

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on March 8, 2021, at the Livonia Community Center, 3611 Lions Club Drive, 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 Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Warren Pourciau, Henry Watson
ABSENT: Council Member Greg Jarreau

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on February 8, 2021.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Watson, 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. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment including Livonia Auto Repair. Mr. G. Jarreau would have abstained but was absent.

PRESENTATION – Livonia High School and Stem Academy

Livonia High School Biology teacher, Mr. Mark Zwiag, Stem Academy’s Biology teacher, Ms. Jennifer Bollich, and several students gave a brief presentation about a project they started several months ago regarding the monitoring of saltwater intrusion in our Southern Hills aquifer. Samsung has awarded them with the National Semi-Finalist status being top 75 in over thousands of entries and a \$15,000 credit for much-needed school supplies.

Public Works Director and Water Operator, Mr. Ricky David, gave the students access to the town’s water well while giving a presentation on how the water is tested, stored in the water tower, and how often the pump has to operate to keep the tower full. The students will use this information in a video to be presented for the national finals competition.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution was offered by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and Resolved to recognize the week of April 5 through April 9, 2021, as National Community Development Week and to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Program.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. Watson, and Resolved to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented for the 2020 audit of the town’s accounts.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance declaring certain moveable property as surplus. There were no comments therefore the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried to adopt the ordinance declaring certain property as surplus property owned by the Town of Livonia. Roll call taken resulted as follows:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Landon Landry

In February, 501 citations were issued with 29 warnings. One traffic accident/incident was worked and 70 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$43,087.

Chief Landry reported the department received a letter from the Municipal Police Retirement System regarding what they refer to as a potential partial dissolution of the Livonia police department as it appeared on June 30, 2020, with 5 members in the retirement system as opposed to 8 that were members as of June 30, 2019. The financial consequences and the options to avoid this were reported. This issue has been verified with the retirement system and a meeting is scheduled with Senator Rick Ward and State Representative Jeremy LaCombe this week to discuss this law. More information will be provided next month.

Drainage and Junk Department – Council Member Terry Jarreau

After a meeting with Parish Council Member Kurt Jarreau and Council Member Ron LeBlanc, regarding 3 adjacent properties that are holding water between Selma Street and Glaser Street, a recommendation was made by Mr. Kurt Jarreau for the town to get servitude from Mr. Curtis Cates to allow Pointe Coupee Parish Government to dig a small trench along Mr. Curtis Cates property line on Selma Street to the ditch at the road.

After discussing this further and advice from town attorney Steve Marionneaux, Council felt this was a matter the town didn't feel was legally feasible.

Street and Water Department – Council Member Warren Pourciau

Mr. Pourciau received a request for a street light from Ms. Cathy LeBeau and made a motion to add a street light on the pole between 8391 and 8417 LeBeau. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Rhett Pourciau

Mayor stated that Mrs. DeEtte Leonard decided it was best not to have the Easter egg hunt again this year due to Covid.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC