LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on February 14, 2022, 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, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Billie Pourciau,

Henry Watson

ABSENT: None

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to amend the agenda to increase the price of water and gas taps. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

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 January 10, 2022.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

DISCUSSION ON POINTE COUPEE PARISH COUNCIL'S PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Pointe Coupee Parish Councilmembers Kurt Jarreau and Dustin Boudreaux, Pointe Coupee Fire District Board 4 members Charles Landry and Donald Chenevert, Livonia Fire Chief Paul Pinsonat, and Fireman Tim Jarreau, addressed the council concerning a proposed ordinance by the parish council to consolidate the five fire district boards into one. Each person gave their views on the pros and cons of this consolidation.

REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL

Ms. JoAnn Landry requested approval to change her property at 3010 Fordoche Road to rental property. At least 75 percent of the adjacent property owners had no objection to her request.

Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to approve the request, which was seconded by Ms. Pourciau and carried.

2021 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT PROPOSAL

Mr. T. Jarreau made a motion to accept the proposal for the 2021 Audit from Faulk & Winkler as presented. Motion was carried by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

A resolution was offered by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and Resolved to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented for the 2021 audit of the town's accounts.

INCREASE IN WATER AND GAS TAP FEES

Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to increase the water tap fees to \$500 for ¾ inch and \$750 for 1 inch, and \$600 for regular size gas taps to be effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report - Police Chief Landon Landry

In January, 363 citations were issued with 26 warnings. One traffic accident/incident was worked, and 35 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$49,304.

Department Reports - Council Members

Each council member gave a brief report in their departments.

Condemnation Recommendation Hearing

Mr. LeBlanc stated the hearing on the condemnation of the abandoned house at 8813 Airline Highway owned by Mr. Ricky Jarreau, will be held on March 14, 2022.

Public Works and Utilities - Ricky David

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to purchase a tractor and boom mower from Covington Sales and Service for \$147,922.25 by participating in a cooperative purchasing agreement with Rapides Parish Police Jury. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Rhett Pourciau

Upon recommendation by Mayor Pourciau, Mr. LeBlanc offered the following resolution.

Opposing the Proposed Ordinance by Pointe Coupee Parish Council Related to Consolidation of the Five Fire District Boards into One

WHEREAS, Pointe Coupee Parish Council has introduced an ordinance to create and reestablish a single consolidated board to serve as the governing authority for each of the five fire protection districts; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance will be considered for adoption on March 8, 2022, by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Livonia, gathered in regular session on February 14, 2022, heard the positive and negatives concerns from several members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Council, Fire District Board #4, and Livonia Fire Department regarding this proposed ordinance; and

WHEREAS, after hearing from all parties gathered, the Governing Body of the Town of Livonia has agreed that it is in the best interest of its citizens to oppose the proposed ordinance as introduced by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Livonia, Louisiana is in opposition of the proposed ordinance by the Pointe Coupee Parish Council to consolidate the five fire district boards into a single board as introduced, and requested that the Pointe Coupee Parish Council abort the adoption of the proposed ordinance or defer the consideration of adoption until more details are gathered.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Council Members of the Pointe Coupee Parish Government.

The above Resolution was introduced by <u>Ron LeBlanc</u>, seconded by <u>Henry Watson</u>, and Resolved. The following votes were recorded: YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau, Watson

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the Resolution adopted on this 14th day of February 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

ATTEST: DONNA BERGERON, MMC RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR