

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 14, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on January 14, 2019, 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. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on December 10, 2018.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

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

REQUEST FOR PARADE PERMIT

On behalf of the Livonia Carnival Association, Mr. Steve Morgan requested a permit to hold the 36th annual Mardi Gras parade on March 3, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve the permit request, which was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

RESOLUTION TO CO-SPONSOR 2019 MARDI GRAS PARADE

A Resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau to co-sponsor the 2019 annual Mardi Gras Parade and to contribute \$1,800 towards the expenses. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and Resolved.

GRANT WRITER CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Council Member Ron LeBlanc asked Ms. Janet Marionneaux to attend the council meeting to discuss her proposed contract for grant writing and administering.

After discussing the contract, and Ms. Marionneaux’s experience and success rate with grants, it was agreed to make changes to the rate in the original contract, and put on the agenda next month for further consideration.

ACADIAN AMBULANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

On behalf of Acadian Ambulance, Mr. Justin Cox requested the town’s permission to allow an ambulance to be stationed at the Livonia Fire Station, 3496 LA HWY 78, from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, which would enhance emergency response in this area.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with Acadian Ambulance as stated above. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of December, 236 citations were issued with 7 warning. Four arrests were made, 9 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 81 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$19,525. The combined totals for year 2018 were given with a comparison to 2017. Total arrests were down in 2018 compared to 2017.

After giving a brief history of Mr. Chad Blanchard's law enforcement background, Chief Joffrion recommended hiring him to fill the open position of full-time police officer at a rate of \$15 per hour.

A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to approve Chief's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member James Bergeron

- Will be cleaning out several clogged culverts that are restricting drainage.
- The canal that runs parallel to David Street is full of trash that has been thrown in it and should to be cleaned out. Mayor Pourciau said the Pointe Coupee Parish Government may be able to assist with this.
- Due to the ongoing problem with the driveway culvert being collapsed and blocking drainage at Mr. Henry Watson's residence on Newfield Dr., the town will have no alternative but to dig it up if he doesn't replace his culvert within 30 days.

Water, Gas, and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Greg Jarreau

Will be addressing two areas this week regarding junk and mobile home requirement issues. Will also get an update from Ms. Suzanne Bergeron regarding the Guerin Estate condemned building on US HWY 190.

Grass and Glaser's Park – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Getting equipment ready for the upcoming grass season.

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to begin with phase 1 of the batting cage building renovations by getting more netting to make a total of 8 cages at a cost of \$1,772. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

Sewer – Council Member Ron LeBlanc

There was a relay issue at the sewer lift station on LA HWY 78 and a leak in the control room at the sewer plant that has been addressed.

Streets – Council Member Warren Pourciau

The road to the sewer plant is non-passable during rainy season. Cane trucks have been using it which made the road worse. Will ask the landowner for permission to install a gate to prevent others from passing on it in the future.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The annual "Breakfast with Santa" held on December 15th at the Livonia Community Center had the largest turnout to date. Approxiametly 180 breakfast plates were served.

Mayor Pourciau thanked everyone that volunteered their time to make this event a success.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC