

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**  
**CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT**  
**VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX**

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, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** Lennix Madere

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilwoman Millet led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Keith Green, Jr. were present.

**Lucien Gauff/Art Smith - Presentation - John Cummings/Norm Marmillon/Whitney Plantation - Noranda and RAIN CII emission of Mercury**

Mr. Marmillon and Mr. Cummings gave a brief presentation on their thoughts and opinions of the Mercury emission on the East Bank of the parish. They were suggesting soil samples be taken as DEQ doesn't take them to test. There was no further comments after the presentation.

**Michael Wright - Presentation - Lisa Schilling - South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority**

Mrs. Lisa Schilling with the South Central Louisianan Human Services Authority gave a brief annual presentation to the council.

**Natalie Robottom/Don Gaudet (GFOA President-Elect) - Presentation Vince Lucia & Finance Department - 2013 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (12 consecutive years) - 2014 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

The 2013 Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (12 consecutive years) was presented to Vince Lucia and his staff - they were also presented with the 2014 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award at the same time. The council thanked Mr. Lucia for a job well done.

**Natalie Robottom/Jaclyn Hotard - Proclamation - REALTOR Appreciation Day**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for REALTOR Appreciation Day.

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - March as American Red Cross Month**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for the American Red Cross Month.

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - March as National Developmental Disability Awareness Month**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for the National Developmental Disability Awareness Month.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Stations of the Cross Procession - SJA Catholic Church - 4/3/15 @ 1:00 PM; Permit Approval - Block Party - Delta Road - March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM; Resolutions - Annual Sewer Plant Audits (R15-10 through R15-16); Natalie Robottom - LSU Appointment of Heidi A. Trosclair to the Civil Service Board (replacement of James Wagner)

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Stations of the Cross Procession - SJA Catholic Church - 4/3/15 @ 1:00 PM; Permit Approval - Block Party - Delta Road - March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM; Resolutions - Annual Sewer Plant Audits (R15-10 through R15-16); Natalie Robottom - LSU Appointment of Heidi A. Trosclair to the Civil Service Board (replacement of James Wagner). The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**15-04** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to revise Section 113-444(1) Major Corridor Overlay District Boundaries on U.S. Highway 61 to read: (1) U.S. Hwy. 61 between DuPont Rd. in Reserve and the St. Charles Parish line (R. Wilson)

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I guess I kind of have issues with this Mr. Wilson. We are striving to improve St. John in our overlay district and Airline Highway is a major corridor and I know that we have variances that we can apply through the ZBA on an individual basis and to open this up and not keep the guidelines that have been set I really have a problem with it."*

Councilman Gauff stated, *"I absolutely agree with Mrs. Millet. Any incident or occasion or example I would be willing to amend the ordinance or see if the council can amend to provide for a particular instance but to open this up and change this I disagree and am against it."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I feel like Mrs. Millet does this is major because people did this many years ago and they had this vision here and if you look at our ordinance it explains the reason for this and changing it this way we are looking at changing from DuPont to the St. James Parish line and I am just wondering why? Why do we need to do that and why would we want to do that? I am not just going to vote on it and not have any information on it. I will vote on it but I know how I am going to vote. I think we need a little more information on this."*

*I just want to know why?"*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"I share in some of those concerns Mr. Wilson and if it is possible instead of totally removing the overlay district from this area. If we can get with legal counsel I know Lucien I will be more than happy to work with you on that to see what things we could possibly change without throwing out the entire ordinance if you would be open to that I will commit that I will work with you on that as presented I also can't support just removing this area out of the overlay district but I do understand that you have some valid concerns we have talked about it in the past. I think maybe doing a critical review of the current ordinance and making the changes were necessary would be more appropriate than just taking away the entire overlay district out of the area so that is my offer to you to work on that."*

Angelic Keller stated, *"I just wanted to let everybody know that we are in the process of revising this entire ordinance so if you do have any concerns please get with us and I have been asking for that for months get with us because we have already revised portions at this point and maybe some of your concerns have already been addressed."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-04. The motion FAILED with a vote of 7 yeas, 1 yea (Wilson) and 1 absent (Madere).

**15-05** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend the St. John the Baptist Code of Ordinances to establish, under the provisions of Art. III (A) (7) (c) (v) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter, the St. John the Baptist Parish Health Care Advisory Board, as follows: Chapter 21 - Health Care Advisory Board (C. Millet)

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Mrs. Millet could you just explain a little bit of what this is for the public?"*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"Since our hospital closed this year we have no real guidelines for our healthcare in this parish so I asked the council to support me in setting up this health advisory board so that we can move this parish forward with our healthcare to make sure we have people that are involved and take care of the needs of our residents and that is what the purpose of this was."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-05. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

**15-06** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of seven portions of LaPlace Plantation into a lot herein designated as Lot 1-RO of the Robert Ory Tract, situated in Section 23, T-11-S,R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1105) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"This re-subdivision was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at the February 23, 2015 meeting and Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the

motion to approve Ordinance 15-06. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

**15-07** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of a portion of Belle Pointe Plantation into Tracts BPP-1, DLS-1 and Parcel STP, located in Sections 17, 18, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 100 & 101, T-11-S, R-7-S, Southeastern Land District, East of the Mississippi, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1108) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"This re-subdivision was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission, provided that a letter acknowledging that Tract BPP-1 would not be developed, be submitted by the property owner. This condition has been satisfied, and Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-07. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

**15-08** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of Lot 5, Lot 6 & Lot 7, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park into lots herein designated as Lots 5A & 7A, Block 2-A, Reserve Industrial Park, situated in Sections 32 & 57, T-11-S, R-6-E Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1106) (N. Robottom)

Angelic Keller stated, *"This re-subdivision was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission and Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-08. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilman Madere absent.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Discussion Lions Water Plant Phase VIII design**

Councilman Snyder asked that we carry this item over.

**Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 2-24-15) Burt Cashio - drainage**

Mike Coburn stated, *"This drainage concern is located on private property, but all legal options to address it are being reviewed at this time."*

Councilman Wilson stated, *"It is a parish ditch and if you need*

*signatures from the property owners I don't think you would have any problems getting that and I would like for you to act on this sooner than later."*

**Lennix Madere - Update on the Homer Joseph Center**

This item will be carried over to the next agenda.

**Larry Snyder - Water Rate Adjustments**

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes and that is exactly what I want to just have some discussion on it because we did get a letter not very long ago that the water rate was going up according to the CPI and my question is to this group or to anyone who can answer me what was the CPI this year?"*

Vince Lucia stated, "4.3%."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What was the CPI for food, just food products?"

Vince Lucia stated, "I didn't look into the food part of it. This one is the same CPI for the sewerage system also."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I can understand that and that is exactly what I am talking about because we are talking about 4.3% on water bills and that could be the same thing next year and the year after that. My concern is that we are going up on the water. Now there are many factors that go into the CPI and one of them happens to be food and I consider water food. Now as far as the industries and how much they are selling or have coming in I think that should have nothing to do with the water bills. Now as far as the food part of it food has a lot to do with the CPI and the first thing it tells you is that you can't just use these numbers arbitrarily because they may be good for one thing but they may not be good for other things and what you are saying is that we went by the old CPI which is 4.3%."

Vince Lucia stated, "I didn't say that. The CPI that we have is for wastewater and water and when I say water I mean the water coming out of our faucets."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The CPI that you have is for the usage of the water and it when by what CPI?"

Vince Lucia stated, "Just water."

Councilman Snyder stated, "There is no just water."

Vince Lucia stated, "It is wastewater and water."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That is why it is going on the water bill for the CPI and I understand that that is what I am concerned about should we do it that way that may not be the right way to do it. If we are going up on those types of bills then we should do it by what the national CPI says as far as water is concerned and I think that is like .7% but we are going up 4% on some people's water and sewerage bills."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We will be happy to pull this for you we didn't really have all of the information but there are ordinances that were approved that institute a CPI and this one is specific to water and wastewater. There are others. There is one for garbage but this one is for water it is the water and wastewater CPI which is the national CPI it is not anything that we generate but it is specific to water and wastewater. It doesn't combine everything else. There are others but we will be happy to pull this one for you and the ordinance that dictates that and sit with you and discuss it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that is fine and I would like to put a motion that we hold off or have we started raising these prices yet?"

Councilman Wright stated, "I believe I don't think we can make a motion because that went into effect by ordinance."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know we would have to change it by ordinance. I understand that. I just don't like the way it was done and I don't think it was done right. I really don't. We need to change the ordinance and that is going to get done."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just want to offer a little bit for the public's information. I know Larry and I had spoken about this for a few minutes. I think it was in 2008 or 2009 that we made the adjustments to the bills and there were some discussions at the time that we needed to increase the rates and anytime you are looking to make an increase you are trying to find some type of measure or benchmark as to how we are going to determine how we are increasing the rates and a CPI was one factor that we said that we could use that just doesn't pull numbers out of the sky. While I agree that the way that it has been increasing not that the incorrect CPI's are being pulled but it is increasing at a higher rate and faster pace than what some other indexes are increasing so it is just compounding the bills so that maybe with a minimum consumption may have been \$30.00 or \$40.00 a few years ago now minimum consumption bills are getting I believe it is over \$50.00 now so it is probably a good time to look at it to make sure that they are in line with what we need to be charging and not increasing at a rate greater than what is going to outpace what our residents can afford. So I think now is the time to really start taking a look at that."

#### **Larry Snyder - Discussion St. John Community Center**

Councilman Snyder stated, "This is just for discussion now the question I have to the administration is what does it cost us a day to run that place over there?"

Michael Coburn stated, "I don't have that information at hand right now but I can get that information to you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know it already. It is around \$1,500.00 a day but yet we are charging people \$3,000.00 to use it our residents and that is my point. It cost \$1,500.00 a day with nothing in it. I want to rent it or I want to go sleep in it it is \$1,500.00 and that is what here I want this council to look at. You know we need to look at this. It stays empty most of the time and we do have things and kids and student graduations that come up and they have to go other places

and that was one of the reasons why I asked to get a price, just a price on bleachers and some tables but you know it never got done. St. Charles has one right there and their high school uses it for free four times a year. This is all information that is on the internet their high schools can use it four times a year the public high schools and that is helpful. It helps the school system and it helps the parish and that is what my issue is. I still think we charge too high. I still think we need to use that facility more and let our people in the parish use it."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I agree. I had set up a meeting about three weeks ago with the Tourist Commission, Mr. Aucoin and his staff and I invited a few council members but work schedules interfered and I was the only one that showed up but I called again last Friday to Ms. Banner and I didn't get a return call to set up another meeting. We are looking to set up a meeting to look at how we can change come of the rental on the facility and let the residents of St. John use this building more because it is sitting idle all the time with nothing there and if you look at it the money that we could be renting this place we could do some landscaping around it or maybe put a garden or a fountain but it is there just sitting and I agree with Mr. Snyder we need to look forward we have been talking about it and I thought we were going to do it this meeting but we didn't get the meeting with the Tourist Commission so that we can all be on the same page or so we can all say hey this is what we want to do. I am going to set up another meeting and I will send you the invite to Mrs. Robottom to come when we set up a meeting over at the Civic Center again and we can discuss this."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "You know there was a time when all the schools were allowed to use the facilities and I am really not certain what happened to eliminate that process but it does make sense for our graduations to be in our civic center I know there are guidelines that we have to set down and things that we have to do in order to make sure there is no destruction done to the facility because it is a beautiful facility and we need to keep it that way but to allow our students the opportunity to use our civic center would be a blessing and I would like to see this administration see if we can find a way to let that happen for these schools."

