

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**June 12, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 12, 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

CANADIATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE – Mr. Lonny Guidroz

Mr. Guidroz introduced himself and announced his candidacy for District Judge.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Richard Paleki – Norwood Street – inquired about the completion and clean-up of the road rehabilitation project on Norwood Street.

He was informed that Pointe Coupee Police Jury and the contractor for the project is trying to come to an agreement to get issues with this project completed to satisfaction. Until then everything is on hold.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried, to approve and publish the minutes as corrected from the regular meeting on May 8, 2017.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried, to approve the treasurer’s report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

2016 AUDIT REPORT

Town Auditors, Mr. Jacob Waguespack and Mr. Scott Lazarone from the firm Faulk & Winkler, LLC, presented the audit report for 2016. Audit report will be submitted to the La. Legislative Auditor’s Office by the deadline.

ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Mark Barrios, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, stated a Public Hearing was held on May 16, 2017, in regards to an amendment to the mobile home age ordinance.

The Commission recommended allowing the owner of an existing rental mobile home to replace it with an upgrade that maybe older than eight years old, if the town council or members chosen by the council, approves. The upgrade must be considered a significant improvement over the mobile home being replaced. Approval or denial must be prompt, preferably within 24 hours of the petitioner sending pictures or video evidence of the condition of the mobile home. Pictures of the mobile home to be replaced along with pictures of the requested replacement mobile home must be sent.

After much deliberation and to allow time for more research, a motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to table a decision by the Council until the next council meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

RESOLUTION – OFFICIAL JOURNAL

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau to select the Pointe Coupee Banner as the Official Municipal Journal for the town for a term of one year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

AWARD CONTRACTS

TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS - A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Wayne Torres Construction - \$41,878. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

TWO ROAD BORES FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS – A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Steib’s Dozer - \$5,650. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

NATURAL GAS GENERATOR FOR POLICE STATION 2 - – A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to award the contract to the lowest bidder, New Roads Gen-Set - \$14,646. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of May, 352 citations were issued with 10 warnings. Eleven arrests were made, 1 DUI arrest, 8 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 127 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$46,550.

- Chief Joffrion recommended hiring Mr. Evan Doucet as a part-time police officer. Motion by Mr. G. Jarreau to accept recommendation, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.
- The Junior Police Academy recently began with approximately 30 participants per day. Police Officer Ned Tolliver is the primary instructor.
- Chief inquired about the replacement of speed bumps on the streets. Mayor stated that the road rehabilitation contractor is responsible for installing them and with the current problems regarding the newly paved roads; it may cause an issue if the town installs them.
- Chief suggested to Council to adopt an ordinance regulating rental property in regards to tenants causing problems which requires a police officer to respond. His suggestion was that after a certain total of calls were made to the police department regarding problems with the tenants, the landlord would be responsible to correct the problem. If problem is not corrected, the landlord may not be granted an Occupational License for the following year.

Public Works Department – Public Works Director Ricky David

Having issues with the floats at the Glaser Street sewer lift station.

The Summer Youth Program has begun and is working out very well.

The gas certification classes were completed last week.

The sewer lift station generator start-ups are currently being completed by ARCCO.

Council Member James Bergeron - Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

Culverts have been cleaned out on LeBeau and Norwood Streets, and in Richfield Subdivision. Two culverts were changed out. Perkins Street and certain areas of Glaser Street ditches are in need of cleaning.

One abandoned vehicle on Glaser Street has been removed by owner and the second one will be removed by town.

Council Member Greg Jarreau - Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures

Letter will be served to Dale Bergeron, 8693 Glaser Street, giving him 15 days to have all junk removed and grass cut on his property.

Last week when a certain section of town was without water due to a main water line repair, a few customers experienced discolored water when it was turned back on. Mr. Jarreau suggested reminding customers in the notification call that goes out that this may happen.

Will make a recommendation at a later date concerning the issue of the absence of physical addresses on homes, businesses, etc.

Council Member Terry Jarreau - Grass Department

Several letters have gone out to the landowners who are in violation of the grass cutting ordinance.

The baseball tournament held this past weekend at Glaser's Park was nice and well attended. Several compliments were given on the park. There were issues with lack of available parking and lighting in some areas.

Council Member Ron LeBlanc – Sewer

An update was given regarding the Personal Time Off leave being proposed. Final draft will be presented at the next meeting.

Council Member Warren Pourciau – Streets

Will get with Police Juror Kurt Jarreau regarding the installation of the speed bumps and the problems on Norwood Street as discussed earlier.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Rhett Pourciau

J.M. Exploration has received the agreement between them and the Town regarding their responsibility of repairing the streets if damaged by them during drilling and production. They are in the process of making amendments to the agreement for town approval.

The change order has been sent for DOTD's approval regarding the J-Turns on US HWY 190. Meeting with Grant Specialist John Chumba on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:
DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR