

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

April 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on April 8, 2019, in the Livonia Council Chambers, 3111 LA Hwy. 78, Livonia, Louisiana. Mayor Rhett Pourciau called the meeting to order and directed Town Clerk Donna Bergeron to call the roll which resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members James Bergeron, Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc,
Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: None

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend the agenda to include a request to subdivide the Bergeron property on Cooley Street, and to include a variance request by Ms. Lashika Parker, 8559 Newfield Drive, related to the at least 20 feet requirement between mobile home and property lot line. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Bergeron, G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on March 11, 2019, and the special meeting on March 19, 2019.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report. Budget-to-actual was included in council meeting correspondence for review and comments.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL

A request was made by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jarreau to change their property, 3504 Freneaux Street, to rental property. All adjacent property owners had no objection; therefore a motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to grant the request. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried unanimously.

VARIANCE REQUEST – 8714 LeBeau Street

A request was made by Mr. Steven Avon and Ms. Sandy Jarreau to allow them to live in their camper at the above address until the construction of their home at the same address was completed. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to grant the variance for 12 months. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

A request was made by Ms. Rose Bergeron to subdivide Lot 4 into Lot E. All regulations regarding subdividing property were adhered to therefore Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the proposed subdivision of the lot. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

VARIANCE REQUEST – 8559 Newfield Drive

Ms. Lashika Parker requested a variance to the mobile home restrictions pertaining to the section that states “there must be at least 20 ft. from the lot line to the edge of the mobile home”. Since her mobile home would have to be placed perpendicular to the street to allow at least that much footage the adjoining neighbors had an issue with it and requested it be placed parallel with the street.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve the above-requested variance to the mobile home restriction. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON COURT SUMMONS – Mr. Dale Bergeron – 8693 Glaser Street

Mr. Bergeron stated that he received a summons to appear in Mayor’s court concerning the condition of his property. He added that he has cleaned up a lot of the property since receiving the order to do so and didn’t understand why he had to appear in court for this matter.

After discussing the matter further, Mayor Pourciau advised him to appear for his court date.

RESOLUTION – Adoption of Millage Rate

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by TOWN OF LIVONIA, LOUISIANA:

MILLAGE General Alimony Tax **4.83 mills**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2019, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Bergeron, G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau
NAYS: None ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION – Adoption of Amended Gas Policy and Procedures

After much deliberation on whether to amend the policy to include the provision that the property owner or his designee shall be responsible for lighting all appliances when the gas service is turned on by Livonia Utility System, a motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to adopt the policy. Due to lack of a second, the motion died. No other substitute motions were made therefore the amendment was not adopted.

RESOLUTION – National Community Development Week

WHEREAS, the week of April 22 – April 26, 2019, has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Town of Livonia has been a participant in the Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and

WHEREAS, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-four years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and

WHEREAS, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts and that the services funded by the CDBG Program rely heavily on the dedication and good will of our combined efforts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that during *National Community Development Week 2019*, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low and moderate income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower-income neighborhoods, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.

The above Resolution was offered by Warren Pourciau, seconded by Terry Jarreau and Resolved.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to introduce an ordinance to amend Chapters 3-A and 3-B of the Code of Ordinances, consisting of Sections 3.7.15 and 3.41.7, to provide for sexual harassment prevention; and for related matters. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried. A public hearing will be held before adoption consideration at the next regular meeting.

B. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend Section 10.11 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Livonia relative to natural gas rates and fees for Livonia Utility System. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried. A public hearing will be held before adoption consideration at the next regular meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of March, 384 citations were issued with 3 warning. Five arrests were made, 4 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 101 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$52,526.

Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member James Bergeron

There is an issue with water not draining properly on Glaser Street by the Ransom property. After shooting a grade it was decided to just scrape the high areas to alleviate the problem.

Will flush culverts on Glaser St. from the Davidson residence to the funeral home.

Gave Mr. Henry Watson thirty days to replace his collapsed culvert on Newfield Drive.

Water, Gas, and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Greg Jarreau

Was able to get Cypress Gas Company to put limestone in the driveway on Mr. Stephen Bergeron's property that leads to the town's gas regulator station.

Mr. Jesse Kelly, 8600 Chauvin Lane #3, was found guilty in Mayor's court of violating the junk and litter ordinance, and not adhering to the previous order given him to remove it. In court, Mr. Kelly was given 10 days to comply of which he did not do. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to have the property brought up to code by an outside contractor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried. Specifications will be drawn up and bids will be opened at the next meeting.

Grass and Glaser's Park – Council Member Terry Jarreau

It's been a busy month keeping up with those in violation of the grass regulations. More ball teams are utilizing the park. Registration is up by 1/3 from last year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Upon recommendation by Mayor Pourciau, a motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to amend the budget to add \$1,700 for speed bumps to replace the ones on LeBeau Street that were destroyed by a contractor. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

Ms. Janet Marionneaux has found 2 grants that would benefit the town. The first one being the Community Development Assistance Program which will allow the town to extend the water main to Frisco and the other Recreational Trail Program which will fund a walking trail at Glaser's Park. Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to allow Ms. Marionneaux to complete the two applications. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC