

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on August 14, 2023, 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 roll which resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Billie Pourciau, Henry Watson
ABSENT: Council Member Greg Jarreau

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to amend the agenda to include discussion of fiber internet service by Mr. Richard Hirsch, and a request to re-subdivide property by Mr. Charles LeBlanc, Jr. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on July 10, 2023.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

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

FIBER INTERNET SERVICE BY DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Richard Hirsch explained in the year 2020 the residents of Livonia were told by representatives from Direct Communications that all existing customers would be upgraded to fiber internet service funded with a USDA grant. Now three years later, several areas in Livonia have no fiber internet. Mr. Hirsch was told Direct Communications has no plans to run fiber to those areas at this time.

Mr. Hirsch stated he wanted to make the Mayor and Council aware of this and would like to see the Livonia Governing Body reach out to Direct Communications to request these areas be serviced with fiber. Mayor Pourciau stated he would contact Direct Communications.

REQUEST TO RESUBDIVIDE PROPERTY

A request was made by Mr. Charles LeBlanc, Jr. for council approval to resubdivide lot 1A-4 into 1A-4-A and 1A-4-B. A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Ms. Pourciau to approve the resubdivision of property as submitted, and carried. Mr. LeBlanc abstained from voting.

FARMER’S MARKET PROPOSAL

Ms. Madison Callahan, who heads the Farmer’s Market at Tractor Supply in New Roads, proposed a Farmer’s Market to be held at Glaser’s Park. She added there are so many possibilities to make this a community event by including a petting zoo, jump house, pony rides, D.J., bands, etc. A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to allow the Farmer’s Market at Glaser’s Park at \$10 per vendor, per event. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE

Ms. Summer Smith, owner of the lot at 3378 LeJeune Street, ask for a variance from the building regulations which states a mobile home must be at least 20 feet from the lot line. Ms. Smith's lot and mobile home size would only allow 17 feet from the lot line on each size.

Mr. T. Jarreau made a motion to grant the variance as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Pourciau and carried.

RESOLUTION – Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

A Resolution was offered by Mr. LeBlanc to enter into an inter-governmental cooperative agreement with the Pointe Coupee Parish Communication District to provide \$19,630 in additional funding for the emergency telephone system. This funding will assist with providing 911 service to the people of the Town. Motion seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Landon Landry

In July, 384 citations were issued with 25 warnings. Three traffic accidents/incidents were worked, 46 complaints were answered, and 1 arrest was made. Fines collected for the month were \$96,831 of which \$31,570 of that amount was from handheld radar citation collections.

On August 1st the department participated in a parish National Night Out event held at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads. The department's booth made snowballs for the guest. Chief Landry thanked all those who helped with the booth, the Gleasons for the donation of the banner, and the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's office for inviting his department to participate.

Each Council Member gave brief updates on their departments.

Sewer and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Henry Watson

Representatives from Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser's office will be visiting the Indian Mound on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:
DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR