

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 13, 2019**

**6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 13, 2019, 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 James Bergeron, Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc,  
Warren Pourciau

**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on April 8, 2019.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried, to approve the treasurer's report. Budget-to-actual was included in council meeting correspondence for review and comments.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

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

**GRASS ORDINANCE VIOLATION – Mr. Billy Circello**

Mr. Circello addressed the council concerning his frustration with his neighbor, Mr. Dario Macera, 3466 Gilbert Street, being in constant violation of the grass ordinance. He felt it is unacceptable that he has to complain each time to an elected official for it to be addressed.

Mayor and Council stated they are planning an amendment to the ordinance that would fine repeat offenders.

**CONDEMNATION OF GUERIN'S BAR – Council Member Greg Jarreau**

Mr. Jarreau stated that he spoke with Ms. Suzanne Bergeron concerning their lack of progress for the previously condemned building located at 8095 Airline Highway known as Guerin's Bar. Ms. Bergeron stated to Mr. Jarreau that the property is up for sale. Mr. Jarreau added that he informed Ms. Bergeron to be at this meeting because it would be addressed.

Since it was the decision of the council in a public hearing on September 10, 2018, to have the building demolished and removed, repaired, or sold by November 5, 2018, and neither has been done, Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to proceed with the demolition of the building. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried unanimously. Neither Ms. Suzanne Bergeron nor anyone representing the property was in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

A. Mayor Pourciau opened the **public hearing** on an amendment to Chapters 3-A and 3-B of the Code of Ordinances, consisting of Sections 3.7.15 and 3.41.7, to provide for sexual harassment prevention; and for related matters.

No comments or questions were made therefore the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc to **adopt** the amendments to Chapters 3-A and 3-B of the Code of Ordinances, consisting of Sections 3.7.15 and 3.41.7, to provide for sexual harassment prevention; and for related matters. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

B. Mayor Pourciau opened the **public hearing** on an amendment to Section 10.11 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Livonia relative to natural gas rates and fees for Livonia Utility System

No comments or questions were made therefore the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to **adopt** the amendment to Section 10.11 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Livonia relative to natural gas rates and fees for Livonia Utility System. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

During the month of April, 348 citations were issued with 15 warning. Five arrests were made with 1 being a DUI, 8 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 109 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$44,195.

- Chief Joffrion recommended the hourly rate charged for detail work by the officers' increase to \$30 to coincide with the other agencies. Motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to approve the rate increase, which was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried.
- Since more equipment was taken out of the 2012 Tahoe and used in the new 2019 Tahoe than originally planned, Chief recommended lowering the selling price to \$6,000. Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to accept the recommendation which was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.
- Motion was made to put limestone in the parking lot at Livonia Police Dept. #2 by Mr. Bergeron. Mr. Pourciau seconded the motion and motion carried.

### ***Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member James Bergeron***

Town drained fairly well after the six to seven-inch rainfall recently.

After a lengthy discussion on the issue with the collapsed driveway culvert at Mr. Henry Watson's, 8492 Newfield Drive, council decided since there are two culverts connected and only one is collapsed it would be beneficial to remove the collapsed culvert from the driveway and leave the good one for his driveway use.

Mayor Pourciau advised that he spoke with Pointe Coupee Parish Public Works Director Nathan Cobb regarding the issue on the Okelousas drainage canal that keeps eroding around the catch basins. Mr. Cobb will look into this further.

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

Mr. Jesse Kelly, 8600 Chauvin Lane #3, has another court date this month in reference to the violation of junk on his property. He has been removing some of the junk.

Mr. Dale Bergeron, 8693 Glaser Street, also has a court date this month in reference to the violation of junk on his property.

***Grass and Glaser's Park – Council Member Terry Jarreau***

Southside Rec will be hosting a ball tournament at Glaser's Park this Saturday and Sunday with 35 teams participating.

Twelve areas are in violation of the grass ordinance.

Will have an amendment ready next month to the grass ordinance that will fine repeat offenders beginning with the second violation in a twelve month period.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The following recommendations were made by Mayor Pourciau and carried as follows:

- A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to approve the appointment of Ms. Brandy G. Blanchard as magistrate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and approved.
- Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve a program called ticketesting.com to allow those with moving violations to take an online course. After completing the course their citation will be changed to a non-moving violation. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.
- Motion by Mr. G. Jarreau to proceed with the continuation of the water line improvements along LA HWY 78 with the grant funds from LGAP and CWF in the amount of \$35,475. Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

**ATTEST:**

**DONNA BERGERON, MMC**

**RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR**