

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 2014
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, February 11th, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Lucien Gauff, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Art Smith, Councilman District I, Ranney Wilson, Councilman District II

ABSENT: None

Councilman Madere led the Prayer. Councilwoman Hotard led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux, Billy O'Regan and Carl Butler were present.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - February - Black History Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Black History Month.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - February - Heart Health Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Heart Health Month.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - January 31st, 2014, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Parade Permit - Krewe of Tohwahaphash - 3/1/14 @ 1:00 PM; Permit Approval - Relay for Life - 5k & 1 mile fun/run event - 2/15/14 @ 8:00 AM

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - January 31st, 2014, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Parade Permit - Krewe of Tohwahaphash - 3/1/14 @ 1:00 PM; Permit Approval - Relay for Life - 5k & 1 mile fun/run event - 2/15/14 @ 8:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to ask for a motion on my behalf to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Jaclyn Hotard - (Tabled 1-31-14) Code Enforcement - Personnel matters

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to remove the above item from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Lennix Madere - (Tabled 1-31-14) Water bill issues

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to remove the above item from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Madere asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

Lucien Gauff - (Tabled 1-31-14) Update on Ferry/RFP Process

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to remove the above item from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Gauff asked for a brief update on the Ferry/RFP Process he has been getting calls and wanted to know where we were at in the process.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Advertisement of the Ferry RFP began on January 29th and will continue for 30 days. The right of way agreement with the Archdiocese for the West Bank landing was signed and legal Counsel is working to secure an agreement for the East Bank landing. An agreement has also been signed with DOTD for used of the ferry and barges. Additional funding for the ferry is included in the Hurricane Isaac CDBG application which is under final review, but preliminarily approved. Administration is meeting with State Legislators to request assistance with future funding for the ferry and request that the Council and residents do the same for a long-term solution."

Lucien Gauff - (Tabled 1-31-14) Update on CDBG funding - Home mitigation

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to remove the above item from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Robottom stated, "The grant application for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program has received preliminary approval and the required policies, procedures and application forms are being developed for the program. The application phase will be complete mid-March 2014"

and ready to begin intake May 2014. Once all are approved, an outreach and educational program will be initiated and communicated to the public."

Lennix Madere - Infiltration District III

Brian Nunes, Director of Roads and Bridges commented, Suncoast Infrastructure has completed approximately 90% of the lining portion of the contract and has targeted February 12th for completion. The point repair work continues and is about 75% complete. Spinks Construction (Point Repair Subcontractor) has been replaced with Mitchell Construction and Hemphill Construction, with a new estimated completion at the end of February. Based on construction delays, PEC will make a formal request for liquidated damages.

Lennix Madere - Railroad crossing in District III

Brian Nunes commented, The CN Railroad was presented a list of 23 crossings, 12 of which needed repairs. At the time of the initial inspection, the Central Avenue crossing was assessed as "fair" but has since deteriorated. As a state road, additional permissions must be obtained to close the road for repairs. A representative from the CN Railroad will meet with Brian Nunes in St. John Parish at the end of the month to address the problem crossings.

Jaclyn Hotard - Code Enforcement

Councilwoman Hotard asked to remove this item from the agenda.

Cheryl Millet - Street light maintenance

Brian Nunes commented, Street light maintenance is ongoing and there are currently only 5 lighting repair work orders in the system. Quotes are being solicited for repairs to the light and pole at the Belle Terre off-ramp and the lights at Exit 209. The pole at the edge of the woods will be removed by the contractor. Quotes for ongoing maintenance of interstate lights have also been requested.

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on line under River

Virgil Rayneri, Director of Utilities, commented Plans and specifications were completed in April of 2013 and a Coastal Use 5 Permit application submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA). Corrected permit drawings were submitted to the COE January 6, 2014 and additional information was delivered to CPRA on January 31, 2014. We are awaiting final permit approval and have shared the anticipated construction timeline of September with both agencies. The Finding of No Significant Impact and the Environmental Assessment were completed for this project and will be available at the Receptionist's desk for review until March 14, 2014.

Larry Snyder - Animal Shelter expansion

Jobe' Boucvalt, Public Safety Director commented Preliminary plans for Phase II of the Animal Shelter were completed in 2008 by Murray

Architect, Inc., with no funding for construction. There is currently no funding for Phase II in the 2014 budget, but amended plans may be considered for the bond issue. Interim improvement measures are being developed by the Shelter Manager.

Larry Snyder - Recreational programs for low to moderate income families

Natalie Robottom commented *Currently, recreation programs are designed for and available to all residents of St. John Parish. A large percentage of participants are from low to moderate income families (LMI), but sponsorship opportunities have been used successfully in some cases.*

Larry Snyder - Creation of Ethics Commission

Natalie Robottom commented *this issue was addressed by the President's Advisory Committee (PAC) and found to be covered by the existing Ethics Commission. Ethics training is attended and offered by the Administration to all public servants and elected officials annually in the parish.*

Larry Snyder - Lions Plant filter addition

Evaluation and scoring of the ten proposals submitted for this project will be finalized within the next week.

Larry Snyder - Electrical station at Ruddock

The electrical components of station #1 and #3, diesel pumps, and chlorine injection pumps were elevated above flood level during the summer of 2013. A by-pass was installed at well #2, to be used during emergencies until a permanent solution is completed.

Art Smith - Employees on the West Bank

The above item was removed from the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson - (Tabled 1-31-14) Drainage and Drainage equipment

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion to remove the above mentioned item from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Wilson questioned Mrs. Robottom about the money coming into his district and commented on making recommendations about what needed to be done in a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheryl Millet - Ruddock Well Inspection

Virgil Rayneri commented the Ruddock Well inspection has been rescheduled for the first week of March. It was previously delayed due to weather conditions and the anticipated absences of the Manager for

Water Treatment.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R14-03 - A resolution adopting a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of St. John the Baptist Parish's annual financial and compliance audit

Randy Vincent stated, "This resolution enables the Parish President to complete the Compliance Questionnaire which is a required component for the annual financial and compliance audit."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R14-03. A resolution adopting a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as a required part of St. John the Baptist Parish's annual financial and compliance audit. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R14-04 - A resolution in support of a Special Use Permit to allow Data Cell Systems to construct an eighty foot (80') lattice telecommunications tower for training purposes only, on the property located at 308 Woodland Drive, Section 64, Township 11-S, Range 7-E, LaPlace, Louisiana

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Data Cell Systems requested a permit for construction of a tower for training purposes. The request was reviewed and approved by parish engineer CJ Savoie in a report dated December 18th and by the Planning Commission on January 27th. Administration recommends approval of a Special Use Permit."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R14-04. A resolution in support of a Special Use Permit to allow Data Cell Systems to construct an eighty foot (80') lattice telecommunications tower for training purposes only, on the property located at 308 Woodland Drive, Section 64, Township 11-S, Range 7-E, LaPlace, Louisiana. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Angelic Sutherland - Authorization to exercise the option for a three year extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning and Development to provide administration oversight and building code enforcement activities pursuant to the requirements of Act 12

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Pursuant to the requirements of Act 12 regarding the implementations of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, SJPB enacted ordinance no. 07-09 adopting the new building codes established by the State of Louisiana. SCPDC serves as the administrative entity responsible for implementation of the Construction Code Compliance Program by providing plan review and inspection services. St. John collects permit fees from applicants, retains 20% for administrative purposes and remits the remaining 80% to South Central for their services. Because the cost for these services is spread across 5 parishes and 4 towns, residents pay a reduced rate. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to exercise the option for a three year extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South

Central Planning and Development to provide administration oversight and building code enforcement activities pursuant to the requirements of Act 12. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 against (Wilson) and 1 absent (Hotard).

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Property/Casualty Insurance Agent - 1) Claims, any/all property, casualty, and Workman comp claims 2) Claims, procedures and disposition 3) Coverage's, any/all material changes

Parish Buildings - Security

Abandoned Vehicles

Code Enforcement - Personnel matters

Water bill issues

Lennix Madere - St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Myrtle F. Victor, Roba Inc., and Adair Asset Management, LLC, 40th JDC, #63827

St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Roussel Welding and Metal Works, Inc., et al. Case No. 64187 Div. B

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14-01 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Carriage Plantation Subdivision, Lots 1 through 16, located on Main Street, in Section 27, Township 11, Range 7E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening - This Friday morning, I, along with the St. John Council will be co-sponsoring a breakfast for youth with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Organization. All River Parishes youth over the age of 13, specifically those who play sports, are invited to listen to Otis Birdsong, a four-time NBA All-Star speak, as well as interface with other athletes from around the area and learn from their accomplishments. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$20 for adults and a table of 8 can be purchased for \$100. Anyone interested in sponsoring a table or tickets should contact Benny Jones with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at 504-582-1937 or through email at bjones@fca.org. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals recently announced that the St. John Water District #2 was awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 2012. This award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoridated water throughout 2012. Maintaining these levels is very important in preventing tooth decay in

