

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on July 13, 2020, 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on June 8, 2020, and the special meeting on July 1, 2020.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

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

REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY – Pourciau Rentals - Airline Highway

On behalf of Pourciau Rentals, Mr. Trent Bergeron requested approval to subdivide the 6.25-acre property on Airline Highway into Lots PR-1, PR-2, and PR-3.

All subdivision of property was adhered to therefore Mr. T. Jarreau made a motion to approve the subdivision of the property as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried. Council Members James Bergeron and Warren Pourciau abstained.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing amending Section 2:12 C of the Code of Ordinances Setting the Salary of the Chief of Police at \$54,000 annually to begin on January 1, 2021. There were no comments from the public. Public hearing was then closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau to adopt the ordinance amending Section 2:12 C of the Code of Ordinances Setting the Salary of the Chief of Police at \$54,000 annually to begin on January 1, 2021. Roll call resulted as follows:

YEAS: Bergeron, G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried unanimously, therefore ordinance was adopted.

RESOLUTION – Amending Chapter 3 Article B of the Code

WHEREAS, Chapter 3 Article B of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Livonia, Louisiana contains the Police Department Personnel Policy, and

WHEREAS, Section 3.25.1 addresses Compensation Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Livonia wishes to amend Section 3.25.1 C of the Code to read as follows:

C. Part-time patrol police officers shall be paid by the hour, at a rate of fourteen (\$14) dollars per hour. A part-time patrol police officer shall be entitled to premium pay (PTPP) of \$3.75 per hour above the regular rate of a part-time police officer's hourly rate, when an authorized/assigned shift is worked for two (2) consecutive weeks (84 hours) with no more than (one) 1 twelve (12) hour shift absent within the two (2) week shift. Should the part-time officer be absent for more than one (1) twelve (12) hour shift within the two consecutive weeks (84 hours), the rate of pay will be at the regular rate of fourteen (\$14) per hour for that two (2) week period. The premium pay shall NOT be allowed for special traffic detail. The PPTP applies only to shift work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Livonia wishes to make this amendment to Chapter 3, Section 3.25.1C effective immediately.

The above Resolution was introduced by James Bergeron, seconded by Ron LeBlanc, and Resolved. The following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

AWARD BID ON 2011 CHEVROLET TAHOE – K-9 UNIT

No bids were received.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Landon Landry

In June, 380 citations were issued with 13 warnings. Two traffic accidents/incidents were worked, five arrests were made, and 52 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$25,637.

Upon recommendation by Chief Landry, a motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to hire Deputies Roger Witty and Kevin Darensbourg as part-time police officers at \$14.00 per hour. Both are full-time deputies for Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office. Motion was seconded by G. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member James Bergeron

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to discontinue installing culverts for beautification purposes for citizens. The town will only install primary driveway culverts not to exceed forty (40) feet. Anything other than primary driveway culverts shall be the responsibility of the person requesting them after a permit has been applied for and approved, with the acknowledgment that the town has the authority to remove them if they are causing drainage problems. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures - Council Member Greg Jarreau

Mr. Vernon Williams has not removed the mobile home on his property at Lot 68-C, David Street as required. Mayor Pourciau stated that Mr. Williams was in court on June 25, 2020, per his summons and was given until the next court date of July 30, 2020, to have it removed.

Town was informed by State Representative Jeremy LaCombe that a recent bill was passed in the legislature regarding the 25% required match for the Capital Outlay grants. This new bill would waive the match for water systems with under 1,250 customers for water systems improvements. Mr. G. Jarreau said that this would be a great opportunity for the town

to continue with the extension of the main water line north on LA HWY 78 to connect with the parish water system in the event of an emergency for either water systems.

Public Works and Utilities – Director Ricky David

Two fire hydrants need replacing. The Pointe Coupee Fire District #4 has agreed to purchase one.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Rhett Pourciau

Pointe Coupee Parish GUD #1 and #2 is requesting that the Town enter into a Mutual Assistance Agreement with them to assist each other with personnel and equipment in the event of an emergency with either natural gas system.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau to approve the agreement. Motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC