LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2017 6:30 p.m.

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2017, 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 James Bergeron, Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc,

and Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: None

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to amend the agenda to include a request to subdivide property. Motion was seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to approve the minutes as written from the meeting on August 14, 2017.

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 report.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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

STATE SENATOR RICK WARD

Senator Ward gave an update on the 2017 Legislative Session which included the temporary sales tax, the budget cuts, and criminal justice reform. He also commented on the J-turns on US HWY 190 in Livonia.

POINTE COUPEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GREATER POINTE COUPEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Les Cantrell, Director of Economic Development, and Mr. Arthur Ewing, President of the Greater Pointe Coupee Chamber of Commerce presented the Mayor and Council Members with information regarding the assessed value growth in the parish, shovel ready certified sites, taxes, and other updates.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance amending Section 16, Article B of the Code related to removal of abandoned, inoperative, or nuisance vehicles.

There were no comments from the public therefore the public hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. Bergeron to adopt an ordinance amending Section 16, Article B of the Code related to removal of abandoned, inoperative, or nuisance vehicles. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and a roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: Bergeron, G. Jarreau, T. Jarreau, LeBlanc, Pourciau

NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Pourciau opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance amending Section 24 of the Code relative to the control of weeds and noxious growths.

There were no comments from the public therefore the public hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau to adopt an ordinance amending Section 24 of the Code relative to the control of weeds and noxious growths. 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 ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A motion was made Mr. Bergeron to introduce an ordinance amending a general bond ordinance authorizing the issuance from time to time of Sewer Revenue Bonds of the Town, prescribing the form and certain terms and conditions of said bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried. Public hearing will be held at the next council meeting.

An ordinance was introduced by Mr. G. Jarreau amending Section 10, Article A, Appendix A; Article B, Sections 10.11, 10.12, 10.13(C) and (D); Section 10.14(A); Section 10.17 Appendix A(6); Article C, Sections 10.22, 10.23, 10.25, Appendix A(5); Article D, Sections 10.30(12), Section 10.33, 10.34, and 10.35 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Utilities. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried. Public hearing will be held at the next council meeting.

SUBIVISION OF PROPERTY

Ms. Kathellen Colletti requested to subdivide Lot E on Thorpe Street into Lot's E-1 and E-2. All requirements of the subdivision of property were met.

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve Ms. Colletti's request to subdivide the property as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Brad Joffrion

During the month of August, 309 citations were issued with 5 warnings. Eight arrests were made, 2 traffic accident/incidents were worked, and 135 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$60,427.

 The Neighborhood Watch meeting was held on August 25th with over 100 people in attendance. Violent crimes are at their worst. There was an armed robbery, home invasion, a gun fight that let to person barricaded in a home for up to five hours, and a local arrested on 60 counts of child pornography.

Public Works Department - Assistant Public Works Director Robert Otremba

There were two main line water leaks, 2 of the generators were repaired, boom tractor was out of service for a week before repairs could be made, 300 sandbags were filled and ready prior to Hurricane Harvey, and the department is spraying for mosquitoes twice a week.

Council Member James Bergeron – Drainage and Abandoned Vehicles

In regards to the replacement of culverts in the drainage canal along Church Street that was discussed last month, after speaking with Mr. Chris David, St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church has only \$4,000 to contribute to this project as previously stated.

Mr. Cletus Langlois with Patin Engineers and Surveyors stated that Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury will be submitting an application for funding through HMBP. The above project will be included in the application.

Patin Engineers gave a detailed summary and estimate on the installation of culverts after surveying the canal on BMG Drive as discussed last month. Mr. Bergeron stated that more culvert prices will be obtained before moving forward.

Council Member Greg Jarreau - Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures

Substantial demolition progress has been made on the condemned mobile home owned by Carl Worley, Jr. Estate.

Mr. Ricky Jarreau, 8813 Airline Hwy., hasn't made any progress on the demolition of his house. Will be contacting him.

Council Member Terry Jarreau - Grass Department/Baseball/Softball Program

Another very busy month on getting grass cut by citizens.

There are a few teams practicing ball at Glaser's Park and the batting cages are being utilized by many.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Rhett Pourciau

The proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding rental property and landlords have been turned over to the Zoning Commission for their recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion was sseconded by Mr. Bergeron and carried.

ATTEST: **DONNA BERGERON, MMC**

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR