

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on April 12, 2021, at the Livonia Community Center, 3611 Lions Club Drive, 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 Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Warren Pourciau,
Henry Watson
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on March 8, 2021.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried, to approve the treasurer's reports. Budget-to-actual was included for review and comments.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to approve the invoices for payment from Livonia Auto Repair. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and Mr. G. Jarreau abstained. Motion carried.

SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Pourciau presented Utility Clerk Lynn Drago with a service award for her 25 years of dedication and commitment to the Town of Livonia.

RESOLUTION

A resolution was offered by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and Resolved to adopt the 2020 Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report as presented.

SURPLUS PROPERTY BIDS AWARDED

Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to award the following to the highest bidder for surplus property. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

- Lot 1: John Deere 310D Backhoe Loader – Mr. Denton Hadley - \$7,350.00
- Lot 2: Kubota Mini Excavator – Mr. Jerry Edwards - \$16,100.00
- Lot 3: Scag Turf Tiger Mower – no bids above the minimum.
- Lot 4: Bush Hog Cutter 2610 15ft. – Mr. Denton Hadley - \$1,675.00
- Lot 5: Ditch Witch 3610 Trencher – JJ Merchant - \$837.37
- Lot 6: Phoenix Mosquito Fogger – no bids above the minimum.
- Lot 7: 2004 Chevrolet Pickup Truck – no bids above the minimum.

Council agreed to partner with LAMATS to sell the remaining items.

PRESENTATION REGARDING PHOTO ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS

Mr. Charlie Buckels, with Consultant Specialists, gave a brief presentation on the proposed photo enforcement cameras.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to introduce an ordinance amending Section 16, Article A of the Code of Ordinances relative to motor vehicles and traffic enforcement, which relates to photo enforcement cameras. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried unanimously.

WATER RATE STUDY

Mr. G. Jarreau stated since the water rate study was done three years ago nothing has been done to adjust the water rates. Water rates have been the same since the installation of water meters in 2003. Several water rate options were submitted to council for review. An ordinance will be introduced next month for consideration.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Landon Landry

In March, 415 citations were issued with 15 warnings. Two traffic accidents/incidents were worked and 60 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$84,170.

- Chief Landry reported that part-time officer Roger Witty, Jr. has resigned.
- Chief Landry recommended hiring Garrett Bergeron to fill the open position as a full-time police officer at \$17.75 per hour. Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and unanimously carried to approve Chief Landry's recommendation.
- In last month's report of the Municipal Police Retirement Systems letter stating the implications the town would face if 8 full-time officers weren't in the retirement system by June 30, 2021, a meeting was held with Senator Rick Ward and State Representative Jeremy LaCombe. After explaining the issue they both concurred that this law was detrimental to small police departments. Both felt confident that this matter could be resolved in next year's session.

Drainage and Junk Department – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Ditches on Selma Street need to be skimmed and culverts flushed out on LA HWY 78.

Grass, Beautification, and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Ron LeBlanc

Eight notifications of grass noncompliance were sent out.

Street and Water Department – Council Member Warren Pourciau

Mr. Pourciau received a request for a street light from Mr. Trent Bergeron (The Crawfish Hole) and made a motion to add a street light on the pole at 8899 Airline Hwy. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

Sewer and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Henry Watson

Currently addressing abandoned vehicles.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Rhett Pourciau

Mayor stated the town was notified that there will be stimulus money coming in the amount of approximately \$516,000 to the town. There have been no regulations as of yet as to what the money can be used for.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC