

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**March 9, 2020**

**6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 9, 2020, 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

**AMEND AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend the agenda to include the adoption of a proposed ordinance relative to weeds and noxious growths – notice to remove. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on February 10, 2020, and the special meeting on February 19, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the treasurer’s report. Budget-to-actual was included in the correspondence for review and comments.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

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

**POINTE COUPEE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD MILLAGE TAX PROPOSAL**

Pointe Coupee Parish School Board Superintendent Kim Canezaro and Chief Financial Officer Stephen Langlois gave a short presentation on the financial issues of the parish school system and the importance of the 9.5 mill tax proposal that will be brought before the voters on May 9, 2020. If the tax proposal passes, 4.5 mills would go to salary increases, 2.5 mills to transportation, 1.0 for maintenance, 1.0 for infrastructure, and the remaining .5 for technology. Should the millage not pass the board will have hard decisions to make regarding cutting expenditures since there will be a huge deficit at year-end.

**REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL – 3493 Church Street**

Mr. Richard Plauche requested the council’s approval to change his property at 3493 Church Street to rental. All required adjacent property owners had no objection per documents presented.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve the request to change the property to rental. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

## **2020 Census Presentation – Ms. Alison Bates**

Absent

### **A Resolution affirming support of and partnership with the 2020 Census.**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United State of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for the Town of Livonia to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Livonia is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

**WHEREAS**, federal and state funding is allocated to communities and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and much more;

**WHEREAS**, census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

**WHEREAS**, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment:

**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law;

**WHEREAS**, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our citizens;

**Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that** the Town of Livonia is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the State of Louisiana and will:

1. Supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information.
2. Asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
3. Encourages citizens in the Town of Livonia to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation among all populations.
4. Support census takers as they help our Town complete an accurate count.
5. Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders.

The above Resolution was offered by Ron LeBlanc, seconded by Warren Pourciau, and Resolved. The following votes were recorded:

YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bergeron

**WHEREUPON, the presiding officer declared the Resolution adopted on this 9th day of March 2020.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY**

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the recommendation to condemn a mobile home owned by Ms. Desirae Galtier at 8539 Galtier Street.

Ms. Galtier nor anyone to represent her was present, therefore, Mayor Pourciau closed the hearing.

Mr. G. Jarreau stated that he inspected the property before the meeting and the mobile home was torn down but not all material was hauled off. He then made a motion to change the condemnation of the mobile home to a junk violation. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Relative to Weeds and Noxious Growth**

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance to change the number of days required to comply with the weed and noxious growth ordinance. There were no comments, therefore the public hearing was closed.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE – Relative to Weeds and Noxious Growth**

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 24, Section 24.5 (A) and (B) of the Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Bergeron  
ABSTAIN: None Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

***Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion***

In February, 269 citations were issued with 20 warnings. Six arrests were made, 5 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 42 complaints were answered. One fatality at the traffic light on Highway 190. Fines collected for the month were \$49,160. Fifty-five officers from 10 agencies assisted with the Mardi-Gras parade last month.

***Public Works – Director Ricky David***

- The contractors completed the water line bayou crossing and a fire hydrant was installed on LA HWY 77.
- Office of Pipeline Safety completed the gas inspection last month. All went well.
- The main waterline upgrade will begin this week on LA Hwy. 78.
- There is a drainage issue on the corner of LA Hwy. 78 and Vallet Street. Culverts along Vallet Street must be dug up to allow proper drainage. Cypress knees are pushing through the catch basin. Drainage Commissioner James Bergeron was notified of this and should be addressing it.

**AMEND AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to amend the agenda to include addressing the abandoned K-9 dog pen at former K9 Officer Gaudet’s location. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Pourciau stated that the abandoned K-9 dog pen in Maringouin is no longer of use to the Town of Livonia. West Baton Rouge Sheriff’s Office is interested in getting it.

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to donate the dog pen to West Baton Rouge Sheriff’s Office. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

**RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR**

**DONNA BERGERON, MMC**