

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

January 9, 2017

6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on January 9, 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

APPOINTMENTS FOR TERM 2017-2020

Mayor Pourciau recommended the following appointments for term 2017-2020:
Municipal Clerk – Donna Bergeron. Motion by Mr. W. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and approved to accept recommendation.

Town Attorney – Stephen Marionneaux. Motion by Mr. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. W. Pourciau, and approved to accept recommendation.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mr. LeBlanc nominated Mr. Greg Jarreau for Mayor Pro-Tem. No other nominations were made, therefore a motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to appoint Mr. Greg Jarreau as Mayor Pro-Tem and to allow him to sign checks on all accounts when necessary.

DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pourciau made the following departmental appointments to the council members:
James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles
Ron LeBlanc – Sewer
Terry Jarreau – Grass
Greg Jarreau – Water, Gas, and Dangerous Structures
Warren Pourciau – Streets

RESOLUTION - LA MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

A resolution was offered by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron and Resolved to approved Mayor Pourciau's appointment of Gas Commissioner Greg Jarreau as Director and Public Works Director Ricky David as Alternate Director to represent the Town on the Board of Directors of the La. Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority for a term of 4 years.

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pourciau advised that any request to add items to the agenda must be made to clerk by noon on the Thursday prior to the Council Meeting.

Anyone who wishes to make a public comment must be recognized by the Mayor and comments must be made at the table located before the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. W. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on December 12, 2016.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. W. Pourciau, 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.

MARDI GRAS PARADE PERMIT

On behalf of the Livonia Carnival Association, Mr. Steve Morgan, requested a parade permit for February 26, 2017.

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to grant the permit and to co-sponsor the Livonia Carnival Association's Mardi Gras parade this year by contributing \$1,800 towards expenses and paying the liability insurance cost. Mr. Bergeron then withdrew his motion and recused himself on the issue since he is a committee member of the Livonia Carnival Association.

Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to grant the permit, which was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau.

YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, W. Pourciau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Bergeron

Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to co-sponsor the parade by contributing \$1,800 towards expenses and paying the liability insurance cost. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, W. Pourciau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Bergeron

HOUSE RENOVATION ISSUE

Mr. Ricky Jarreau, 8813 Airline Highway, was asked to present to the Mayor and Council his plans for completing the renovation of the house at this location.

Mayor Pourciau stated that when the house was up for condemnation on September 14, 2015, Mr. Jarreau appeared at the hearing and stated that he was in the process of renovating the house. At that time he was given until November 15, 2015, to have noticeable improvements made to the house. Several extensions were given from that date on, due to lack of noticeable progress.

Mr. Jarreau stated that he has made several improvements in that time but was working on the house as time and money allowed.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to inspect the property and send in writing a list of things that must be addressed to Mr. Jarreau and to do so within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

RESOLUTION – 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. W. Pourciau offered a Resolution fixing the following schedule for the 2017 Council Meetings.

JANUARY January 9

FEBRUARY February 13

MARCH	March 13
APRIL	April 10
MAY	May 8
JUNE	June 12
JULY	July 10
AUGUST	August 14
SEPTEMBER	September 11
OCTOBER	October 9
NOVEMBER	November 13
DECEMBER	December 11

The motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and Resolved.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY2015 COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT

The Public Hearing was called for the purpose of hearing comments from the public concerning the Town’s performance of the activities funded under the FY2015 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and to notify them that the Town intends to file documents to close out the project. A signature sheet was prepared and those attending the Public Hearing were asked to sign in so we would have a record for our files.

The Town received a grant from the Louisiana Office of Community Development to construct a new sewer collection system on Bergeron Street in the amount of \$250,000. Construction is substantially complete. Total construction cost was \$255,530. Seventeen low/mod households on Bergeron Street were connected to the system with grant funds.

The Town intends to submit closeout documents to the State by January 31, 2017.

There were no comments therefore the hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There are seven residences remaining that have not made an attempt to connect to the community sewer on Bergeron Street. A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to serve the letters personally to each property owner with a notice that if not in compliance within 30 days of receipt of letter utility services will be disconnected until in compliance. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

Ms. Julia Chisolm was served a letter on April 11, 2016, stating she had to remove the mobile home parked at 8486 Berthier Street due to noncompliance with the code. As of this date the mobile home has not been removed.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to personally serve the letter giving 60 days to remove mobile home or further action will be taken. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Evan Doucet

The department answered the following calls in 2016:

Fire – 39, Rescue & Emergency Medical – 379, Hazardous calls – 11, and Other miscellaneous service calls – 87.

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of December, 210 citations were issued with 25 warnings. Ten arrests were made, 5 traffic accident/incident was worked, and 128 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$24,783.

Chief Joffrion recommended the following be hired as full-time police officers to fill the two open positions at \$15 per hour. Both are POST certified and have prior experience:

John Gaudet, III, which will be the K-9 officer when certified. Motion by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

Matthew Trabona - Motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. W. Pourciau to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

Public Works Department – Public Works Director Ricky David

- The control panel at the Richfield Water Well burned up during the storm on January 2nd. One is being built to replace it.
- After searching for the problem that was causing sewer backups on Tiger Street it was determined that the contractor left the plug in the sewer line when inspecting it during construction.

Council Member James Bergeron

Currently addressing 15-20 abandoned vehicles.

Council Member Warren Pourciau

The contractors doing the road rehabilitation project for Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury is in Livonia overlaying the most needed streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A quote of \$4,285.61 was received from Elite Solutions, LLC to install an audio/video system with screen in the council room to be used for all council meetings, court, and presentations, training, etc.
A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to proceed with having the system installed. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.
- Mayor Pourciau asked the Council to assist with getting the town cleaned-up before Mardi Gras.
- Waiting for response from insurance company for the damages to the roof at city hall. While inspecting the building after the storm blew part of the roof off of city hall, it was discovered that there are eaves, facial boards, and other areas of the building that has to be replaced due to rot.
- Mr. Troy LeCoq with Pointe Coupee Parish Animal Control will be here this week to assist with catching the dogs running at large.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. W. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:
DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR