

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

July 8, 2019

6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on July 8, 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 Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: Council Member James Bergeron

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Mr. T. Jarreau made a motion to amend the agenda to include Mr. Renee' Thibodeaux, Candidate for Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on June 10, 2019.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried to approve the invoices from Livonia Auto Repair for payment with Mr. G. Jarreau abstaining.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

Mr. Renee' Thibodeaux announced his candidacy for Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff. He stated his qualifications, and his goals for the parish when elected sheriff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY

A. Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed condemnation of 8095 Airline Highway and asked Mr. Thomas David, building inspector for the town, to give his report.

Pan American Engineers, LLC has made an inspection of the structure located at 8095 Airline Highway described as 9.2 Acres: Track being front portion of 103A Tract (Guerin's Bar), Town of Livonia, Louisiana, 70755, and has prepared a report of Structural Inspection, which recommends that the Mayor and Town Council demolish and/or remove the structure due to its dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

The property owner, as shown in the records of the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's Office is Sammie Guerin, P.O. Box 445, Livonia, Louisiana 70755. The property owner was attempted to be served notification to appear at said hearing by the Town of Livonia. The property

owner/representatives, Suzanne Bergeron and Grace Merrill, were present at said hearing and stated they plan to sell the property.

Mayor Pourciau closed the public hearing after discussing further.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to accept the recommendation of Mr. David which was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and unanimously approved as wit:

Condemnation Decision (Case File 2019-01)

1. The structure or structures located at municipal address at 9.2 Acres: Track being front portion of 103A Tract (Guerin's Bar), Town of Livonia, Louisiana, 70755 is hereby condemned; and
2. The property owner is hereby given sixty (60) days from the date of notification of this Condemnation Decision to voluntarily demolish or remove the structure or structures, cap all utilities, remove all debris, and grade the site for drainage; and
3. If the property owner fails to have the structure or structures demolished or removed, utilities capped, debris removed and the site graded before the expiration of the sixty (60) day deadline, the Town of Livonia will proceed with securing Bids for said demolition work and proceed with said demolition work with the cost thereof being placed as a lien against the property.

B. Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed condemnation of 8083 Airline Highway and asked Mr. Thomas David, building inspector for the town, to give his report.

Pan American Engineers, LLC has made an inspection of the structure located at 8083 Airline Highway described as 9.2 Acres: Track being front portion of 103A Tract (Best Burger), Town of Livonia, Louisiana, 70755, and has prepared a report of Structural Inspection, which recommends that the Mayor and Town Council demolish and/or remove the structure due to its dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

The property owner, as shown in the records of the Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor's Office is Sammie Guerin, P.O. Box 445, Livonia, Louisiana 70755. The property owner was attempted to be served notification to appear at said hearing by the Town of Livonia. The property owner/representatives, Suzanne Bergeron and Grace Merrill, were present at said hearing and stated they plan to sell the property.

Mayor Pourciau closed the public hearing after discussing further.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to accept the recommendation of Mr. David which was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and unanimously approved as wit:

Condemnation Decision (Case File 2019-02)

1. The structure or structures located at municipal address at 9.2 Acres: Track being front portion of 103A Tract (Best Burger), Town of Livonia, Louisiana, 70755 is hereby condemned; and
2. The property owner is hereby given sixty (60) days from the date of notification of this Condemnation Decision to voluntarily demolish or remove the structure or structures, cap all utilities, remove all debris, and grade the site for drainage; and
3. If the property owner fails to have the structure or structures demolished or removed, utilities capped, debris removed and the site graded before the expiration of the sixty (60) day deadline, the Town of Livonia will proceed with securing Bids for said demolition work and proceed with said demolition work with the cost thereof being placed as a lien against the property.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 16 of the Code relative to the use of golf carts and slow-moving vehicles.

There were no comments; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to adopt the ordinance as presented amending Chapter 16 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Section 16.8 Use of Golf Carts and Slow-Moving Vehicles. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the Code relative to weeds and noxious growths.

The public hearing was closed after discussing further.

AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Mr. T. Jarreau made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to add to Section 24.5 all cost incurred by the town in enforcing the ordinance will be charged to the owner upon the second violation notice in a 12 month period. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and unanimously approved.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to adopt the ordinance as amended, amending Chapter 24 of the Code relative to weeds and noxious growths. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of June, 523 violations were issued with 5 warning. Five arrests were made, 5 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 89 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$52,986.

Water, Gas, and Dangerous Structures – Council Member Greg Jarreau

Currently addressing issues with junk and abandoned buildings.

Grass and Glaser's Park – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Several grass compliance issues are being addressed.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Rhett Pourciau

Pointe Coupee Parish Council recently awarded the contract on the bulky waste pick-up for the parish. Pick-ups will now be twice a month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Terry Jarreau stated that he was recently elected to the Council on Aging board and will be representing the Livonia, Fordoche, and Lakeland area. One of their plans is to find a local area where the elderly can go for lunch and play bingo five days a week.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR