

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 13, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on November 13, 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 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 October 8, 2018, and the special meeting on November 1, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**POINTE COUPEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Les Cantrell, Director of Economic Development, presented the Mayor and Council Members with information regarding the upcoming commercial and industrial development in the parish and possibilities for the Livonia area.

**GOLF CARTS ON TOWN STREETS**

Mr. Jimmy Walker spoke on behalf of the citizens regarding their desire to continue to ride golf carts on town streets. Mr. Walker stated that for many years he, as well as others, rode their golf carts through the subdivisions. He was recently told by a Livonia police officer that he could no longer do so and inquired as to why.

Mr. LeBlanc explained that with more golf carts around now than before it has become a safety issue. The state law prohibits golf carts on public roadways but has an exception that allows a municipality to adopt an ordinance allowing golf carts on town-owned streets. If a municipality desires to do so, there are certain requirements and equipment the golf carts must have to be allowed on town streets.

Mr. G. Jarreau made a motion to move forward with adopting the above-mentioned ordinance. Mr. T. Jarreau seconded the motion and carried.

## REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

Ms. Suzanne Bergeron and Ms. Grace Merrill presented a plat requesting the subdivision of their property located on the corner of US HWY 190 and LA HWY 77 into 3 lots.

The subdivision of the property was within the regulations of the town; therefore, a motion was made by Mr. T. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron, and carried to approve the request as presented.

## RESOLUTION - COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Livonia, Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as "Town" wishes to enter into an **inter-governmental cooperative endeavor agreement** with the Pointe Coupee Parish Communication District, hereinafter referred to as the "District", and

**WHEREAS**, it has been shown to be in the public interest to shorten the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid. The provision of a single, primary three-digit emergency number (911) through which emergency services can be quickly and efficiently obtained will provide a significant contribution to law enforcement and other public service efforts by simplifying the notification of public service personnel. Furthermore, the identification of all streets, roads, highways, and dwelling places by name and number will serve to decrease the response time of law enforcement and public service personnel to emergency calls by facilitating the systematic location of such places without difficulty and ambiguity. Such a simplified means of procuring emergency services will result in the saving of life, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of criminals, and ultimately the saving of monies. Establishment of a uniform emergency number and identification of thoroughfares and dwelling places are matters of concern and interest to all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, this cooperative endeavor provides for additional funding to provide for the emergency telephone system as provided for in LRS 33:9101, et seq. The funding of such is of vital public interest and will assist all participants herein in providing public safety and health services to the people of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, each of the parties herein relies on the effective and efficient operation of the District and the ability to provide 911 service as an integral part of their public function, be that function focused on law enforcement, fire protection or health care services. By their participation herein, all of the parties are attesting that the support of the District furthers the public purposes for which they exist and shall not be considered a mere gratuitous transfer of public funds.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, that Mayor Rhett Pourciau is authorized to sign the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pointe Coupee Parish Communications District and the Town of Livonia as presented.

The above Resolution was introduced by Ron LeBlanc, seconded by Greg Jarreau, and Resolved. The following votes were recorded:

YEAS: James Bergeron, Terry Jarreau, Greg Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Warren Pourciau

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**WHEREUPON**, the presiding officer declared the Resolution adopted on this 13th day of November 2018.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT – Professional Engineering Consultants

Mr. Gregg Gautreaux stated Southern Underground's lien period will end on November 22, 2018, in regards to the water line improvement project on LA HWY 78. Southern Underground will then ask for the final retainage which will be presented next month.

## 2018 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT

Town Auditor Jacob Waguespack with Faulk and Winkler presented the Mayor and Council with a proposal to complete the audit for 2018 and the required review of Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures.

Motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau and seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, to engage Faulk & Winkler for the above audit. Motion carried

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### ***GRANT WRITER***

Mr. LeBlanc said that he had spoken to the grant writer from the City of Zachary and was able to get most of his questions answered regarding grant writer fees.

After discussing the matter it was decided to have Ms. Janet Marionneaux attend the council meeting in January to discuss her contract proposal.

## **2018 AMENDED AND 2019 BUDGET OF ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

The budgets along with proposed salary increases were presented by Mayor Pourciau to the Council for discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend the proposed salary increase in the budget of the Public Works Director to seven percent effective January 1, 2019. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

(A) 2018 Amended and 2019 Anticipated Revenues and Expenditures: Motion by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. Bergeron to introduce budgets as amended. Motion carried.

(B) Amending Section 2:12 C of the Code of Ordinances Increasing the Salary of the Chief of Police: Motion by Mr. Bergeron, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau to introduce the above ordinance at a five percent increase. Motion carried.

(C) Amending Section 2:12 D of the Code of Ordinances Increasing the Salary of the Municipal Clerk: Motion by Mr. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Bergeron to introduce the above ordinance at a five percent increase. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

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

During the month of October, 300 citations were issued with 11 warning. One arrest was made, 11 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 93 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$59,805.

The Neighborhood Watch Meeting was held recently with over 100 in attendance. The Veterans were also honored at this meeting.

Sergeant John Thibodeaux resigned his position with Livonia Police Department effective November 8, 2018.

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

Met with Mr. Gino Soprano regarding a solution to correct the ongoing problem with the wash-outs near the catch basins in the canal between Messrs. Joe Guidroz's and Bill Roberts' residence on Okelousas Street. Mr. Soprano suggested running a camera through them to see where the problem exists or possibly dig them up.

**COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES BERGERON LEFT THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M.**

***Council Member Greg Jarreau – Water, Gas, and Dangerous Structure***

- Will revisit the condemnation of Guerin’s Bar on US HWY 190 after the first of the year if the matter hasn’t been addressed by then.
- A compliance order was served to Mr. Jesse Kelly, 8600 Chauvin Lane #3, on September 25, 2018, regarding the control of junk. Mr. Kelly hasn’t made any attempt to resolve the issue. A citation will be issued to Mr. Kelly and he will be required to appear in Mayor’s court in December.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

The annual “Breakfast with Santa” will be held at 8:30 a.m. on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Livonia Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

ATTEST:

**RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR**

**DONNA BERGERON, MMC**