

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 9, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 2016, in the Livonia Council Chambers, 3111 LA Hwy. 78, Livonia, Louisiana. Mayor Troy Chustz called the meeting to order and directed Town Clerk Donna Bergeron to call the roll. Roll call taken resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members Keith Davidson, Terry Jarreau, Barbara LeJeune, Glenn Meche, and Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried, to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on April 11, 2016.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau, seconded by Ms. LeJeune, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

SERVICE AWARD

Mayor Chustz recognized Utility Clerk Lynn Drago for 20 years of service to the Town of Livonia. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Drago for her loyalty and dedication.

U.S. HIGHWAY 190 PROPOSED NAME CHANGE TO LAWRENCE RUSSO MEMORIAL HWY

Mrs. Melodie Miletello stated that she made a request to Senator Rick Ward to have U.S. Hwy. 190 in the corporate limits of Livonia changed to Lawrence Russo Memorial Hwy. in honor of the first Mayor of Livonia and asked for the Town's support. After researching and submitting requested information to Senator Ward, the highway name will be changed on May 18, 2016, and the sign unveiling will be held at a later date.

REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL – Ms. Dorothy Smith Decker

Ms. Dorothy Decker requested approval from the Council to change the property located at 8553 Newfield Drive to rental property. All requirements have been met regarding the approval with at least 75% of the adjacent property owners.

A motion was made by Mr. Meche to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson and carried.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Mr. Davidson introduced an ordinance amending Section 10 of the Code relative to sewer. The amendment includes the following: *If there has been no compliance with the requirements of this chapter within 60 days of receipt of notice, the governing authority shall cause the utility services with the Livonia Utility System to be discontinued until sewer connection is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.* Motion was seconded by Mr. Meche and approved. Public hearing will be held at the next regular meeting prior to consideration of adoption.

RESOLUTION – Community Water Enhancement Fund (CWEF)

A resolution was offered by Ms. LeJeune to apply to CWEF for grant funding for water line improvements along LA HWY 78 and to authorize Mayor Chustz to sign on behalf of the Town of Livonia to enter into any and all contractual obligations regarding this grant. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Jason Chauvin of Chauvin Rentals, asked questions about certain restrictions and regulations of the town.

ENGINEER’S REPORT – Mr. Tony Arikol

The LCDBG sewer grant project should begin next week on Bergeron Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Davidson to authorize Mr. Arikol to get quotes for the two LGAP grant sewer projects and the CWEF water line improvements, and to authorize Mayor Chustz to award the contract. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jarreau and carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT-Troy Chustz

The LMA Convention will be held in Alexandria this year.

The regular council meeting for June will be rescheduled for June 20, 2016.

Generators for sewer lift stations are in and will be installed soon.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of April, 313 citations were issued with 32 warnings. Ten arrests were made, 1 DUI, 3 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 110 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$60,340.

Fire Department – Council Member Keith Davidson

The department answered 30 calls in April 2016, of which most were medical emergencies.

Public Works Department - Public Works Director Ricky David

Had mechanical problems with the boom mower and the fifteen-foot clipper. Both have been repaired and are back in service.

The sewer plant is running more efficiently now since the water line has been run to it.

Drainage Department – Council Member Glenn Meche

The catch basins on the Okelousas canal were relined but still having erosion issues with one of them.

Council agreed that any culverts that must be removed from town right-of-way by the town due to restriction of drainage must be replaced at the owner’s expense.

Gas/Beautification Department – Council Member Barbara LeJeune

Landowner has taken no action regarding the tall grass, weeds, and debris at the Stanley Dardenne Estate located at 3102 Fordoche Road. Town will either clean up the property or hire someone to do it.

Ms. LeJeune reported the Pointe Coupee Council on Aging would like to begin a program in this area to serve warm lunches to the elderly, but will need use of the Livonia Community Center to do so if funding became available. Council approved to allow the use of the Community Center for this program if funded.

Street Department – Council Member Warren Pourciau

Westfield Drive will be scraped before limestone is put on road.

The one-way on Westfield Drive will not be enforced until August 2016.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Meche and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

TROY CHUSTZ, MAYOR