# LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on August 9, 2021, at 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 Greg Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Henry Watson

ABSENT: Council Member Terry Jarreau

## **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 July 12, 2021.

#### APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

#### **RESOLUTION - VACANCY IN OFFICE**

Resolution was introduced by <u>Ron LeBlanc</u>, seconded by <u>Greg Jarreau</u>, and Resolved. The following votes were recorded: YEAS: G. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Watson NAYS: None ABSENT: T. Jarreau ABSTAIN: None

**WHEREAS,** the untimely death of the Honorable Warren C. Pourciau, Sr. on July 23, 2021, has created a vacancy on the town council, and

**WHEREAS,** the governing authority of the Town of Livonia, in a regular meeting held on August 9, 2021, has appointed Mrs. Billie B. Pourciau to fill the unexpired term of office until the vacancy is filled by a special election.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Livonia Town Council passes this resolution and welcomes Mrs. Billie B. Pourciau as Council Member of the Town of Livonia.

#### PROCLAMATION - CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION

- **WHEREAS,** a vacancy exists in the office of the Town Council, Town of Livonia, Parish of Pointe Coupee, due to the untimely death of the Honorable Warren C. Pourciau, Sr. effective July 23, 2021; and
- **WHEREAS**, La. R.S. 18:602 requires the governing authority to call a special election to fill the vacancy in the office for the remainder of the term.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Governing Authority of the Town of Livonia does hereby order and direct as follows:

- **Section 1.** A special primary and general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Town of Livonia to fill the vacant position of the Town Council.
- Section 2. A qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy with the appropriate election official during the period commencing July 20, 2022, and ending on July 22, 2022.
- Section 3. The special primary election shall be held on **November 8, 2022, and December 10, 2022.**

Motion was made by Ron LeBlanc, seconded by Henry Watson on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

YEAS: G. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Watson NAYS: None

ABSENT: T. Jarreau ABSTAIN: None

## **RESOLUTION – Pointe Coupee Communications District**

A resolution was offered by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Watson, and resolved to enter into an inter-governmental cooperative agreement with the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District to provide for additional funding for the emergency telephone system and authorize Mayor Pourciau to sign the agreement. A payment of \$15,434.00 was approved, also.

# **ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Gregg Gautreaux**

A meeting with Mayor Pourciau, Public Works Director Ricky David, and Engineer Tony Arikol is scheduled for Monday to review the water line extension and the water well issue and options.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

# Police Report - Police Chief Landon Landry

In July, 533 citations were issued with 14 warnings. Six traffic accidents/incidents were worked, 2 arrests were made, and 54 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$56,877.

# Gas, Park and Recreation - Council Member Greg Jarreau

There were complaints of speeding on Hobson Street. Suggestions were made to install speed humps vs bumps, or moveable signs that register speed. Prices will be presented on both at the next meeting.

If the Covid numbers fail to decrease by Halloween, Mr. Jarreau recommended the trick-or-treat festivities at the Livonia Community Center be canceled again this year. Mayor Pourciau said that the town may have the trunk-or-treat at Glaser's Park. Will monitor the situation and decide in October.

# Sewer and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Henry Watson

A request was made for a street light at 3090 David Street. Will check the area out before approving.

## Public works and Utilities - Public Works Director/Operator Ricky David

Waiting on an estimate for a new sewer motor at the lift station on Glaser Street.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The next regular council meeting will be held on September 20, 2021, instead of September 13, 2021.

Pointe Coupee Parish Government's application for funding to alleviate drainage issues in Richfield Subdivision was approved. The water will be re-routed to Bayou Grosse Tete.

The town hall lobby and police station 2 are closed to the public since the increase in Covid cases.

According to State Representative Jeremy LaCombe, Airline Highway will be overlaid from Rougon Road west to just east of Livonia. He is trying to get funding to continue through Livonia. Mayor requested turn lanes or j-turns on the west end of Livonia.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Greg Jarreau stated that since he took office as a council member, Council Member Warren Pourciau was always the person who made the motion to adjourn the meeting. So he would

like to dedicate his motion to adjourn the meeting to recently deceased Council Member Warren Pourciau. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC