

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 8, 2017
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 8, 2017, 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. Roll call taken resulted as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members James Bergeron, Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, and Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: None

PROCLAMATION – HONORING BRADLEY GUEHO

Nelson Bradley Gueho, who was recently named as one of our state's top honorees in the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, exemplifies the value of volunteer community service, and is a role model to other youths as well as adults in our community.

Bradley, a senior at Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee, led a project to open up a food bank at the fire station on the south end of Pointe Coupee Parish. This project involved finding a location, constructing an 8x10x9 foot room, and holding a food drive to stock it. He's worked with Police Chief Brad Joffrion to keep it stocked and maintained.

As Mayor of Livonia, and on behalf of the Town, Mayor Pourciau presented a plaque to Nelson Bradley Gueho, our Prudential Spirit of Community Award honoree, for his outstanding volunteer contribution to others and our community.

And, in honor of this achievement, Mayor Pourciau proclaimed Monday, May 8, 2017, as the Nelson Bradley Gueho/Prudential Spirit of Community Recognition Day in Livonia.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. W. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on April 10, 2017.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and carried to enter into an agreement between the Town of Livonia and BRAC Water Services, LLC to contract with each other to combine the use of labor, property, operative personnel and equipment as may be mutually agreed to by each party for the purpose of serving the public with greater economy and efficiency in the operation of local services.

STREET WEIGHT LIMIT WAIVER – Mr. Joey Landry

A request from JM Exploration Company, Inc. was discussed last month regarding a weight limit waiver for Newfield Drive to access the property for drilling. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to grant the waiver with the following conditions: a preconstruction video must be done of the streets, purchase a \$250,000 bond to include damages to streets, water, gas and sewer lines, all street repairs must be done with dustless material during and after drilling ceases, include Richfield Drive along with Newfield Drive, town must approve street repairs contractor, and town engineer to inspect road conditions at driller's cost.

ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Upon recommendation by Mayor Pourciau, a motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried to appoint Mr. Paul Armond to the Zoning Commission.

SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

A request was made by Mr. Joseph Cashio, Jr. to subdivide Lot 1 into Lots 1-A and 1-A-1 with a variance on Tiger Street. The variance would be that Lot 1-A would not front on a public street but a right-of-way of passage would allow access from Lot 1-A to the street through Lot 1-A-1.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and carried to approve the request with the variance.

AWARD CONTRACT ON TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

Three quotes were received for the town hall renovations. Due to lack of a copy of license and insurance coverage, Attorney Marionneaux suggested to reject all bids and rebid project. Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to reject all bids and rebid. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to allow Mayor Pourciau to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder up to \$40,000 after all quotes were received. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ENGINEERS' REPORT - Mr. Greg Gautreaux

Mr. Gautreaux reported that Mr. Cameron LeCoq's original drainage issue has been completed by sewer contractor, Mitchell Contracting. Mr. LeCoq has recently added that he has an issue with another drain. After discussing the issue further, a motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to accept the project as completed and remit the \$8,000 retainage to Mitchell Contracting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Evan Doucet

Forty-seven calls were answered last month, with 1 being a fire due to a pot left on stove, two 18-wheeler trucks on fire, and 2 fatalities.

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of April, 119 citations were issued with 11 warnings. Four arrests were made, 11 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 98 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$46,638.

- Officer John Gaudet was involved in an accident while patrolling last month. He had no injuries but the K-9 was injured. Unit was totaled.
- This accident leaves 3 units totaled within the last month. One new Tahoe was budgeted for 2017 which has been purchased and will be in service soon. Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff Torres generously donated a 2014 fully equipped Tahoe to the department. Another new unit is needed of which the insurance settlement

should cover the cost. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to purchase a 2017 Tahoe.

- There were two fatalities on U.S. Hwy 190 last month. Similar to previous fatalities where driver was stopped to make a left turn were rear ended, and pushed into oncoming traffic.
- Police Station 2 is in need of a natural gas generator. Portable generator is currently being used but with all the activity that goes on at PD2 during an electrical outage, a natural gas generator would work much better.

Public Works Department – Public Works Director Ricky David

Water – Two main line leaks were repaired.

Gas – Two gas meters were run over.

Sewer – Stayed busy running the sewer lift stations and water wells during the power outage last weekend. Electrician will be here next week to connect the generators to the lift stations which will run the lift stations during a power outage.

Council Member James Bergeron - Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

Three culverts on LeBeau Street need to be lowered to allow water to flow properly.

Letters are being served regarding abandoned vehicles.

Council Member Greg Jarreau - Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures

Mr. Jarreau thanked Ricky David, Robert Otremba, and Shane Pickett for the excellent job handling the water wells and sewer lift stations after the tornado recently. He also thanked Chief Joffrion and the police department for working the US HWY 190 at Highways 78 and 77 intersections due to the traffic lights being out.

Quotes were received on a roll-off dumpster and disposal. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to discontinue the roll-off dumpster/disposal service from Waste Management and contract with Kent Services for the dumpster and Waste Management for disposal. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

Council Member Terry Jarreau - Grass Department

Currently addressing 4 properties with tall grass.

Twelve teams are using the baseball fields at Glaser's Park to practice.

Mr. Ronnie Bonaventure made a counter-offer of 20% of profit for the rental of Glaser's Park on May 20th thru 21st for a fundraising tournament for Fordoche's ballpark. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to approve the rental fee of 20% of the profit. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to purchase a 22 cubic ft. freezer for the concession stand at Glaser's Park from Affordable Furniture for \$435. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

Council Member Ron LeBlanc – Sewer

There is one sewer hook-up left on Bergeron Street. Resident is waiting on contractor.

An update was given regarding the Personal Time Off leave being proposed. More committee meetings will be held and revisions will be needed before final presentation.

Council Member Warren Pourciau – Streets

According to Police Juror Kurt Jarreau the Jury is not sure at this time if the same contractor that has been doing the road rehabilitation in the parish will continue or another contractor will take over to finish the streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Rhett Pourciau

Ms. Denise Jarreau inquired about using the pavilion at Glaser's Park to teach yoga classes on Saturday mornings. A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to allow the use at a rental fee of \$25 per session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR