

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 14, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on August 14, 2017, 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. Roll call taken resulted as follows:

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

ABSENT: 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 meeting on July 10, 2017.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

HEARING ON PROPOSED CONDEMNATION OF MOBILE HOME

Mayor Pourciau opened the hearing for the recommendation to condemn the mobile home owned by the Carl Worley, Jr. Estate, 3125 David Street. Mayor stated that the condition of the mobile home does not meet the town's codes, therefore a recommendation was made to have it condemned. Ms. Susie Worley that she is in the process of tearing it down, but between the weather and her children's work schedule the process has been slow. Council Member Greg Jarreau stated that if the council was in agreement, he would like to give Ms. Worley the opportunity to tear it down and removed.

Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to give Ms. Worley until September 11, 2017, to have a substantial amount of the mobile home torn down, and to have the junk, abandoned vehicles, and grass all in compliance with the ordinances of the town. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION - COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

*WHEREAS, the Town of Livonia, Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as "Town" wishes to enter into an **inter-governmental cooperative endeavor agreement** with the Pointe Coupee Parish Communication District, hereinafter referred to as the "District"; and*

WHEREAS, it has been shown to be in the public interest to shorten the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid. The provision of a single, primary three-digit emergency number (911) through which emergency services can be quickly and efficiently obtained will provide a significant contribution to law enforcement and other public service efforts by simplifying the notification of public service personnel. Furthermore, the identification of all streets,

roads, highways, and dwelling places by name and number will serve to decrease the response time of law enforcement and public service personnel to emergency calls by facilitating the systematic location of such places without difficulty and ambiguity. Such a simplified means of procuring emergency services will result in the saving of life, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of criminals, and ultimately the saving of monies. Establishment of a uniform emergency number and identification of thoroughfares and dwelling places are matters of concern and interest to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, this cooperative endeavor provides for additional funding to provide for the emergency telephone system as provided for in LRS 33:9101, et seq. The funding of such is of vital public interest and will assist all participants herein in providing public safety and health services to the people of the Town; and

WHEREAS, each of the parties herein rely on the effective and efficient operation of the District and the ability to provide 911 service as an integral part of their public function, be that function focused on law enforcement, fire protection or health care services. By their participation herein, all of the parties are attesting that the support of the District furthers the public purposes for which they exist and shall not be considered a mere gratuitous transfer of public funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, that Mayor Rhett Pourciau be authorized to sign the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District and the Town of Livonia as presented.

The above Resolution was introduced by Greg Jarreau, seconded by Terry Jarreau, and Resolved. The following votes were recorded:

YEAS: James Bergeron, Terry Jarreau, Greg Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Warren Pourciau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the Resolution adopted on this 14th day of August 2017.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

An ordinance was introduced by Mr. T. Jarreau amending Section 24 of the Code relative to the control of weeds and noxious growths. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried. Public hearing will be held prior to consideration for adoption at the next council meeting.

An ordinance was introduced by Mr. Bergeron amending Section 16, Article B of the Code relative to the removal of abandoned, inoperative, or nuisance vehicles. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried. Public hearing will be held prior to consideration for adoption at the next council meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of July, 504 citations were issued with 24 warnings. Four arrests were made, 3 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 91 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$46,293.

- The transmission in the 2013 Tahoe had to be replaced.
- The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on August 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Livonia Community Center.
- In coordination with the Attorney General's Office, the police department now has naloxone available in each police unit. This government program allows a first responder to administer this to counter opioid drug overdoses.

Public Works Department – Public Works Director Ricky David

All generators are working properly.

Thirty-four water meter boxes and 55 lids have been changed out this month.

The sludge is building up at the sewer plant. Trying to hold off until next year to have it removed.

During a natural gas class a few weeks ago it was stated that there may be several regulation changes coming.

Council Member James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

Working on having 9 abandoned vehicles removed.

Several drainage culverts have been cleaned out.

There is serious erosion problem in the canal between 8812 and 8826 BMG Drive. The cost to install 160 feet of culverts with 3 catch basins would be approximately \$8,828.

AMEND AGENDA

After discussing the problem further, a motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to amend the agenda to include entering into a contract with Patin Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried unanimously.

(Continued) Council Member James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to enter into a contract with Patin Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. and allow Mayor Pourciau to execute the contract on behalf of the Town. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

Council agreed to have Patin Engineers & Surveyors advise on size of culverts that should be installed in the canal on BMG as previously referred to and possibly only install culverts a portion of the length of the canal to allow the town to study the effect further.

Council Member Greg Jarreau - Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures

The change in dumpster service from Waste Management to Kent & Smith Holding is working out well.

Mr. G. Jarreau made a recommendation to increase the cost of water and gas tap fees, along with utility deposits. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to introduce an ordinance at the next council meeting to adopt the recommendations.

Council Member Terry Jarreau - Grass Department

Very busy month on getting grass cut by citizens. The Stanley Dardenne Estate property is not in compliance with the grass or junk ordinance. Letters will be sent to comply.

Council Member Ron LeBlanc – Sewer

There may be a couple of issues regarding the Personal Time Off and the Medical Insurance for Retirees' policy being proposed. Will get professional advice before introducing ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council discussed in length the recommendations made by the Zoning Commission to change the age of mobile homes moving into the corporate limits.

Council Member Greg Jarreau left the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to not make any amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding the age of mobile homes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Rhett Pourciau

Since the state didn't fund any applications for the Local Government Assistance Program this year the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury will not have those funds to assist with the purchase of replacement culverts for the canal along Church Street that have deteriorated.

Mr. Bergeron then made a motion to remove the old culverts from the canal and leave it open. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

After discussing the problems that may occur with the above motion, a motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to rescind the motion. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to replace the existing culverts as originally proposed and amend the 2017 Budget to include the extra expense to be taken from the Sales Tax Fund. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR