

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 14, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 2018, 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 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. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Pourciau, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on April 9, 2018.

**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.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

**MR. BRENT BEAUVAIS**

Mr. Beauvais questioned the council about certain land for sale and what the restrictions would be if he purchased it. Mayor Pourciau informed him that the property is outside corporate limits of Livonia; therefore, he would need to refer his questions to Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury.

**RESOLUTIONS**

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau adopting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for October 1, 2015, thru September 30, 2016. Mr. LeBlanc seconded the motion and the resolution passed.

**REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPERTY TO RENTAL**

Ms. Crystal Westfall requested to change her property to rental at 3020 LA HWY 77. One-hundred percent of the adjacent property owners agreed to the change.

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

**2017 AUDIT REPORT**

Auditor's Jacob Waguespack and Lloyd Johnson from the firm Faulk & Winkler, LLC, presented the audit report for 2017. The audit report will be submitted to La. Legislative Auditor's Office by the deadline.

**AWARD BID ON SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Bids were received by, and opened on May 9, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. for the sale of the used Vermeer boring rig with rods. One bid was received from Feliciano Welders, Inc. for \$5,000.

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to award the bid to Feliciana Welders, Inc. which was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

### **SOUTHSIDE REC UPDATE – Mr. Paul Armand**

Mr. Armand reported the first Southside Rec tournament was held the first weekend in May at Glaser’s Park. The tournament was very well supported and many compliments were received. There were 37 teams that participated. Mr. Armand thanked all that supported this event.

Mayor and council thanked everyone that is involved with this program and everyone that supported the tournament.

### **AWARD LA HWY 78 WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS BID**

Mr. Greg Gautreaux from Professional Engineering Consultants Corporation presented a list of the bids that were opened on May 8, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. and recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, Southern Underground of LA with a base bid of \$16,801.97 and additive alternate number one in the amount of \$12,600.00 for a total of \$29,401.97.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to award the bid to Southern Underground of LA as recommended by Mr. Gautreaux. The motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

The project will be funded with a grant in the amount of \$45,000 from LGAP and CWEF. A change order to extend the water line further will be included to expend all the grant funds.

### **ENGINEERS’ REPORT – Mr. Greg Gautreaux**

After assessing the sewage smell issue at 8751 BMG Drive, as reported in last month’s meeting, it was determined that there is nothing that can be done in the sewer outflow ditch that would remedy the problem.

Livonia Public Works Director Ricky David stated that his department was able to move some of the sewer sludge further down the ditch which enabled the culvert to drain. The property owner was satisfied with the results.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

During the month of April, 513 citations were issued with 7 warnings. Two arrests were made, 1 traffic accident/incident was worked, and 103 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$59,519.

- Traffic accidents are down since the J-turns on US HWY 190 have been completed.
- Chief recommended hiring Ms. Jordan Cannon as a part-time police officer and instructor for the Jr. Police Summer Program.

### **AGENDA AMENDMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau to add the recommendation by Chief Joffrion to hire a part-time police officer to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

- A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to hire Ms. Cannon as recommended by Chief Joffrion. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.
- Chief Joffrion stated that the new 2018 Tahoe was in service and the 2010 Tahoe was no longer needed by his department and recommended selling it to Opelousas Police Department for \$7,500.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to add a resolution to the agenda to declare the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus property. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION – Surplus Property**

A Resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau to declare the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe owned by the Town of Livonia as surplus property and to sell it to Opelousas Police Department at a cost of \$7,500.00. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

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

- It’s been a very busy month. Star Telephone is running fiber optic cable from Lottie to Torbert on US HWY 190. Because of that, the department has been steadily locating the town’s water and gas lines.
- The manual transfer switch is out at the water well on Bouquet Street. Estimates were received from Hollier Electrical Service to either replace manual transfer switch or get an automatic transfer switch.

**AGENDA AMENDMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend the agenda to discuss and approve the replacement of the faulty transfer switch at the Bouquet Street water well. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

- *Transfer switch continued* – Council went over the cost to replace the transfer switch. Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to change out switch at both wells with automatic transfer switches. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

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

There are two mobile homes owned by Chauvin Rentals that are being addressed. After speaking with the owner, the homes in question are in the process of either being torn down or possibly a controlled burn by fire department.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Culverts along Church Street**

After discussing the approximate total cost to change out the existing culverts along Church Street and the cost of replacing the catch basins if needed (\$30,000 total), a motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to proceed with the project. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury will help by using their equipment and operators to complete this project.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance amending Section 9 of the Code relative to Fire Prevention and Protection.

There were no comments, therefore the hearing was closed.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to adopt the ordinance amending Section 9 of the Code of Ordinances "Fire Prevention and Protection" and to provide further with respect thereto. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

**RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR**

**DONNA BERGERON, MMC**