

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**April 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on April 11, 2016, in the Livonia Council Chambers, 3111 LA Hwy. 78, Livonia, Louisiana. Mayor Troy Chustz called the meeting to order and directed Town Clerk Donna Bergeron to call the roll. Roll call taken resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members Keith Davidson, Terry Jarreau, Barbara LeJeune, Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: Council Member Glenn Meche

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried, to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on March 14, 2016.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the treasurer’s report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A motion was made by Mr. Jarreau, seconded by Ms. LeJeune, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL – Mr. Chad Cifreo

Mr. Chad Cifreo requested approval from the Council to change the property located at 3090 David Street to rental property. All requirements have been met regarding the approval of at least 75% of the adjacent property owners.

A motion was made by Mr. Davidson to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jarreau and carried.

2015 AUDIT REPORT

Auditor Jacob Waguespack presented the 2015 audit report to Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Julia Chisolm asked why she couldn’t park her recently purchased mobile home on her parent’s property on Berthier Street. Mayor and Council explained there are certain mobile home restrictions for the Town of Livonia. One of those restrictions is all newly placed mobile homes can’t be older than 8 years old and hers is.

MAYOR’S REPORT-Troy Chustz

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 48th Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Troy Chustz, Mayor of the Town of Livonia, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2016, as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Livonia.

In witness thereof, I have here unto set my hand officially and caused the seal of the Town of Livonia to be affixed on this 1st day of April 2016.
Troy Chustz, Mayor

- This is reassessment year for the millage tax. It will be coming up for adoption in September.
- Mayor stated he has been considering getting a court magistrate to handle Mayor's Court. He and Attorney Steve Marionneaux have been consulting about the procedures and will he will report back at a later date.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of March, 468 citations were issued with 42 warnings. Eight arrests were made, 3 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 110 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$71,776.

- Been very busy with identity theft cases.
- Officer Jacob Dedon resigned effective April 12th. Chief Joffrion thanked him for 6 years of service with Livonia Police Department.

Fire Department – Council Member Keith Davidson

The department answered 39 calls in March with most being medical emergencies.

Public Works Department - Public Works Director Ricky David

- Laborer Harry Collie resigned.
- Mr. Paul Doucet has been hired part-time to cut grass.

Gas/Beautification Department – Council Member Barbara LeJeune

Several abandoned vehicle issues will be addressed.

The construction of the pavilion at the Indian Mound was awarded to Chustz Construction.

Street Department – Council Member Warren Pourciau

There are problems with Livonia High School student drivers speeding on Westfield Drive. After much deliberation, a motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to make Westfield Drive a one-way street on school days during the hours of 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson and carried.

Water/Sewer Department – Council Member Keith Davidson

Since several unsuccessful attempts have been made to get the remaining seven residents to connect to the town sewer, it was suggested and agreed upon by the council to amend the ordinance to include the disconnection of utilities if connection is not made within 60 days. Ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. LeJeune and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

TROY CHUSTZ, MAYOR