

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**June 11, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 11, 2018, 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,
Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: Council Member Ron LeBlanc

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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 May 14, 2018.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

RENAMING OF US HWY 190

Ms. Melody Miletello reported that after two years of hard work by many the renaming of US HWY 190 to Lawrence Russo Memorial Highway has been approved and finalized. The signs should go up at the corporate limits of Livonia within the next week. Everyone will be notified when the dedication ceremony will be held.

SPILLWAY COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mark Greene addressed the Mayor and Council reporting the upgrades being made to the internet service provided by Spillway Communications. He added that although the amount of speed has increased in each package, the price remained the same.

AWARD BID ON CULVERTS

Quotes were obtained for the purchase of culverts for the Church Street culvert replacement project. The lowest quote received was from Coburn's Baton Rouge - \$25,968.75.

Motion was made by Mr. Pouricaud to award the contract to Coburns. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ENGINEERS' REPORT – Mr. Greg Gautreaux – Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation (PEC)

Mr. Gautreaux stated that Southern Underground of LA is in the process of getting their paperwork prepared for the LA HWY 78 water line improvement project. The pre-construction meeting will then be held.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of May, 591 citations were issued with 19 warnings. Six arrests were made, 5 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 113 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$58,212.

- Last month a surplus equipment resolution was passed to sell the 2010 Tahoe to Opelousas Police Department. The City of Opelousas has been nonresponsive to calls requesting the vehicle be picked up until last week. The Mayor of Opelousas stated that the purchase is up for approval at their Council Meeting on June 12. He would then pick-up the vehicle.
After discussing this further a motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to give Opelousas Police Department until June 15, 2018, to make the purchase. In the event this did not happen, the town would then sell it to another interested political entity at the same price. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.
- The Jr. Police Summer Program will begin on July 9, 2018, through August 3, 2018, at the Livonia Community Center.

Council Member James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

Mr. Keith Davidson, 3480 Cooley Street, applied for a permit to add 30 feet of culverts with a catch basin at his property along Cooley Street. Mr. Bergeron was concerned about placing the culverts because of the past issues with flooding east of the property along Cooley and on Glaser Street.

After discussing the flooding issue in that area further, Council agreed to have PEC survey the area where the culverts are to be installed. If PEC's survey can prove that the culvert installation Mr. Davidson requested will not cause flooding, the installation would then be approved.

In regards to the right-of-way agreements from the property owners on the north and south sides of the canal that runs parallel between BMG Drive and LeBeau Street; after speaking with some of the property owners, not all are in agreement to allow equipment on their property to clean the canal. Will continue to find a solution to get the canal cleaned.

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

Will proceed at the next council meeting with a recommendation to condemn the building at the corner of LA HWY 77 and US HWY 190 owned by the Guerin Estate.

The abandoned Grimmer house on Maringouin Rd. West will be torn down soon.

Council Member Terry Jarreau – Grass and Baseball Program

There is one residence with overgrown grass that the town is in the process of completing the notification requirements. The owner has until June 19, 2018, to cut it or the town will do so.

Three other tall grass areas are being addressed.

In regards to the baseball program, Mr. Paul Armand reported that Southside Rec will be having a banquet for the players on June 27th. Future activities are in the planning stage and will have an update next month.

Public Works – Public Works Director Ricky David

- A tree limb fell at Glaser's Park and damaged the fence and a pavilion. Brian Torres Contractors will be doing the repairs on the pavilion.
- Having sewer issues on Perkins Street. An eight-inch belly was discovered in the sewer line that crossed under the street which caused sewer backup. Also, a huge amount of

solid grease was extracted from the pipe. Working on a solution to remedy the grease issue.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Rhett Pourciau

An ordinance was adopted in March 2018 regarding culvert applications/permitting. A question arose recently that calls for clarification as to whether the \$50 permitting fee pertains to new culvert installation and replacing existing culverts, or for new culvert installation only.

After discussing the intent of the ordinance and fee, it was agreed upon that the intent of the fee was for new culvert installation only.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC