

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**June 20, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2016, in the Livonia Council Chambers, 3111 LA Hwy. 78, Livonia, Louisiana. Mayor Troy Chustz called the meeting to order and directed Town Clerk Donna Bergeron to call the roll. Roll call taken resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members Keith Davidson, Terry Jarreau, Barbara LeJeune, Glenn Meche, and Warren Pourciau
ABSENT: None

AMEND AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. LeJeune and seconded by Mr. Jarreau, the agenda was amended to include a resolution authorizing Mayor Chustz to sign contracts pertaining to the Sign Enhancement Project. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. Meche, and carried, to approve and publish the minutes as corrected from the regular meeting on May 9, 2016.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A motion was made by Mr. Meche, seconded by Ms. LeJeune, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Mayor Chustz opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance amending Section 10 of the Code relative to sewer connections.

Ms. Cathy Dauthier, Livonia Wash-All, stated her concerns about the requirement for her to hook to the sewer system even though she doesn't have the proper amount of open property to run the line based on state building codes.

Mayor and Council agreed to have Attorney Steve Marionneaux contact Mr. Carl Whittington, Pointe Coupee Parish Sanitarian, about meeting with all parties involved to get his recommendation regarding this connection as applicable to building codes.

The public hearing was then closed.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to adopt ordinance amending Section 10 of the Code relative to sewer. The amendment includes the following: *If there has been no compliance with the requirements of this chapter within 60 days of receipt of notice, the governing authority shall cause the utility services with the Livonia Utility System to be discontinued until sewer connection is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.* Motion was seconded by Ms. LeJeune. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Davidson, Jarreau, LeJeune, Meche, Pourciau

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution was offered by Ms. LeJeune selecting The Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Journal for the town for a term of one year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson and carried.

B. A Resolution was offered by Mr. Meche to adopt the amended 2016 Budget of Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. LeJeune and carried.

C. A Resolution was offered by Mr. Pourciau to approve and authorize Mayor Chustz to act on behalf of the town in all matters pertaining to the Livonia Signage Enhancement Project. Motion was seconded by Ms. LeJeune and carried.

AWARD BID ON SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

There were no sealed bids submitted for the sale of the John Deere 10ft. clipper.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Mr. Tony Arikol

On behalf of Mr. Arikol, Mr. Chris Hart reported the LCDBG sewer grant project began today on Bergeron Street.

MAYOR'S REPORT-Troy Chustz

The generators for sewer lift stations are being installed and should be completed next week.

Cenla Environmental is getting quotes to have the sludge in the town's sewer tank pumped out and hauled off.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upon recommendation by Mayor Chustz, a motion was made by Mr. Meche to appoint Attorney Jeremy LaCombe as Court Magistrate with a salary of \$300 per month. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jarreau and carried.

Upon recommendation by Mayor Chustz, a motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to appoint Attorney Steve Marionneaux as Court Prosecutor with a salary of \$300 per month. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jarreau and carried.

The appointments will be on a three month trial basis to determine if everyone is satisfied with these appointments.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of May, 493 citations were issued with 34 warnings. Twelve arrests were made, 1 DUI, 3 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 114 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$51,047.

- Crime rate has skyrocketed. Several burglaries around the parish with one being in Livonia. Burglaries are happening in the daytime.
- The Livonia Junior Police Program graduation will be held Friday, June 24th at 10:30 a.m. Chief thanked local businesses for supporting this program. Fifteen cadets will be graduating.
- Congratulations to Mr. George Miller who originated the idea and followed through on the Veteran's Monument in New Roads. It is a beautiful monument to honor all military veterans in Pointe Coupee Parish.

Public Works Department - Public Works Director Ricky David

A pump is out at one of the sewer lift stations and has been sent off to be repaired.

Drainage Department – Council Member Glenn Meche

- The culverts along Church Street at St. Francis Cabrini Church were collapsed in several places so they had to be exposed to unblock the drainage. Waiting on a response from the church as to whether they want to replace them or leave the ditch open.
- Achee’s Automotive has culverts to be installed along Perkins Street.
- Need to verify there are no culverts along Richfield Drive behind Family Dollar Store and remedy the blockage issue.
- Would like the Public Works Director to check into the cost of renting a water blaster to unblock culverts.

Gas/Beautification Department – Council Member Barbara LeJeune

Three abandoned vehicles were addressed and moved last month.

Street Department – Council Member Warren Pourciau

Pointe Coupee Police Jury will assist with their dozer to scrape Westfield Drive and the town will then put the limestone.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 8:38 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. LeJeune and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

TROY CHUSTZ, MAYOR