

**Town of Lockport
Lockport, Louisiana**

Minutes of Regular Meeting May 18, 2021

The Mayor and Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:00PM, at the Lockport Town Hall Complex.

1. Call to Order 2. Opening Prayer 3. 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.

4. 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., Troy Dufrene, Mike Billiot, Dona Breaux, Mat Champagne, Benton Arcement, David Hanley, Ronald Hebert, Alan Badeaux, Doug Fuselier, Kenneth Matherne, Shelli Bergeron, Jennifer Breaux, Betty Leblanc, Angie Acosta, Vickie Eserman, Jeff Gamble, and Ernie Savoie.

5. Approval of Minutes for April 20, 2021, Regular Meeting

Mayor Reinhardt asked for approval of the minutes for April 20, 2021. Councilman Acosta made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Financial Statements for month ending April 30, 2021

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion to accept the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2021. Councilman Boudreaux moved, and Councilman Detillier seconded a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. It carried unanimously.

7. Proclamation- MPS Awareness Day- Miss Meekel Stevens

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

8. Police Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on the Chief to report on the department's activities. A motion was made by Councilman Boudreaux and seconded by Councilman Acosta to accept the police report as presented. It carried unanimously. Chief Harrelson asked the council to hire another officer. Councilman Boudreaux asked the Chief if he hires someone, will he be able to work within the budget if the proposed budget passes. Chief Harrelson stated we can try our best. They all agreed to discuss this with the budget. Discussion took place.

9. Providence Report

Mayor Reinhardt called on Ms. Melanie Calliouet to give the monthly engineering status report as follows:

1. Infiltration/Investigation:

Monitors were moved to School Street (two on each side of LA 1). Appears an issue may be coming from 7th Street. We will move monitors again to investigate that theory.

2. CCTV Service Inspection of SE Quadrant:

Bids were received and reviewed on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. BLD Services, LLC of Kenner, Louisiana was the apparent low bidder at \$70,441.00. A Recommendation of Award was sent to the Town and a resolution is on the agenda. LDEQ must concur with the award before it is executed.

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

The plans and specifications will be sent to LDEQ for approval before this meeting. Providence is requesting approval from the council to set bid dates when we receive approval from LDEQ. We may be able to receive bids before the next meeting if LDEQ's approval comes in within the week.

4. Comeaux Drainage Improvements:

As of right now, this project is not in House Bill 2. Providence completed a Pre-Application to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and sent it to Town Hall for signature and submittal. This pre-app is for a 0.95% loan. We can also investigate USDA funding, but it is a much longer process than CWSRF. There is a 75% grant for the application process and USDA recommends meeting with them prior to applying.

10. Resolution

Resolution 2021-04 to award and authorize the signing of the Construction Contract for "CCTV for All Services in the Southeast Quad", and authorizing the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve resolution. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

11. Public Hearing:

Discuss adopting an ordinance to add and enforce a 4 way stop sign at the corners of 4th and Barataria and 7th and Barrilleaux Street. Several people spoke against the stop sign, and a petition was presented. Mayor Reinhardt and Chief Harrelson gave their thoughts as well.

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

12. Adopt Ordinance 2021-05 to add and enforce a 4 way stop sign at the corners of 4th and Barataria and 7th and Barrilleaux Street.

Councilman Acosta made the motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. Councilman Hartman was in favor. Councilmembers Detillier and Galjour voted against it.

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

13. Public Hearing:

Discuss No Parking Sign on 544 Main Street
A few people from the public spoke on this topic.

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

Councilman Detillier made a motion to go forward with this no parking sign. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. Councilmembers Acosta and Galjour were in favor. Councilman Hartman voted no.

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

14. Public Hearing:

Discussing adopting an ordinance to add and enforce a No Parking Sign at the corner of Barrilleaux and Crescent Ave.

Discussion took place.

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

15. Adopt Ordinance 2021-06 to add and enforce a No Parking Sign at the corner of Barrilleaux and Crescent Ave. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion. Councilmen Boudreaux and Detillier were in favor. Councilman Hartman voted no.

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

16. Public Hearing:

Discuss dog/cat permit and vaccination requirements. Discussion took place. A few people from public spoke about this issue.

Councilwoman Acosta made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. No action taken at this time.

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

17. Public Hearing:

Discuss changing Canal Street to a one-way street. Discussion took place. Councilman Hartman asked Mr. Alan Badeaux to come back to the next meeting and discuss this further.

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

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

18. Public Hearing:

To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. Discussion took place. Mayor Reinhardt asked three time if anyone from the public would like to speak.

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

19. Resolutions

- a. **Adopt Resolution 2021-05, ADOPTING THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE FOR 2021 TAX YEAR.**
Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept resolution. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried with a roll call vote unanimously.
- b. **Adopt Resolution 2021-06; RESOLUTION WHICH SETS FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE FOR 2021 TAX YEAR.**
Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried with a roll call vote unanimously.

