

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting April 20, 2021

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 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, Rodney Hartman, and Bobbie Galjour. Councilman Detillier was absent. Also present were Town Clerk Mandy Himel, Town Attorney Chris Huddleston, Police Chief David Harrelson, Jr., Kenneth Matherne, Mark Bergeron, Dona Breaux, Alan Badeaux, Ross Sampey, Angie Acosta, Ronnie Hebert, Mat Champagne, and Jeff Gamble.

E. Approval of Minutes for March 16, 2021, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for March 16, 2021. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

F. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending March 31, 2021

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending March 31, 2021. Councilman Hartman moved, and Councilman Boudreaux 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 Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously.

H. Providence Report

Mayor Reinhardt 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 project was first advertised for bid on April 6th and bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
3. **Catherine Street Sewer Force Main (SFM) Relocation:**
The survey was completed. Preliminary design should be ready by the end of April.
4. **Comeaux Drainage Improvements:**
There will be no update on Capital Outlay funding until June 2021 when the bill is approved. The Mayor and Providence met with Benny Puckett, Lt. Gov. Nungesser's Assistant. He is assisting us with getting funding. Providence will also submit a Pre-Application to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to determine if they may be willing to loan Lockport the funds needed at 0.95% interest.

I. Proclamation- National Donate Life Month

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

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

J. Executive Session- La. R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(iii) requires that a notice of intent to move into Executive Session under the provisions of R.S. 42:17(A)(2) be attached to the written public notice of the meeting. Here is the notice that should be attached to or on the agenda for the meeting: Town of Lockport vs. Jeffrey P. Bordelon, Civil Suit No. 141554, Division B, 17th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, suit for reimbursement of amounts paid by the Town of Lockport on behalf of Jeffrey P. Bordelon to the State Department of Public Safety and Corrections for overpayment of State Supplemental Pay.

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

Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the recommendation from Attorney Patrick Amedee's Office. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

K. Call for a public hearing for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2021)
2. Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2021)
3. Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2021)
4. Friends of Traditional La Boat Building (current lease expires June 30, 2021)
5. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2021)

Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

L. Call for Public Hearing

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2020-2021 Town of Lockport Budgets.
 2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2021-2022 Town of Lockport Budgets
- Councilman Hartman made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Budgets will be available May 7, 2021.

M. Call for a Public Hearing

1. To adopt an ordinance to add and enforce a 4 way stop sign at the corners of 4th and Baratavia and 7th and Barrilleaux Street.
 2. To adopt an ordinance to add and enforce a No Parking Sign at the corner of Barrilleaux and Crescent Ave.
- Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Boudreaux 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.

N. Public Hearing

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA, TO INCREASE THE MAYOR'S SALARY TO \$1,750 PER MONTH.

There was no discussion.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

O. Ordinance

1. Adopt Ordinance 2021-03 to amend section 2-26 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to increase the Mayor's salary to \$1,750.00 per month.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilman Hartman seconded it, and it carried unanimously.

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

P. Public Hearing

1. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF LOCKPORT, LOUISIANA, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN OFFENSES AT THE PARK. There was discussion about clarification of the ordinance.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Q. Ordinance

1. Adopt Ordinance 2021-04 to amend the Code of Ordinances, Town of Lockport, Louisiana, to prohibit certain offenses in the park.

Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

R. Reports

a. Mayor Reinhardt talked about street repairs, fences, and stop signs. He talked about events coming up in town. He thanked Councilman Acosta and Boudreaux for helping with violations and permits. Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for a public hearing for a no parking sign near 544 Main Street due to resident being blocked in from church parking. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

b. Council

1. Councilman Boudreaux talked about permits/permit violations. Councilman Boudreaux called for a public hearing to discuss requiring dog/cat owners to get a permit and require proof of vaccinations. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He talked about planting trees in the park to bring back beautification to the town.

2. Councilman Acosta tried to make contact with residents with camper/trailer violations. Mr. Alan Badeaux and Mr. Mark Bergeron have been helping with violations. He talked about the poker run/craft show coming up on May 29, 2021.
3. Councilman Hartman mentioned the budget that is coming up soon.
4. Councilman Galjour said she hasn't gotten anything from the action committee. She talked about the 5k glow run in town.
- c. Town Attorney- No Report.
- d. Staff- No Report.

O. Public wishing to address the Council

1. Mr. Kenneth Matherne, 811 Justin Street, talked about Second Harvest. He announced the Lockport Bayouside Festival on September 11, 2021 from 10am-9pm.
2. Mr. Alan Badeaux, 219 Canal Street, talked about Arbor Day on April 30, 2021. He also asked to change Canal Street to a one way street. Councilman Boudreaux made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. Councilwoman Galjour was in favor. Councilman Hartman voted no.
3. Mr. Mark Bergeron, 908 Catherine Street, talked about permits, ordinances, and violations.
4. Mr. Jeff Gamble, 12 Elliot Drive, talked about the Center for Traditional LA Boat Building.
5. Ms. Mat Champagne, 414 Baratavia Street, asked the council to consider amending the fence ordinance to exclude a permit fee if the fence is damaged by an act of God.
6. Ms. Dona Breaux, 212 Barrilleaux Street, is against the 4 way stop sign on Barrilleaux Street.
7. Mr. Ross Sampey, 1037 Hwy 652, asked the council for a zoning variance at 302 9th Street. Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for public hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

P. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Hartman to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:10PM.

Town of Lockport

/s/ Edward Reinhardt

Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel

Mandy Himel, Town Clerk