

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting March 16, 2021

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00PM, 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 meeting was live streamed through Facebook Live. 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, Tyler Detillier, Rodney Hartman, and Bobbie Galjour. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Kenneth Matherne, Mark Bergeron, Dona Breaux, John Champagne, Troy Dufrene, and Mike Billiot.

E. Mr. Ferdinand Dufrene- Citizen Award

This was tabled.

F. Mr. John Champagne- Lafourche Parish Recreation

He asked the council for permission to host a 5K run in the Town of Lockport on April 24, 2021 @ 8pm. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to allow this. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mr. Champagne also asked for permission for a location in the Bayou side Park to put a skateboard park area. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to allow this. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes for February 23, 2021, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for February 23, 2021. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

H. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending February 28, 2021

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending February 28, 2021. Councilman Detillier moved, and Councilman Acosta 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 Councilwoman Galjour and seconded by Councilman Hartman 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:

Monitors still need to be moved.

2. CCTV Service Inspection of SE Quadrant:

The specifications have been submitted to LDEQ for their approval to go to bids. I would like to get Council approval to advertise the project as soon as LDEQ's approval is received.

3. Catherine Street Sewer Force Main (SFM) Relocation:

The engineering agreement was sent to LDEQ and will be hand delivered to the Mayor for signature as soon as we receive LDEQ's approval.

4. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

As requested by the Mayor, a possible project schedule with monetary commitment needed from each entity at each stage was developed. The Mayor brought it to the Drainage District's meeting on March 9, 2021. There will be no update on Capital Outlay funding until June 2021 when the bill is approved.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to go to bids for the sewer project. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Proclamation- Autism Awareness Month

Councilman Detillier made a motion to accept the proclamation. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Resolution 2021-03 to adopt the MWPP Audit Report

Councilman Acosta made a motion to adopt this resolution. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

M. Town of Lockport Action Committee

Mr. Kenneth Matherne spoke about the Second Harvest Food Drive.

Mr. Alan Badeaux spoke about the poker run, fishing tournament, and Arbor Day.

Mr. Mark Bergeron spoke about the ordinances and violations.

Councilman Boudreaux spoke about dog ordinance and violations.

N. Reports:

1. Mayor Reinhardt talked about the Comeaux Drainage project. He talked about blighted property, fences, and stop signs. Mayor Reinhardt asked for a moment of silence for former Councilman Weldon “Chunky” Triche.

2. Council

a. Councilwoman Galjour talked about permits and fence height issues.

b. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for their prayers. He mentioned budget.

c. Councilman Acosta talked about proper ways of displaying the American flag. He talked about the meeting with Lieutenant Governor Nungesser. He talked issues with on street parking/blocking. He asked the Chief what he was going to do with the old cars. He also talked about personal use of the vehicles, monetary issues, liability, and taxing of use of vehicles.

d. Councilman Detillier suggested an officer or the town hires someone to enforce the ordinances. He said their job is to make ordinances and vote. He doesn’t feel it is their job to enforce the ordinances. Mayor Reinhardt stated he would enforce it. He just asked if they see something to report it so he can enforce it and talk to people. They were elected to help the people. Councilman Detillier talked about the skateboard park.

e. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing to enforce the signs at the park with a violation fee of \$50.00. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Councilman Acosta made a motion for a resolution to require a permit to rent the pavilions at the park for \$25.

Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to require all fences to have a permit in the amount of \$50.00. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing to raise the Mayor’s salary by \$750.00 more a month. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. Councilmen Hartman and Detillier in favor of public hearing. There was no verbal vote by Councilwoman Galjour.

4. Town Attorney- The Town Attorney talked about fence ordinance.

5. Staff- The town clerk spoke about millage and public hearings.

O. Public wishing to address the Council

No comments.

P. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilwoman Galjour to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:38PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk