

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on June 14, 2021, at 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, Henry Watson
ABSENT: Council Member Warren Pourciau

AGENDA AMENDMENT

A motion to amend the agenda was made by Mr. LeBlanc to include State Representative Jeremy LaCombe in reference to the highlights of the recent legislative session, and a request to subdivide property owned by Jalaram Corporation. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Council Members Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Henry Watson
ABSENT: Council Member Warren Pourciau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on May 10, 2021.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

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

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to approve the invoices for payment from Livonia Auto Repair. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and Mr. G. Jarreau abstained. Motion carried.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH 911 COMMUNICATION CENTER

On behalf of Sheriff Rene’ Thibodeaux, Chief Deputy Brad Joffrion and Lt. Carla Jack, presented the budget for the P.C. Communication Center for fiscal year July 2020 through June 2021. The \$922,697 budget has a revenue shortfall of \$631,697. The shortfall revenues are expected to come from Pointe Coupee Parish Government, the Hospital District, the P.C. Sheriff’s Office, all incorporated municipalities in the parish, along with the 5 fire districts. The Town of Livonia is expected to pay \$15,829 towards this shortfall for the fiscal year.

2021 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – STATE REPRESENTATIVE JEREMY LACOMBE

Representative LaCombe gave an update on several bills that were passed and amended in the recent legislative session. He explained one major change is the governor’s plan to take out the bills that were included in HB2 for water projects and fund those with the Federal Cares Act. Funds.

REQUEST TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY

Jalaram Corporation requested permission to resubdivide 4.15 acres along US Highway 190 into Lots BJ-1 and JC-1 with a variance. The variance is due to the property not fronting on a public street. A 20 ft. servitude of passage will be included in the resubdivision of the property.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau to approve the request with the variance as described. Motion carried unanimously.

MILLAGE TAX 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by TOWN OF LIVONIA, LOUISIANA: MILLAGE General Alimony Tax **4.83** mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law. The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Watson NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: Pourciau

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDING SECTION 10:22 OF THE CODE RELATIVE TO WATER RATES

Mayor Pourciau opened the hearing on the above-referenced proposed ordinance. No public input was made therefore the hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to adopt an ordinance amending Section 10.22 of the Code of Ordinances Relative to Water Rates and Fees for Livonia Utility System. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Landon Landry

In May, 367 citations were issued with 13 warnings. Four traffic accidents/incidents were worked and 51 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$69,038.

A letter was received from the Municipal Police Employment Retirement System (MPERS) that the system erroneously placed the department in partial dissolution over the loss of police officers before the end of June 2020. The second review by the system and many conversations with several people relative to this saved the department \$559,245.

Part-time police officer Jordan Cannon resigned.

The department received four Angel Armor bulletproof vests at no cost to the department due to the generous efforts made by former Baton Rouge Police Chief Pat Englade, founder of the Capital Area Law Enforcement Foundation. These vests cost up to \$2,300 each. The department is very appreciative of Mr. Englade for these much-needed vests.

Drainage and Junk – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Have been working on alleviating several drainage issues along Freneaux, Perkins, LeJeune, Church, and Thorpe Streets.

Researching the exact servitudes along the canal that runs between the properties of LeBeau Street and BMG Drive in order to get the equipment in to clean canal.

Sewer and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Henry Watson

Currently addressing complaints on abandoned vehicles. Speaking with the owners to promote compliance. Four abandoned vehicles have been removed.

Complaints on limbs not being picked up by the parish contractor were addressed.

Public works and Utilities – Public Works Director/Operator Ricky David

It's been a busy month with drainage, sewer, and water issues along with many utility line locates for Star Communications.

The blower motor at the sewer plant went out and has been sent off to be repaired.

The main panel switch on the water well in Richfield Subdivision went out.

The rain is causing problems with getting the grass cut in the canals and ditches.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC