during a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency, and for public comments at all meetings. Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Reports

1. Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to start a one day event, Lockport Bayouside Festival, on the second Saturday in September from 9am-7pm. He wants to bring something back to Lockport. Councilman Acosta made a motion to allow this. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He also asked for a motion to open a separate bank account for community events. Councilman Acosta made a motion to allow this. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He asked for a motion to sign the audit contract with Martin and Pellegrin. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the contract. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Acosta made a motion to change the meeting date to February 9th. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2. Council

a. Councilwoman Galjour- no report.

b. Councilman Acosta thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked the ones who volunteered for the committee to help the town. He talked about abandoned buildings. He mentioned the Town of Lockport's name should be taken off of the Lockport Food Festival because we receive no revenue from it, and it is not held in Lockport. The administration will contact the board.

c. Councilman Boudreaux talked about signs in the park. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing to enforce the signs at the park. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Boudreaux talked about the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. He stated there were problems for the last four years. In 1987, he started the Tree Lighting. In 1992, he started the Christmas parade. He stated business people or community leaders in the town were picked as the Grand Marshal. He said they didn't have a chance to vote on the Grand Marshall because it was picked before they got there. He said there is nothing against the police or fire department, but it is not a police or fire department parade. It is a Town of Lockport Christmas Parade. He said he doesn't care who the Mayor is. The Grand Marshal must receive a proclamation from the Mayor to be recognized as a Grand Marshal. He said the town pays the insurance for this event, and he wants to bring it back to the town. Mr. Huddleston stated there should be bylaws on how to proceed and who is in charge of what. Councilman Boudreaux stated there will be work done at the library soon. He has been doing checking in other towns on the Mayor's salary. He stated the Mayor has done a lot of work over the last few years, and now, he will be the court magistrate. Councilman Boudreaux called for a public hearing to discuss the Mayor's salary. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to also call for a public hearing to discuss having two meetings a month. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

3. Town Attorney- Mr. Huddleston talked about Mayor's Court.

4. Staff- no report

P. Public wishing to address the Council

This item was moved up on the agenda.

Q. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:24PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk