

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**August 13, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on August 13, 2018, 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

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 July 9, 2018.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Greg Gautreaux – Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC)

Mr. Gautreaux stated that Southern Underground of LA has completed the water line improvement project along LA HWY 78. A change order, request for payment, and substantial completion were presented for council's approval for this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to approve the above three. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JUROR KURT JARREAU – Update on drainage and roads.

Juror Jarreau stated that the application for funding which includes the Richfield Subdivision drainage project is due by mid-September to (GOSEP) Hazard Mitigation Program. Hopefully, this will get funded and the drainage/flooding issues in that area will be alleviated.

In reference to the ten to twenty-foot cave-in on the LA HWY 78/Sparks Lateral drainage canal project; it appears the contractor failed to connect the pipe to the catch basin off of Vallet Street. Waiting on a response from the contractor that did the job about this issue.

Juror Jarreau reported that there is approximately \$1,000,000 left over from the original road rehabilitation project. Will probably continue early next year after the new administration takes office.

He announced his candidacy for Pointe Coupee Parish Council and asked for everyone's continued support.

PUBLIC HEARING – Condemnation of Guerin's Bar

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing concerning the recommendation to condemn the building (Guerin's Bar) at 8095 Airline Highway owned by Sammie Guerin.

Representing the estate, Ms. Suzanne Bergeron requested more time to get the matter taken care of. She added that the family is working with a realtor regarding the sale of the entire property.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to table the hearing until the next regular council meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

CHAUVIN RENTALS – Mr. Jason Chauvin

Mr. Chauvin presented pictures of several areas in town that needed addressing regarding junk, grass, dangerous buildings, etc. He stated that because of the ordinances in place regarding regulations on mobile homes, the future for Chauvin Rentals clean-up and renovations will be slow.

He added that during the last few years, they have made great strides in demolishing mobile homes, removing some, and renovations.

RESOLUTIONS

FHWA Recreational Trails Program

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve the application to FRTPL for funding for sidewalks. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

Local Government Assistance Program

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve an application to LGAP for funding to continue the upgrade of the water line on LA HWY 78. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

Community Water Enrichment Fund

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve an application to CWEF for funding to also continue the upgrade of the water line on LA HWY 78. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

LIVONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, 3496 LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 78, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JOSEPH DRAGO" BUILDING

To commend and acknowledge the legacy of the late Joseph Drago for his years of public service to the citizens of the town of Livonia as its first fire chief.

WHEREAS, it is with great admiration and respect that Joseph Drago was approached in 1968 by the first mayor of Livonia, Lawrence Russo, asking him to create a fire department for Livonia; and

WHEREAS, because of his love for Livonia and his civic pride, Joseph Drago accepted the challenge for this big task; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 he was elected to serve as fire chief of the Livonia Volunteer Fire Department by his fellow firemen and continued to serve for a total of fifteen years in that position; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to create a fire department on limited funds, Joseph Drago visited several fire departments pleading for old equipment and supplies. An old fire truck was purchased and housed in a building of a local citizen along with the donated equipment; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, after obtaining a loan of twelve-thousand dollars, the first fire station was built which was located next to the town hall at 3111 Louisiana Highway 78; and

WHEREAS, several years later the Pointe Coupee Parish Fire District #4 was established, of which he served as a board member after his tenure as fire chief; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Drago was indeed a man of the community. His memory and legacy is a testament to the honor and character of mankind.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Livonia, Louisiana, does hereby honor the Life and Memory of former Fire Chief Joseph Drago for his many years of service to the Livonia Volunteer Fire Department and the Pointe Coupee Parish Fire District #4 by naming the building currently housed by the Livonia Fire Department located at 3496 Louisiana Highway 78 to be known as the “Joseph Drago” building.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Joseph Drago.

AMENDMENT OF 2018 BUDGET

The proposed amendments to the 2018 Budget of Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures were presented to the council. A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to approve the amendments as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of July, 502 citations were issued with 12 warning. Ten arrests were made, 7 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 108 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$64,044.

- There were ten participants who completed the Jr. Police Department Program early this month.
- The Neighborhood Watch and Crimes Against the Elderly meeting was held last week with 86 in attendance.

Council Member James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

Mr. Bergeron thanked the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury for their assistance with the culvert project along Church Street.

Council Member Greg Jarreau – Water, Gas, and Dangerous Structures

Mr. G. Jarreau congratulated Mr. Warren Pourciau for his 8 terms in office. He was recognized at the LMA Convention in Lake Charles this month.

Council Member Terry Jarreau – Grass and Baseball Program

Several letters have gone out regarding noncompliance of grass ordinance.

Council Member Ron LeBlanc – Sewer

- Had some problems at the sewer plant.
- Working on written procedures for Public Works Directors duties.

Public Works – Public Works Director Ricky David

- The replacement of two concrete driveways is what's left to complete the culvert/drainage project on Church Street.
- Mr. David informed Mayor and Council that during the construction of the J-Turns on US HWY 190 it was discovered that the culverts under Richfield Drive were collapsed and

had to be replaced. La. Department of Transportation did a change order with the contractor and replaced the collapsed culverts with concrete ones. This saved the town thousands of dollars. Mr. David thanked La. Department of Transportation for this tremendous savings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Will be doing a rate analysis for the water and gas rates including the cut-off fees.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC