

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

**October 8, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on October 8, 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 September 10, 2018.

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. T. Jarreau, and carried, to approve the invoices for payment.

CANDIDATE FOR PARISH PRESIDENT

Mr. Mike Cashio announced his candidacy for Pointe Coupee Parish President in the upcoming November election. He stated that he expects good things to happen for Pointe Coupee Parish with the upcoming change to Parish Council. Mr. Cashio gave a background on himself and commented on his plans to work closely with all municipalities and to represent the entire parish.

CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Jeremy LaCombe announced his candidacy for Louisiana State Representative. He explained that should current Representative Major Thibaut win the upcoming election for Pointe Coupee Parish President, he will be required to resign his seat. A special election will be called at that time to replace him for the remainder of the term. If Representative Thibaut doesn't win the election for Pointe Coupee President, his term will end in late 2019, therefore, an election will be held for that position in November 2019. So regardless of when the election will be held, Mr. LaCombe will be running for the vacant seat.

Mr. LaCombe explained his qualifications for the seat.

GRANT WRITER

Mayor Pourciau notified the council that a meeting was held with Ms. Janet Marionneaux in regards to seeking out and writing grant applications for the town. Ms. Marionneaux presented a contract for the town's consideration.

After discussing the contract and services, a motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to table this until more research can be done. Motion was seconded by Mr. LeBlanc and carried.

WATER RATE DISCUSSION

A review of the current water rates, reconnection fees, and profit and loss for all utility departments were discussed. Several different options were presented to the council for review on revising the water rates. La. Rural Water Association was very helpful in providing the information needed to prepare the different options.

The gas rates are being reviewed also and will be presented to the council when completed. A more depth decision will be had on the water and gas rates when all information is available.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report –Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of September, 393 citations were issued with 6 warning. Seven arrests were made, 4 traffic accidents/incidents were worked, and 68 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$79,293.

Chief Joffrion presented a copy of the state law in regards to regulations of golf carts on parish and municipal streets. The law was explained as to what is required by the town and the golf cart owner/driver should the town desire to allow golf carts on town streets.

Council agreed to study the law further and make a decision at a later date.

Council Member James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

Will be meeting with Mr. Gino Soprano tomorrow 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.

Council Member Greg Jarreau – Water, Gas, and Dangerous Structures

- Addressing an issue with junk on the property located on Chauvin Lane owned by Mr. Jesse Kelly.
- Guerin's Bar – 8095 Airline Hwy. condemned property update: The owners are currently in the process of having the property surveyed to subdivide, and will be cleaning up the area.

Council Member Terry Jarreau – Grass

There are two properties that the town has cut previously due to noncompliance and is due to be cut again. Several others are being monitored.

Glaser's Park – Paul Armand

Mr. Armand presented a copy of a sign Southside Rec is having made for Glaser's Park and donating to the town.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The deadline to submit the application for the Capital Outlay appropriation is November 1, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to submit an application for funding to purchase a natural gas generator for the Church Street sewer lift station with the understanding of the 25% required match by the town. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pourciau and carried.

Trick or Treat will be held on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Southside Rec and the Town of Livonia will be hosting "Party at the Park" at Glaser's Park with face painting, costume contest, and other activities.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR