

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, 2020, 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
ABSENT: Council Member Warren Pourciau

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend the agenda to include the discussion of the salary of the Chief of Police, beginning next term. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Steve Morgan made suggestions concerning any future electrical issues that may cause the water well pump motors to trip.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on March 9, 2020.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the treasurer's reports for March and April. Budget-to-actual was included in the correspondence for review and comments.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

A motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to approve the invoices from Livonia Auto Repair for payment. Mr. G. Jarreau abstained.

WAGE ISSUE – Police Officer Jordan Cannon

Officer Cannon addressed the Mayor and Council about issues she has with not receiving holiday time or PTO since their agreement in February. Mayor and Council explained to her that when she stated she wasn't interested in the benefits of a full-time officer but wanted the supplemental pay since she was only working a full shift until a replacement was found, an option was proposed to her which supplemented her hourly wage to cover the supplemental pay but would be a part-time officer which has no benefits, to which she agreed.

After Officer Cannon stated she wasn't aware she would have no benefits at all, Council Member Ron LeBlanc asked her to decide if she wanted to be full-time with all benefits or part-time with no benefits, and to advise the Mayor and Council of her decision.

RESOLUTION – Surplus Property K-9 Dog

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and Resolved to identify 13-year-old K-9 Rock, as retired and no longer useful to the Town of Livonia, due to his age and health issues. The council also wishes to donate K-9 Rock to handler, Officer Joshua Brett Armond.

RESOLUTION – 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe – K-9 Unit

A resolution was offered by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and Resolved that one used 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe K-9 Police Unit is no longer useful to the town and to identify the unit as surplus property. Council wishes to dispose of the property by advertising it for sale at a minimum price of \$13,000.

RESOLUTION

A resolution was offered by Mr. LeBlanc adopting the completed Systems Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as presented and to present a copy to Faulk & Winkler LLC for the 2019 audit. Mr. T. Jarreau seconded the motion and the resolution passed.

RESOLUTION

***WHEREAS**, the week of April 13 – April 18, 2020, has been designated as National Community Development Week. The Town of Livonia has been a participant in the Community Development Grant (CDBG) Program which funds public infrastructure, economic development, and housing programs in this community, and*

***WHEREAS**, in this community and communities throughout the nation, forty-six years of Community Development Block Grant Program funding has developed a strong relationship between this local government and its residents, principally those of low-to-moderate income, and*

***WHEREAS**, this community recognizes that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a partnership of federal, state, and local government and community and business efforts and that the services funded by the CDBG Program rely heavily on the dedication and goodwill of our combined efforts,*

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that during National Community Development Week 2020, this community will give special thanks and recognition to all participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhoods and their low and moderate-income residents help ensure the quality and effectiveness of the Community Development Block Grant Program, and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that his community, along with the service providers and others whose names are appended to this resolution, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the Community Development Block Grant Program, and its vital importance to the community and to the people who live in its lower-income neighborhoods, and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be conveyed to the appropriate elected and appointed officials of the federal government and that this community's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the Community Development Block Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of the next session of Congress.*

The above Resolution was offered by Ron LeBlanc, seconded by James Bergeron and Resolved.

***WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the Resolution adopted on this 18th day of May 2020.*

SALARY OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. LeBlanc stated since current Police Chief Brad Joffrion is resigning he would like the council to consider lowering the current base salary of the Chief of Police starting January 1, 2021, which is the beginning of the next term. Ordinance will be introduced at the next regular meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

In March, 218 citations were issued with 11 warnings. Five arrests were made, 3 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 54 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$37,670.

In April, 11 citations were issued with 2 warnings. Two arrests were made, 2 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 54 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$24,820.

Chief Joffrion stated that he will not be seeking re-election this fall and will be resigning June 30, 2020, to take a new position with the Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Office. He added that he will be available to help the department when needed and will assist the appointed chief during the transition.

RECOGNITION AWARD – Officer Ned Tolliver

Chief Joffrion presented Officer Tolliver with a plaque recognizing him for his quick response in March that halted a woman's abduction and led to the arrest of a Texas man wanted in Houston for four counts of armed robbery.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Drainage Department – Council Member James Bergeron

There are a couple of ditches that will be skimmed out soon and the drainage problem on LeBeau Street has been fixed.

Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures - Council Member Greg Jarreau

The violation of junk at 8539 Galtier Street owned by Ms. Desirae Galtier has not been removed. The town will be removing the junk and will ask the Pointe Coupee Government for assistance with their machinery.

Mr. Vernon Williams moved a mobile home on his property at 3097 David Street several months ago without obtaining a permit to do so. Since he has been notified of the violation and has ignored the order, Mr. Jarreau asked that Mr. Williams be issued a summons for court.

Grass Department – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Mr. Jarreau reported that several letters were sent to property owners who have violated the grass ordinance. Of those, two have not been cut.

Sewer Department – Council Member Ron LeBlanc

An issue with raw sewage on Thorpe Street has been fixed.

Public Works – Director Ricky David

The muffler on the backup generator at the Livonia Community Center needs to be changed. A quote of \$2,400 was received from ARCCO.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pourciau reported on the impact Covid-19 has on the town from the loss of revenue to the closing of Glaser's Park.

Mr. Cody Morgan resigned from his position with the maintenance department. The open position was posted which resulted in two applicants. Both have been interviewed and a decision will be made soon.

Mayor also stated that he will be interviewing the police officers that are interested in the appointed position of Chief of Police and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ATTEST:

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR

DONNA BERGERON, MMC