#### **Larry Snyder - Status of streets evaluation/repairs in Cambridge**

Councilman Snyder stated, "The reason why I put this there is because I know that we have a Roads and Bridges Department and they are much more qualified than I am or some of the other people in the district are to evaluate the streets. I see here on the page in one of our items before that we are doing an evaluation on the Wastewater plants - an audit. Why are we doing an audit on the wastewater plants? Why are we doing that? You know why to see where we might have some problems at and to make sure we are in compliance that is why we are doing it. Why can't we do evaluations on our streets? Whenever I bring that up I'm told to send a work order and we will look at it. Why do I have to send a work order in? I do send them in. I send them in often as a matter of fact but there are some streets that I don't go on for a while or some streets that I never go on and I am just asking for us to do this on our main streets that I see getting torn up and that was Cambridge Drive it is getting holes in it and they are going to be pot holes

*before this year is over people are going to bust up their cars or tires and we are going to be responsible. All I am asking is let's do an evaluation on Cambridge Drive and if there are any other bad streets just evaluate them. That is all I am asking and all I would like to see done. Why can't we do that?"*

Brian Nunes stated, "I do that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That is great."

*Brian Nunes stated, "I do separate days for asphalt and put that list together and then I do the concrete as well. I have been through Cambridge and have noticed a few spots on Cambridge Drive and Yorktown. I have been through River Forest. I have been around the concrete areas and made some marks of my own that I have forwarded on and made my own work order type thing."*

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay and that is all that this was about. The evaluation and update on it. If you are doing it I am satisfied."

Brian Nunes stated, "Just as a side note we did meet with the concrete contractor this afternoon for a kick off meeting and he plans to start next week whether permitting."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Did you get out of LaPlace to check the streets in other places?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I did."

Councilman Wilson asked, "I would like for you to go and look at Church Street, South Church Street in Garyville and Garyville Northern."

Brian Nunes stated, "I have added Garyville Northern to the list."

Councilman Wilson stated, "The spots are getting bad and it isn't going to be too long there are going to be big pot holes too."

#### **Larry Snyder - Vicknair Canal - in house dredging and repair**

*Brian Nunes stated, "A meeting was held Thursday, March 5 with BFM regarding a canal survey to determine the original canal depth and the impact of sediment of its capacity. Once the survey is completed, it will be sent to DNR for review/approval of a permit to restore the canal to its original depth. Once approved, the parish will move forward with the cleaning."*

#### **Lennix Madere - Planning and Zoning - boarding and securing of abandoned houses and vehicles**

This item will be carried over to the next agenda.

#### **Lennix Madere - Update on house at 205 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street**

This item will be carried over to the next agenda.

#### **Lennix Madere - Update on drainage, leak and road repair on E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**

This item will be carried over to the next agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment**

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Coburn on the issues that we were discussing I think you can find out who owns that property right across the hall from your office over there and I would appreciate it if you could get something done sooner than later because I have been trying since I have been in office and it is time."

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R15-17 - A Resolution authorizing a sub-recipient agreement between the Parish of St. John the Baptist and South Central Planning under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Parish Hurricane Isaac small business grants and loan program**

Natalie Robottom stated, "This agreement is for administration of the Small Business Grant and Loan Program ("SBLP") by SCP as a sub-recipient. They are currently managing the Revolving Loan program and has years of successful experience with this type of program. The grant amount allocated to this program is \$4,230,764.00 and it is subject to obligation by HUD through action plans. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-17. A Resolution authorizing a sub-recipient agreement between the Parish of St. John the Baptist and South Central Planning under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Parish Hurricane Isaac small business grants and loan program. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Gauff and Madere absent.

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution R15-18 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2014-2015 Grant application in the sum of \$135,317.00 to the State of Louisiana to replace electrical drives for the Lions Water Treatment Plant Clearwell pumps, install new electrical wiring and roof replacement of the old Lions Water Intake Pump Station, purchase compressors for Water Utilities trucks and to install isolation valves in the distribution system**

Natalie Robottom stated, "This Community Water Enrichment Fund grant will allow for upgrades and improvements at the Lions Water Plant and Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-18. A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2014-2015 Grant application in the sum of \$135,317.00 to the State of Louisiana to replace electrical drives for the Lions Water Treatment

Plant Clearwell pumps, install new electrical wiring and roof replacement of the old Lions Water Intake Pump Station, purchase compressors for Water Utilities trucks and to install isolation valves in the distribution system. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Gauff and Madere absent.