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

20. Public Hearing:

Discuss 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. Center of Traditional La Boat Building (current lease expires June 30, 2021)
5. Christopher J. Huddleston (current lease expires June 30, 2021)

Discussion took place. People spoke on behalf of the Boat Museum. Mayor Reinhardt suggested we keep everything the same for next year.

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

21. Call for a public hearing to adopt ordinances for lease renewals between the Town of Lockport and the following:

1. Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office (current lease expires June 30, 2021)
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Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for a public hearing. Councilman Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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

22. Public Hearing:

Public hearing to discuss an appeal for a variance in the zoning laws to allow for the subdivision of property located at 302 Ninth Street. Many people from the public spoke about this issue. The property owner spoke about his future plans. No one from the public was in favor of this. There were two petitions presented against this variance.

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

Mayor Reinhardt asked for a motion and a roll call vote. This request died due to lack of a motion. Mayor Reinhardt told Mr. Sampey that he has 30 days to move the trailer/small house.

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

23. Public Hearing:

1. To hear public comments on an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2020-2021 Town of Lockport Budgets. (available May 7, 2021) Discussion took place.
2. To hear public comments on an ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2021-2022 Town of Lockport Budgets. (available May 7, 2021)

Mayor Reinhardt presented the budgets. Councilwoman Galjour spoke about the police department budget and give him the same budget as last year. Mayor Reinhardt spoke about revenues from 2014 - present. He also stated the police department has been getting all of the town's 1% sales taxes as well as the dedicated police department .3% sales tax. He asked if there was anything they do to help such as grants or fundraisers for revenues for police department. He spoke about the importance of the Comeaux/Catherine Drainage project. He wants to make sure we help these people. He stated it is not cutting the police department. It is going back

into the fund balance to make up for digging in the fund balance for previous 20 years, and the town is going backwards. We have to work within our means. He said we have other issues in town that need to be addressed as well. Chief Harrelson expressed his thoughts about the proposed budget. Mayor Reinhardt stated he adjusted/cut on all of his departments for the last four years. He said we need to help all the citizens of the town. He also stated the Sheriff's office, as per the Sheriff, will help our police department as well. Councilman Detillier asked for clarification on the proposed budget. Mayor Reinhardt stated the budget was amended last year for \$120,000 to help the police department. He is open for suggestions for revenues. The public gave their thoughts, and in the middle of budget discussion Ms. Michelle Gautreaux talked about the Main Street Program to help the town. Councilman Acosta responded to her that they are in favor of the Main Street program. Councilman Hartman expressed his thoughts about the budget. Councilman Hartman made a motion to get out of public hearing. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

24. Adopt ordinances for:

1. Ordinance 2021-07 Amended Budgets for the fiscal year 2020-2021 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilwoman Galjour made a motion to accept ordinance. Councilman Acosta seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
2. Ordinance 2021-08 New budgets for the fiscal year 2021-2022 Town of Lockport Budgets. Councilman Hartman made a motion to accept the ordinance. Councilman Boudreaux seconded the motion. Councilman Acosta was in favor. Councilmembers Detillier and Galjour voted no. Chief Harrelson asked to hire Mr. Adam Guillot as a full time police officer at a yearly salary of \$34,157.24. Councilman Hartman made a motion to allow this hire. Councilwoman Galjour seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

25. Town of Lockport Action Committee

Councilman Boudreaux mentioned cats/dogs. He talked about the Poker Run coming up. Mr. Alan Badeaux talked about Arbor Day.

26. Reports

- a. Mayor Reinhardt talked about work around town. He spoke about servitudes and cutting ditches/grass. We waiting for the sewer force main to get started. He is hoping for funding from the state for the drainage project.
- b. Council
 1. Councilman Boudreaux talked about fence permits. He also mentioned cat issues.
 2. Councilman Detillier asked if we can put information about permits on the website. The town clerk stated that is already in process on the website. He spoke about the skateboard park.
 3. Councilman Acosta talked about the fence for skateboard park. He mentioned ordinances. He said he is getting complaints about people digging in their garbage cans. These people are called "roadside shoppers". Councilman Acosta made a motion to call for a public hearing to discuss roadside shoppers. Councilman Detillier seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. He has been on top of blighted properties.
 4. Councilman Hartman thanked everyone for coming.
 5. Councilwoman Galjour stated we need to try to back Ms. Michelle Gautreaux's insight and vision for Main Street.
- c. Town Attorney- no report.
- d. Staff- no report.

27. Public wishing to address the Council

Mr. Tony Bellanger, 1000 Ethel Street, expressed his concerns about parking on the street and the blighted Justin Street property.

Mr. Harry Danos, 102 Ferdinand Street, asked about the law with mobility scooters. He talked about issues such as rats, cars, and an oil spill.

Ms. Michelle Gautreaux asked if she could discuss the Main Street Program at the July meeting.

Ms. Dona Breaux expressed her disappointment about the stop sign.

28. Adjourn

The next scheduled regular Town meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion by Councilman Detillier to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Councilman Acosta. It carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:36 PM.

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/s/ Edward Reinhardt
Edward Reinhardt, Mayor

/s/ Mandy Himel
Mandy Himel, Town Clerk