children and adults. Congratulations to the Utilities Department, who was one of only four communities in the State to receive this award. The Parks and Recreation Department hosted a successful St. John Day at Tulane Basketball on Sunday for 88 Parish children. Those who attended received a pep talk from NBA player Sherman Williams and participated in a basketball clinic where they learned and practiced a variety of basketball skills from the Tulane coaches in addition to enjoying a college basketball game. The Milesville Memorial Baptist Church "Swans of Praise" dance team entertained the crowd with a dance skit during halftime. Thank you to Debra and Monica for spearheading the event and to all the chaperones who assisted. It was a very fun and rewarding day for all. Our Miss Andouille Queen Elise Deaton spent the weekend competing at the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Queens of Queens Pageant in Baton Rouge. Elise seemed to thoroughly enjoy herself and represented St. John with grace and class. Great job, Elise. St. John Parish employees helped raise awareness for Hearth Health month Friday by wearing red to work on National Wear Red Day. To help spread heart health awareness, River Parishes Hospital in LaPlace will offer free blood pressure screenings and a \$5 heart healthy meal in the hospital cafeteria on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. Participants will receive a free pedometer and heart healthy recipes will be available. The Economic Development Department will be hosting a Business Continuity Planning seminar titled "Were you prepared for Winter Storm Leon" at the St. John Business Training Center tomorrow, Wednesday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m. The first ten businesses to register on-site will receive an emergency radio/flashlight combo. The business center is located inside the South Central Louisiana Technical College at 181 Regala Park Rd in Reserve. In addition, St. John businesses are asked to complete a brief survey on the Parish website to determine the impact of Winter Storm Leon. This survey is an opportunity for businesses to provide information that will assist with disaster recovery efforts. The survey takes approximately 5 minutes to complete. The information submitted on the questionnaire remains confidential. Businesses are asked to provide a response by Friday, February 21, 2014. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have brought. I would like to thank residents for their patience with the I-10 ramp closures last week as we do support and encourage the film industry to do business here. Barriere Construction is currently making improvements to roads in Garyville. This week the Intersection of North Church St. and Historic Front St. will be closed as well as one lane on Museum St. for repairs. Intersection improvements will continue at Belle Terre Blvd. /Airline Hwy throughout this month. Alternating lane closures, reduced speed limits and delays should be expected in this area until work is complete."

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Gauff thanked the parish administration, the communications department and the sheriff's department for the wonderful job that was done through the recent cold weather spell.

Councilwoman Millet said Happy Valentine's Day to her honey.

Councilman Snyder thanked the administration for taking care of the streets in the back of Woodland. He had called for one problem and they cleaned up the vegetation on the street that really helps the drainage on Woodland which was also a safety issue. We have a problem in the

Cambridge area with people throwing things into the drains we are finding too many things in there that shouldn't be. I just wanted to thank them for doing a great job back there but we need to take responsibility to clean up in front of our homes and I would like to say Happy Birthday to my daughter. He also thanked the parish for striping the streets Cambridge Drive has stripes that he hasn't seen in twenty years.

Councilman Wright thanked the department heads for their preparations for the storm they did an outstanding job and thanks to the communication team for keeping us informed.

Councilman Madere echoed the comments by his fellow council members and commented on a job well done. He also wanted to send his condolences to the family of Darnel Favorite. He also congratulated his sister on her 31st wedding anniversary. He congratulated all of the athletes in the River Parishes that signed scholarships this past Wednesday. He also wished a Happy Valentine's Day to his wife, daughters and all the residents of District III and throughout the parish.

Councilman Wilson commented that now is the perfect time for us to go and look for the problems with drainage. He repeated for the sixth time we have many vehicles on the street that could be taking notes and writing the problems up when they see them. We have pot holes, stop signs that you can't even read and many other things that need to be fixed throughout the parish. If it could just be turned in to public works then it could all be handled.

Councilman Smith thanked the parish for a job well done during the bad weather. He wished his sister a Happy Birthday. He congratulated Austin Howard who is going to Southern University and hopefully will be the starting quarterback and Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

Councilman Perrilloux congratulated all the kids that signed to go to colleges remember get the education and the football will come. My nephew signed with Tulane so go wave. I would also like to say Mt. Rebowe Baptist Church is having their 54 year anniversary Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 PM. Happy Birthday to my oldest son and thank the administration and sheriff's department for what they did for the freeze and also thank the residents who followed all of the warnings and I would like to say Happy Valentine's Day to my wife and daughters.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:01 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary