

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on September 14, 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, Warren Pourciau

ABSENT: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as corrected from the regular meeting on August 10, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF FINAL INVOICE FOR PAYMENT – Southern Underground**

The final retainage invoice was submitted for payment of \$3,200.40 by Southern Underground for the LA HWY 78 water line improvement project. Mayor Pourciau recommended holding final payment until the dress-up work was completed in a certain area of concern.

Mr. LeBlanc made a motion to approve the payment contingent on the final dress-up work's completion to Mayor Pourciau and Public Works Director Ricky David's satisfaction. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bergeron and unanimously approved.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

***Police Report – Police Chief Landon Landry***

In August, 430 citations were issued with 17 warnings. Seven traffic accidents/incidents were worked, three arrests were made, and 60 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$45,852.

Chief Landry recommended hiring Mr. John Thibodeaux as a part-time police officer. His past training and what recertifications are needed if hired were stated. A motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to hire Mr. Thibodeaux as recommended by Chief Landry. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried by a majority vote.

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

Council Member Bergeron thanked Public Works Director Ricky David and his department for getting the ditches and canals cleaned out in preparation for Hurricane Laura.

A request was received to assist with the replacement of a driveway culvert on Selma Street.

The canal that runs between Newfield Drive and Galtier Street has plenty of trash and garbage in it. Due to the problems with buildings, trees, shrubs, and fence on the right-of-way, the town cannot get equipment in to clean it out.

***Water/Gas and Dangerous Structures - Council Member Greg Jarreau***

Mr. Ricky Jarreau, 8813 Airline Hwy., will be served a letter of non-compliance on junk.

***Grass Department – Council Member Terry Jarreau***

Several notifications were given to property owners in violation of the grass ordinance. The town will cut one of the properties this week due to noncompliance.

***Sewer Department – Council Member Ron LeBlanc***

Red worms were detected at the sewer plant which is being treated.

***Street Department – Council Member Warren Pourciau***

There's a ditch on Park Street that has eroded badly due to the use of weed killer. The town will pack the area to prevent problems along the street.

***Public Works and Utilities – Director Ricky David***

Mr. David stated that his department has been short-handed recently and asked for everyone's patience and understanding if projects and work orders aren't being completed quickly.

**MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Rhett Pourciau**

Mayor thanked Public Works Director Ricky David and his entire staff for their dedicated service to the town in preparation for and during Hurricane Laura. The town donated ice to the City of Lake Charles after Hurricane Laura. Mayor thanked all the volunteers from the surrounding communities that came out to bag the ice.

The annual Halloween "Party at the Park" will be held again this year.

Mr. Joshua Jarreau is requesting access to his property off of Tena Street with a culvert in the canal. The town asked engineers, Professional Engineers Consultants, for a recommendation on the size of culvert needed for that canal. Engineers would not recommend a culvert size without a drainage survey due to the importance of drainage in that area. This information will be given to Mr. Jarreau.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Motion was made by Mr. Pourciau to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

ATTEST:

**RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR**

**DONNA BERGERON, MMC**