

**LIVONIA TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

The Livonia Town Council met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on September 20, 2021, at 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 Greg Jarreau, Terry Jarreau, Ron LeBlanc, Billie Pourciau,
Henry Watson
ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau, and carried to approve and publish the minutes as written from the regular meeting on August 9, 2021.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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

PROCLAMATION – JULY 23rd WARREN POURCIAU, SR. DAY

Mayor Pourciau gave a brief history of the many years recently deceased Council Member Warren Pourciau gave to the community of Livonia as mayor for twenty-four years and council member for eight and one-half years. A framed proclamation with his picture was presented to be displayed in the council room proclaiming July 23rd as Warren Pourciau, Sr. day in the Town of Livonia.

WARREN POURCIAU, SR. DAY

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Livonia are grieved to learn of the untimely death of Warren Pourciau, Sr., the town’s beloved Council Member and former Mayor; and

WHEREAS, throughout his long career as Council Member for eight and one-half years (two terms plus seven months), and Mayor for twenty-four years (six terms), Warren Pourciau, Sr. gained the respect, admiration, and highest regards for all those with whom he came in contact and the love and affection of all who were proud to call him a friend; and

WHEREAS, we mourn his loss and extend to his wife and family our sincere sympathy in this hour of deep bereavement; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we set aside a day in this community of Livonia, Louisiana, to take public and official recognition of Warren Pourciau’s long and faithful service to the citizens of this Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rhett Pourciau, Mayor of the Town of Livonia, do hereby proclaim July twenty-third as Warren Pourciau, Sr. Day in our community in sincere appreciation of his dedicated performance of the duties of his office.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Mayor, at the Town of Livonia, this twentieth day of September two thousand twenty-one.
RHETT POURCIAU, Mayor

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE IN WATER LINE SIZE – Mr. Beau Bergeron

Public Works Director Ricky David stated that Mr. Bergeron is building a trailer park at 8096 LA HWY 81 East, which is outside the corporate limits of Livonia, and is requesting a water line extension to his property, including a variance from the required eight-inch water main to a two-inch. Mr. David stated the matter was brought to the town engineer for his recommendation. He suggested a three-inch minimum with a flush valve at the end of that water line extension.

A motion was made by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Mr. T. Jarreau and carried, to grant the extension with a variance for a three-inch water mainline as recommended by the engineer.

RESOLUTION – ACCEPT GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AS COMPLETED

Resolution was introduced by Ron LeBlanc, seconded by Henry Watson, and Resolved to accept the Gateway Enhancement Project completed to the satisfaction of the town.

RESOLUTION – Amend Minimum Bid on Surplus Property

A resolution was offered by Mr. G. Jarreau, seconded by Ms. Pourciau, and resolved to change the minimum bid on the used Phoenix Mosquito Fogger to \$1,975.00.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Mr. LeBlanc introduced an ordinance amending Section 16 Article A of the Code relative to motor vehicles and traffic enforcement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Report – Police Chief Landon Landry

In August, 460 citations were issued with 11 warnings. Nine traffic accidents/incidents were worked, 1 arrest was made, and 83 complaints were answered. Fines collected for the month were \$65,198.

Gas, Park and Recreation – Council Member Greg Jarreau

Council agreed to have Trick-or-Treat on Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Candy will be given out at Glaser's Park again this year for Party at the Park. Due to Covid no face painting or other festivities will be held there. Mayor appointed Mr. LeBlanc and Mr. G. Jarreau to organize the Party at the Park.

Mr. G. Jarreau thanked PWD Ricky David and his staff for the time and effort it took preparing for and during Hurricane Ida, and for keeping the water well running after the electricity went out. He also thanked Chief Landry and his department for getting the traffic moving during the evacuation.

Drainage and Junk – Council Member Terry Jarreau

Two junk compliance orders were issued. Work orders are in place to have several culverts unstopped.

In an effort to allow water to drain properly during Hurricane Ida, a small homemade bridge was removed by the drainage department in the ditch behind Ms. Brenda Glaser's residence on LeBeau Street. Ms. Glaser requested the bridge be put back. Town attorney Steve Marionneaux stated the drainage department isn't required to replace the bridge because it is illegal to impede drainage of which the bridge was doing.

Grass, Beautification, and Abandoned Buildings – Council Member Ron LeBlanc

Several grass compliance letters were sent to the property owners. Courtesy letters were sent to the owners of two abandoned/dilapidated houses, informing them of the code and giving them time to be compliant.

Sewer and Abandoned Vehicles – Council Member Henry Watson

After reviewing the area for a street light request at 3090 David Street, a motion was made by Mr. Watson to install a street light on the pole. Motion was seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau and carried.

The motor at the sewer lift station on Glaser Street is being rebuilt.

Public works and Utilities – Public Works Director/Operator Ricky David

After the electricity went out during Hurricane Ida the backup generator stopped working at the water well on Bouquet Street. Pointe Coupee Sheriff's Department loaned the town one of theirs, of which we are very grateful.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Rhett Pourciau

Mayor Pourciau commended the maintenance and police departments for a wonderful job in preparing for Hurricane Ida and keeping everything running smoothly.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Pourciau, seconded by Mr. G. Jarreau, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

DONNA BERGERON, MMC

RHETT POURCIAU, MAYOR