There was no executive session.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Legal Options regarding litigation against the Parish President for Charter violation and the hiring of special legal counsel

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

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

Ranney Wilson - Vincent Simon - Water bill issues

Larry Snyder - Building at Cambridge and Airline Hwy. graffiti removal

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

#### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**15-09** An ordinance to amend Ordinance 14-40, by renumbering Section 26-29, as follows: Sec. 26-28.1 Emergency Abatement of Weeds by Parish. (N. Robottom)

#### **PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT**

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Good Evening and welcome to the month of March. The year seems to be passing rather quickly and we look forward to a Spring season filled with projects, programs and community events. First, I'd like to thank those who participated in our Disaster Resiliency Grant competition meeting earlier this afternoon. There is \$1 billion in grant funds available for communities like ours, impacted by disasters. We are working on the application with our local and state partners as we remain committed to taking advantage of all funds available to help St. John grow better and stronger. I'd also like to send condolences to the family of Mr. Leroy Williams who recently passed away. If you recall, a proclamation was issued to Mr. Williams for his lifetime of service at the last Council meeting. He will be missed. Rising Star Baptist Church will be holding their annual Town Hall meeting at their church located at 620 Cardinal Street in LaPlace. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. I would*

like to congratulate Pastor Donald August on being awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the American Legion Post 383 of LaPlace. Pastor August is well deserving of this award and I thank him for all he has done in this community. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Upsilon Mu Zeta Chapter and Doves of Peace are holding a Community Health Fair on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at New Wine Christian Fellowship center. This event is open to the public. The Sorority will share information regarding health services and increase awareness of local, state, and national health/social services. I'd like to thank Kerry Watkins, his staff, volunteers and parents for organizing the St. John Night at the Pelicans game two Fridays ago. Approximately 150 children participated in the event with assistance from the Pelicans Organization and lots of help. Council Members Gauff and Millet, Ms. Saulny and I were also in attendance and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks again and thanks to the school system for assisting with transportation. Congratulations to All American Check Cashing located at 1819 W. Airline Hwy, Suite 15 in the Walgreens Shopping Center for opening their new store in LaPlace. The ribbon cutting ceremony was this morning and there was a great welcoming crew on hand from St. John Parish. All American Check Cashing, Inc offers pay day loans, check cashing, and small loans to customers and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions or more information call 985-652-6778. I had the pleasure of joining several local business owners, including Council member Millet as a round table panelist for the River Region Chamber of Commerce's Young Entrepreneurs Academy CEO Program. Several young entrepreneurs were on hand to ask questions of the panel regarding their path to success, leadership, and business skills. It is a great program for our youth and the chamber is to be applauded. The Chamber also held their Annual Banquet that day to install their new officers and share their business platform. This Friday morning, March 13 for the second year, local officials will join leaders across the state for the Leaders against Litter "Golden Litter Grab". The event is to bring awareness to the littering problem in Louisiana and encourage community beautification and community pride. We will collect trash from the new Chamber of Commerce office on Belle Terre beginning at 8:30 am and end at the Parish Office, targeting major thoroughfares. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Za Maurin at [zamaurin1@gmail.com](mailto:zamaurin1@gmail.com) or come out the morning of to sign up. This leads right into the annual Cleanest City Contest scheduled for Tuesday, March 17. This is the first time the Parish has participated and we hope the contest gives special attention to public spaces, including streets, sidewalks, parks and recreation areas. It's our hope that our residents will use this as an opportunity to beautify their properties. Judges will arrive on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m., to evaluate areas of Edgard, Wallace, Garyville, Reserve and LaPlace for the Louisiana Garden Club Federation's Cleanest City Contest. This is a group effort, so your assistance is appreciated. Our annual Spring Clean Sweep is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 11 from 8:30 a.m. until noon with a special dedication to Thomas F. Daley upon return to Hwy 51 Park. We encourage you to be active members in the fight against litter and register your group online now at [www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com) or by calling Dana Milioto at 652-9569. Easter in the Park, a family-friendly Easter celebration, is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at the Hwy 51 Park in LaPlace and at the West Bank complex from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children ages 2-12 are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt and visit with the Easter bunny.

*Food, refreshments and prizes will also be provided for participants.  
Visit [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com) for more information."*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:18 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Gauff and Madere absent.

/s/Michael Wright  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary