

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

March 11, 2019

6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 11, 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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried to approve the minutes as corrected from the regular meeting on February 11, 2019.

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. Budget-to-actual was included in council meeting correspondence for review and comments.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment. Council Member Greg Jarreau recused himself from voting on the approval of the payment to Livonia Auto Repair per ethic requirements.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of February, 480 citations were issued with 29 warning. Nine arrests were made, 1 traffic accident/incident was worked, and 79 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$46,470.

Chief Joffrion stated that 66 officers from 12 different agencies assisted with the town's Mardi Gras security.

POINTE COUPEE PARISH MOSQUITO ABATMENT PROPOSAL

Parish Councilman Kurt Jarreau gave a report on the contract recently entered into with Mosquito Control Services, LLC for the parish's mosquito abatement program and recommended the town consider being included also to reap all the benefits the contract provides. Council agreed to study the proposal.

Mr. Jarreau also gave a report on the new garbage company, Pelican Waste Services, which will begin collecting garbage April 1, 2019, in the parish. He also commented on the parish road rehabilitation program and addressed certain drainage issues in Livonia.

RESOLUTION – Adopting 2018 MWPP Audit Report

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau adopting the completed Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Audit Report for year 2018 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and Resolved.

RESOLUTION – Surplus Property

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau to deem the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property and to dispose of it by sale to Krotz Springs Police Department for \$6,500. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and Resolved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - Continued

Water, Gas, and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Greg Jarreau

Due to regulations by the Office of Pipeline Safety, the town should not go into someone's home or building to light their gas appliances when gas service is turned on. Customer or designee must be present when gas service is turned on. This will be added to the town's natural gas policy and procedures and presented at the next council meeting for approval.

Mr. Stephen Bergeron is requesting limestone in the driveway on his property that leads to the town's gas regulator station. Will contact the Cypress Gas Company to get assistance with this.

Grass– Council Member Terry Jarreau

Nine letters going out to the property owners who are noncompliant with their grass.

Glaser's Park – Mr. Paul Armond

Mr. Armond reported that 95 children have registered with Southside Rec this year. He requested the council's approval to allow Southside Rec to request donations on behalf of the Town of Livonia from local businesses. The funds will go towards the materials and installation of lighting on the fields at Glaser's Park along with improvements to the park. Southside Rec would also like to revamp the fence line sign advertisement program. Council agreed to both requests.

Sewer – Council Member Ron LeBlanc

The chlorinator injectors were recently reworked at the sewer plant and the water wells.

Streets – Council Member Warren Pourciau

Continuing to patch potholes. Will stay in contact with Pointe Coupee Parish Council on getting the worst streets overlaid when the project begins.

Council agreed to have a street light installed at the intersection of Bridge Road and LA HWY 77.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Upon recommendation by Mayor Pourciau, Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to purchase a 2019 ¾ ton 4 wheel-drive pickup truck for the utility and street department under state contract. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the 51st Anniversary of the National Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, during the month of April, is an occasion for all Americans – individually and collectively – to rededicate themselves to the principle of freedom from housing discrimination whenever it exists; and

WHEREAS, this law guarantees for each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home; and

WHEREAS, a fair housing law has been passed by the state of Louisiana, and implementation of the law requires the positive commitment, involvement, and support of each of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the department and agencies of the state of Louisiana are to provide leadership in the effort to make fair housing not just an idea, but an ideal for all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, barriers that diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen to freely choose a home will ultimately diminish the rights and limit the options of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rhett Pourciau, Mayor of the Town of Livonia, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019, as Fair Housing Month in the Town of Livonia.

In witness thereof, I have here unto set my hand officially and caused the seal of the Town of Livonia to be affixed on this 11th day of March 2019.

Mayor called a special meeting for March 19th to discuss the natural gas rate study.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC