

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilman Snyder led the Pledge.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES**

**New Business - (Carry Over 4-22-14) Wayne Vicknair - AMP Printing**

Councilman Wright asked that the above item be removed from the agenda.

**New Business - (Carry over 5-13-14) Kathy Mesmer - Kathy's Party Store**

The above item was removed from the agenda.

**Lucien Gauff/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Juan Watkins, Jr.**

The proclamation was read for Juan Watkins, Jr.

**Lucien Gauff/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Judge Mary Hotard Becnel**

The proclamation was read for Judge Mary Hotard Becnel.

**Lucien Gauff/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Judge Madeline Jasmine**

The above mentioned item will be carried over to the next agenda.

**Natalie Robottom - Presentation - Water Infrastructure Team**

Rob DeLaun gave a brief Water Infrastructure presentation to the council upon which many questions were asked as follows:

Councilman Snyder asked, "The new filters at the Lions Water Plant you said it was in the design phase?"

Rob DeLaun stated, "No it is not in the design phase, the intake pump station project is in the design phase but the filters are not."

Councilman Wright asked, "I just want to know administrations recommendation on moving forward from this I know it is just a presentation but I was hoping to see some action be taken maybe at the next meeting or the next couple of meetings. Do you guys plan to proceed on either of the two projects?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually we were hoping to make sure that everybody had the information regarding where we are and what we have done and there will be a task to move forward with these projects. There are funds available in the 2014 bond issue to do this we are going to scale back the scope to make sure it addresses what we need but we think all these things are important. I did not attend all the meetings but they did meet to discuss all the options. We are also working with the disaster recovery team looking for some options for funding some of the things that we think are going to be necessary. We're also looking at and I apologize I stepped out for another item, but were also looking at what will it take to maintain our current system or improve it to a level that it will continue to function until whatever we decide to move forward with we do, so there will be an action item, but prior to doing that we thought it was important to get all of you the current status compared to where we were the last time we met."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay, so really our two biggest options right now are the new Mississippi River pump stations, and expanding the Lions Water Plant correct?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right"

Councilwoman Millet asked, "I just have a couple of comments and it's when you talked about the Ruddock Well, and y'all did the inspection and you determined that the well casings were in good condition, what does good condition mean? Does that mean that it is going to be here for a year, two years, good? I don't want my water source to be relied on good, I want better than good."

Rob DeLaun stated, "Well as a result of the inspection, good means you're looking at a minimum of another five years of operation."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I like that word, okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They also did some other things, they inspected the casings but they changed out a pump, they repaired the old one to keep it as a spare, so they did several things to keep it functioning, additionally, one of the Fema projects is elevation of electrical, some other things that ultimately will protect it from happening again. If we went back to where we were anytime there were a storm, we'll be right back to where we started, so an addition to making sure that its viable and changing out pumps that have probably been there for some time and rather than waiting for them to go out, we were proactive and changed it, and then made a spare. We're looking at what can keep it working during a storm? We've gotten a lot of help and advice from a lot of people who've done this before, to protect it, in the event we have high water again. So the goal is to at least have it

*functional for the next five years."*

*Cheryl Millet stated, "I understand that, and I appreciate that, and believe it we truly need that, because we've have so many water shut downs in the last few months."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "And that's not to say that you won't, because that's the well. We didn't do anything to the line that breaks every other week."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "Well that's why I'm looking at this by-pass water line at Booster Station #1 in Ruddock. Is that going to keep the water pumping?"*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "The issue, the goal of all the changes is to deal with the pumping. The issue of transmission from the well to where we need it is always an issue. That's the issue where the line sometimes breaks or the couplings break."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "That happens anytime, I mean in any line you have. We just had that throughout the Parish happen, that's something that we can't control, it's just ache comes along with that."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "That's correct."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "That's something we'll have to address at the time. My concern is I don't want the system to be going out and here we are not being proactive and making sure that we can take care of our needs."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "That's the biggest part and so we're dealing with the part that we can. The water line itself tends to be a bigger problem and you know we'll manage that as we go, but what we've done is provided alternate sources of water, should something happen to the line, or the pump, or something out there, we can pull water during emergencies for St. Charles, and we've also upgraded lines to the point that we can pull water from there, so you may not have the ultimate pressure, but you're going have water unlike before when something happened out there and you totally lost water."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "I know I missed some of the presentation, but I see completion dates or anticipated completion dates. What about start dates? I know the transmission line; I know we're doing things, but the line under the river?"*

*Rob DeLaun stated, "The line under the river, the design is complete, and we're waiting on the Corp of Engineers to get the permit finalized, so everything's ready to go as far as the Parish is concerned, except for the permit from the Core, and the design engineer has been addressing comments from the Core, and they're working feverishly to try and get this thing moving."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "Is he still here? He was here for the Altitude Valves. For the hurricane conference, which I think was maybe June 1<sup>st</sup>. I spoke directly with Colonel Hayneson, we've also been dealing directly with the folks who manage the permitting, and explained to them again, the importance of the timing and why it's*

important that they review the documents that they request and or submitted in a timely manner, because there's a window of time that we have to do the lines. The line itself will not take long, but it depends on the level of the River, and there's going to be a period of time that we're shooting for so I'm continuing to remind them, this is our target. The Colonel is responsible ultimately, so I've asked him and he's committed to following up with the staff who's working on it. I've also spoken with Marty Lacour, who sent us an updated time line, but you know it's still lengthy with and it's all related to their review of what's been submitted. Every time there's a request for additional information, it's provided. They actually attempted to expedite it by meeting with them, going through the whole plan, and addressing every question they had, then following up in writing so on our end we've done everything that we can. We're also continuing on following up with representatives from the Core at different levels, because what's critical to us is timing, and if everything's ready to go there's a certain window of time that we need and we've presented that to them in order to get this project done."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Okay, and that was the issue, timing. Timing being everything with the level of the river and being able to dig and at times when we're ready we're unable to because of the Corp, so just keep us posted, we need that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, Mr. Gauff really touched on my point I was trying to make, I wanted to say, but I still have to say it anyway. I appreciate you coming down and explaining all this to us, but you know, my frustration is I just need all this before, this presentation before and some meetings we have and agree with everything that's on here, and I heard Mrs. Robottom say one of the problems is a funding source. Will we identify a funding source? That's right? Some parts of it? Did you mention that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I did not, no, I didn't say that. Actually I don't think there's a problem. I think what we asked, like were we making a recommendation tonight, and I said no, because we're just presenting you the information, so we're presenting this information to you and responding to any questions, and based on that we'll you know, come back with a recommendation. For most of these items, the funding is available for what we're asking to do, ultimately, any project that, a new project, we would have to look at funding you know for a totally new system. We have some funding, we have some DHH low interest loan money, we have some bond issue money, so we have some funding, but depending on the ultimate recommendation will determine, and that's part of what they're doing, determining what are the costs going to be, and then we have to make a decision. Is it going to be coming from Lions are we going to start new at the River, so depending on what those costs are with the pros and cons are, we'll have to make a decision to move forward."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, so this is what I'm saying it's like I said, I've sat through this presentation before."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't think this one, this is a new presentation."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well it's not much different, pros and cons

and everything else you know, and we basically understand what the situation is and what the problem is. Okay, and I'm one of these individuals, I get tired with the studies and this and that, okay, you know we always see this supposed to be an action meeting, so I don't want to be talking about this particular item, you know, months from now. We should be coming back and saying we're A, we're doing B, we're doing C, and we're moving forward, because like you said, time is a problem, and we don't want to just say this well, five years, okay, when five years get here, we shouldn't even be talking about as fact as studies, we should have already made a selection and some work should have already started. That's only my concern. I get tired of sitting and hatching and discussing things that I think that's very important that need to be moving forward and getting done. Make a decision whether it's right or wrong, and let's go with it, that's my concern."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well this part of the task should be completed in four months, and at this point, you'll have information to make a decision on. You know, solid information about costs, timeliness, and processes that would help guide you in making a good decision, so it's my understanding that the tasks listed in this proposal will take about four months."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I have a couple of questions, Mr. Long, on the interim action plan update, that eight inch line you said you want to tie into Reserve or Laplace, is that going to be big enough?"

Rob DeLaun stated, "Actually the design engineer is here, Mr. Savoie, so he could probably answer that question better than me."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Sir could you actually come up to the podium please?"

C.J. Savoie, Parish Engineer, stated, "You're talking about, let's see, the eight inch line..."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The upgrade to the eight inch water line on River Road connecting the Reserve and Laplace water system. Will that be a big enough water line? Eight inch?"

Mr. Savoie asked, "That's the line that's coming along the River Road?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Around by DuPont."

Mr. Savoie stated, "Right, they're increasing that line. Right now you've got a six inch line over there and you have an eight inch line and a 12 inch line over there, but the eight inch line is where they're making a connection and tying into that. That eight inch line is going back tying into what's already existing. They have a smaller increment line in there, and they have a booster pump station in there that they are removing the booster pump station, and they're going to come in and tie in the eight inch line, and that will give them the connection."

Mr. Rayneri asked, "May I respond to that please?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, go ahead."

Mr. Rayneri stated, "This is a second line, we have a twelve inch north

of Airline by the hospital, that we now, feed, cross-feed, when we need it, from Reserve to Laplace, and from Laplace back to Reserve. So, this is another incremental that it comes from the Southside of the Parish, by the River Road, the East bank, so you'll have two resources coming from Lions instead of the one that we have right now, which is twelve inch."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Another question, the booster pump we are talking about, from Ruddock, will that booster pump, if the pump goes out and bypass with this booster pump, will it supply water to the Laplace residents plus keep your towers full?"

Mr. Rayneri stated, "That, you'd have to realize it'll be an emergency condition. When we tried it, when you were there, that we were doing the well, we were getting around 2000 gallons per minute with the diesel pump that you see out there on Station 1, I mean on Well #2, sorry, when you run the bypass line that will come straight into the old unit, so you will have that capacity that we know for sure, plus the other sources that we have available."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Mr. Savoie, I know you sat on this committee, and are you in agreement with everything, because I know you know this water system? You know St. John Parish back and forth on this water system. Are you in agreement with everything that's being presented to the Council tonight as a solution or...."

Mr. Savoie stated, "As you know, I mean this whole Council knows that I've had some different thoughts about other methods of far as emergency supplies to the parish. One, I had brought up about the additional Well. I already made comments about that and also we discussed the possibility of running a larger line, an eighteen inch line from the Lions Water Plant, as an additional supply. So, I have some thoughts about those and I've presented them to this committee. Now, not everybody's in agreement, and this is, I don't think this a forum for us to get into today, but do I agree with what they are proposing? Yes, there are some, I agree with what they are proposing, there are some additional items that I think that should be added into the system, but that's why we had the infrastructure meeting, and I presented those."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Mr. DeLaun, hearing that, did you take under his professionalism with this water system what he proposed under advisement into what you want to incorporate in this pump?"

Mr. DeLaun stated, "Yes, actually, the presentation was prepared based on the discussions from the meeting, and I sent the presentation out to all the members for their review and comment before it was sent out to anybody else, and I asked if you had any changes you know, go ahead and let me know what those are. Now one of the options that Mr. Savoie has mentioning a transmission main from Reserve to LaPlace is going to be part of this evaluation. Expanding the Lions plant, you'll expand that plant and that transmission main to Laplace will be part of that, and the other item, the consensus from the committee as far as the additional Well, was that we TV' d the Well, found it to be in good condition. You have a minimum of five years left, so the decision was made that you can live with this Well for the time being."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay, I just want to make sure we took under his expertise advisement when do we have to come back, when we're going to prioritize and how we're going to do it, and one more question. August of 2013, I think it was, or September, we went out for RFP's for the filters at the Lions Plant, and I'm seeing you said anticipate completion 2016, why three years from now, when it's been out since August of 2013, why we don't start working on that Plant now?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "We haven't made a recommendation, and you've not selected a firm."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "This went out since 2013, I think of August."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And we haven't selected anybody yet?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Why?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because we were trying to finish up with everything we needed, and a recommendation will be forth coming, and we're struggling with parts of that, and as soon as we're done, we'll make a recommendation."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Can you say forth coming as in date, time, when, this year, next month?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It'll be this year, within the next couple of weeks"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'll wait and see because we've been talking about, as Councilman Madere says, we just talk, talk, talk, but we aren't doing nothing yet."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We didn't do anything on that, but we've done quite a bit."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'm not saying you didn't do anything. I'm talking about the water system. We've been talking about the water system now for a whole year, and the Lions Plant. We should have been working on the Lions Plant since last year."

Natalie Robottom responded, "We understand that Mr. Perrilloux, however what we're working on is shoring up the water system to Laplace, that continues to fail and is vulnerable during hurricane season, so that is our priority right now, and that is what we're working on, making sure that we have emergency tie ends to go through Reserve, to St. Charles, and that the system out here when we still have water operates properly through elevation, through additional protections, through booster pumps, through a lot of things that sure up what's happening to our trouble water system, which is Laplace."

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "Well I will say as Mrs. Millet say,

we have problems all over the Parish with water rupturing, lines rupturing, and I'm not just going to blame coming from Ruddock that's the problem, because if you look over the years has that system been there, and look at the times it has failed, it's not that many. So, we can't use that as an excuse all the time that it's just going to fail, so I'll wait and see what you're going to come back with and prioritize, and I know we've been talking about this a long time, but I'll wait. Any other comment?"

Councilman Wright responded, "We say sometime this year, I'd anticipated a recommendation tonight, that's what we've been told for months. I mean we've been talking about this issue since we took office. Do we have any idea when you guys are going to come to us with a recommendation? As Mr. Madere said, we've heard this presentation over and over; for the most part we have, absolutely. So when do you guys anticipate on coming with a recommendation with these two options?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "The first thing you have to go out and hire an engineer referring to the evaluation of that"

Councilman Wright responded, "Have we done that yet?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "No, because we're waiting for you guys to be aware of what we're talking about, so then you can come back and say, Hey, we're ready to go, let's go for it, and then we'll go ahead and do it. Then, after we do that, then we will know exactly how much money we're talking about, and which one is the best for it and then go from there."

Councilman Wright responded, "Okay, so my big question, when? When do you anticipate on coming to us asking for authorization?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "It's very simple to us, if we approve yeah to go out for an engineering firm to do this study we can go ahead and do it, or not, we'll present it next time, but that's what it is. This is a study, you have those options. Now we have to work on those options to see which one is the best one and how much it's going to cost."

Councilman Wright responded, "So we can give you authorization tonight?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "If we pick a firm from the A&E and recommend it you and move forward"

Councilman Wright responded, "Okay, do y'all want to do it tonight, or wait till the next meeting?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "I think that we're all saying the same thing, we want to move"

Natalie Robottom responded, "But if we would have brought it without y'all seeing it, it would have been a problem, okay, so we're trying to keep in mind what you want, which is giving you some information, and next week we already have a pool of engineers of A&E that we can pick from to do this study and come up with pricing for both the options,

but we don't want to come to you with that tonight without giving you the opportunity to see the results of the committee. The scope, when we recommend someone for the project, the scope will be very specific, the cost will be specific, so we're not in a position to recommend that for you tonight. We wanted to make sure that y'all had the information before we came with it, but we can come at the next meeting with the recommendation from the pool to complete these studies, with the estimated costs, with the scope, a draft contract sent to your attorney to review as you typically request."

Councilman Wright responded, "Absolutely, I would love that for the next meeting, because the options have been the same and it's time to decide and move forward."

Councilman Madere responded, "Yes, I think what I said and my fellow councilman basically agreed to with what I said, now a few things may have changed in this presentation, but for the most part, it's been the same, it's been consistent, so you really haven't changed that much. The only thing that's changed is the amount of time that it took for us to get to this point. Now we're saying that we're going to have all of these recommendations done by the next council meeting, by then we can move forward, and my question is, well not a question, it's a statement, this should have been done months ago. Okay and to get to this point because we have five years on the proposed Well that's not guaranteed to last five years. Okay, so it's very true that it's important that we move forward, and I'm just tired of listening to the pros and cons, and the eighteen inch water and everything else, and basically the citizens are frustrated about this. Okay, it's time to move forward and do something, and I'm glad to hear that we're going to have this at the next meeting, so we can make a decision and get the ball rolling. All this discussion, you know time waits for no one, you can't guarantee this Well is going to last five years."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Mr. Madere, this situation with the Well could be going on for a long long time, and since I've been here, we've had no vision on where we were going. Now we have a vision where we're going."

Councilman Madere responded, "Okay, now I understand that"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "And we've done a lot of things to alleviate the problems while we're waiting for the vision".

Councilman Madere responded, "Okay, what I'm saying is, and I think I'm speaking, not just with the Well, but basically a lot of things that goes on in this Parish concerning, I don't want to get off the subject, but I understand that what I'm getting from the people, not just from Laplace, my district, is you know, and I don't want to have to tell them this anymore. I'm tired hearing, and they are the same thing, what we inherited. Okay, and basically what you're saying is we inherited this water problem, it's been going on for years. Okay, but the people of this Parish is looking for us as leaders and yourself, because I know you're working hard at it, you understand? They want action. They don't want to look at a meeting and hear the same discussion over and over again. They want to come to this next meeting and hear that we have something going on. Okay, and not just talk about it on paper. I know about the pros and cons about everything on here

already, and like I said, I sat through this presentation at least three times, so it wasn't that I wasn't paying attention. I just done heard it enough, that I know it. Okay, so now it's time to get some action done, and lets discuss some things that we don't know, completion start and date, completion date, and everything, and I understand what you're saying about it, you know it was a problem a long time ago, probably a problem when I was small. Okay, but now I'm grown and it's time for it to be gone."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Well what is very rewarding is that your goals is the same as ours, is to get with it, get it done."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Yeah, I've had this on the agenda for the last two meetings where we're discussing just this particular issue here with the Lions Water Plant, because I was concerned about that, the fact that we haven't chosen a design engineer firm yet, and that's the beginning. Actually, I brought the question up two meetings ago. We haven't made decisions yet on whether or not we're going to build a plant in Laplace, will you expand the Reserve plant and supply Laplace water, or where we're going to go, put another Well? We haven't, it seems to me we have to make does decisions ahead of time, so when we do get an engineering firm in here, he can take that into consideration in designing these filters up here, that we're going to put in Reserve. It seems like that to me, you know, my little brain is about this big, but it looks like we're doing studies on this and we're doing studies on that and we get some good studies in. Sooner or later this thing got to mesh, and somehow we need to get an engineering firm in here to make some decisions ahead of time on just exactly what we're going to do with our water system."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "I think we agree"

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well, I had it on the agenda a couple of weeks ago. We got C.J. in here, who knows everything about that Water Plant up there. I mean where every pipe in the ground at, you know? Is he a part of this system? Does he have to put a RFQ in? He designed the one that's up there right now. It seems to me we just need some designs in here right now, the engineering part of it. If we get that started, then we can go ahead and do the rest of it"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Mr. Larry I'm talking about these two options, I'm not talking about the Lions Plant."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well I'm talking about it all."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "We're talking about two different subjects."

Councilman Snyder responded, "No we're not, we're not, we're talking about the water system"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "You're talking about the water system in Reserve, we're talking about improvement for the overall situation in Laplace."

Councilman Snyder responded, "What do you think I just said Mr. Rayneri?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Say that again Sir, what was that? I didn't hear you."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well you got to listen. I'm looking at the whole water system, we're talking about supplying water, and we're talking about building a Plant in Laplace. We're talking about another Well, and we're talking about expanding the one up in Reserve up here. Those were mentioned tonight in this report you gave, but we don't have any engineering firm yet. We have made decisions on exactly what we need to do, and I guarantee you if we design a filter system for Reserve, if we decide to expand that Plant, we're going to have some problems, because those two got to mesh somehow, I know they got to mesh, if we decide to expand the one in Reserve to supply water with an eighteen inch line to Laplace. If we do it down here in Laplace, we have no problem. If we build a plant down there we have no problem, but it's going to cost us \$40 million dollars."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Well some of the members suggested the eighteen inch line, and some of the members suggested the other one."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well that's exactly right"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "That's the two that you have to study, and to me the only thing to do is, we already talked about, let's write the RFP and request to get it for the ad request that we have already to qualify engineering firms and go ahead and do it and move forward."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Didn't we send out for RFQ's a year ago or more for six months ago in case we need somebody? I remember that coming to this council."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "That's the one that we're talking about, we have a pool for that. Let me ask you something, if we would have come here tonight, Mr. Rob or myself and said Mr. Larry we're going to do option number 1, and it cost you \$15 million dollars, and you would say to me, where you got that from, how did you reach that number? Why is that the best option? You would have some questions because I would, if I'm sitting in your chair. So what we're trying to do is trying to show you what we are deciding on trying to get done, to accomplish the goal that we all want, and then now we're in the situation to move forward, get one of the companies from the A&E pool and tell us how much cost each one and which one they recommend is better, and go from there. I think we all are saying the same thing on that."

Councilman Snyder responded, "We're talking about cost already, and we don't have a design yet. You're talking about design, a cost for the design?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Yeah they have to know a cost..."

Councilman Snyder responded, "I understand that, I understand that, but I know that's not going to be the final decision on the cost for the design because we usually get people that do a good job, and we pay more for projects, engineering projects because this person did a good job to work well with the people we got working in place, so I know that's not going to be an issue as far as the cost to get that design in there, but I don't understand is this, we got an expert in here,

that been here for twenty years and we're not using it, that's the part I don't understand. For the design of that place up there, just the design for those two filters up there."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Okay, again you going by understand what you're saying. I'm talking about this, and you're talking about the two filters, I understand that, and if you remember a long time ago, when we first came in, we were the first ones to talk about the well and everything in the Parish, connecting everything, and before that we weren't talking about that, now when we're finished that line, we have the flexibility to have the whole Parish connected. We're just using different sources."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well just like Mr. Perrilloux said, will we have enough water, you know, to supply Laplace and Reserve? If we need that twelve inch line and the eight inch line, do we have enough water? That's what he was talking about, the pressure."

Virgil Rayneri responded, "That was the job of this committee"

Councilman Snyder responded, "Okay, we're getting nowhere here"

Councilwoman Hotard responded, "Mr. DeLaun or Mr. Rayneri, do you know exactly what has changed since the last report? I was just flipping through the previous presentation that you guys did and a lot of it is the exact same, so if you could maybe point out what is different, or maybe when you submit it again next time highlight, underline, something, because there are the exact same a lot of the..."

Mr. DeLaun responded, "Sure, for the interim actions, nothing was completed. It was just concepts that last year were developed that need to be implemented, so what's been completed is the connection to St. Charles Parish, the new Pump for Well #2, the televising of the Well in Ruddock, as well as the rehab of the stand by pump for Well #2, and the projects, the connection on River Road, the eight inch connection to Reserve and Laplace."

Councilwoman Hotard, "I'm sorry you going, I'm going through the list with you, it seems like you skipped around a little bit. Are you on interim action plan updates?"

Mr. DeLaun responded, "Yes, I'm going on top of that, the first and second bullet, and then the third bullet is the eight inch water line on River Road and that was just a concept and it's almost complete. It'll be complete next month, and actually the fourth bullet was not part of the last presentation this is a new concept that was discussed by the committee and is being implemented."

Councilwoman Hotard responded, "So the by-pass Water Line that's something that's being done? You don't need to select an engineer or anything?"

Mr. DeLaun responded, "No, the design is complete and their looking for quotes at this time, and the second sheet for the interim action plan, none of these projects have been started. The DHH loan wasn't even closed at the last one, so the loan is closed. They're being paid for by the loan. The Altitude Valves is finished. The Lions intake Pump

*Station is in design, and then the filters and engineer will be selected. The remaining project which was part of the previous presentation, the twelve inch water line under the River, last year that was in preliminary design when we made the presentation, and now all of the design is complete. The environmental review is complete, and the only remaining item before bidding is the Core of Engineers permit, but I can update this presentation with those, what's been done since the last one and I can send it out okay."*

*Councilwoman Hotard responded, "That would be helpful, and so as far as making a recommendation for a design engineer, what specific projects are you making a recommendation on?"*

*Mr. DeLaun responded, "Well the committee isn't going to make a recommendation, but the remaining projects which require engineers is the filters at the Lions Plant as well as an engineer to do the evaluation of the Laplace Water system. All the other projects have engineers in place."*

*Councilwoman Hotard responded, "And when this say the system evaluation, is that an evaluation in conjunction with what you guys have already evaluated? I would assume that you have evaluated the water system to come up with the pros and cons."*

*Mr. DeLaun responded, "This is an in depth evaluation and the tasks have been identified by the committee on the last slide of what's going to be part of that evaluation, and this is going to give an in depth look into these two options, how much they would cost, how long they would take, and how they would be implemented."*

*Councilwoman Hotard responded, "Ok, thank you."*

*Councilwoman Millet responded, "You said something that just kind of sparked me a little bit. This committee that y'all are working with you have how many engineers on this committee already?"*

*Mr. DeLaun responded, "Three."*

*Councilwoman Millet responded, "You have three engineers who are making recommendations to someone else to get another engineer to come in and tell these three what we need to do?"*

*Mr. DeLaun responded, "The committee is making a recommendation to move forward with an evaluation."*

*Councilwoman Millet responded, "And then we're going to hire an engineer to tell these three engineers what we're actually going to do, because these three engineers didn't make the decision?"*

*Mr. DeLaun responded, "Well these three engineers were just part of the committee..."*

*Councilwoman Millet responded, "I understand, right, they're part of the committee, and they're going to make a recommendation to us to get another engineer to come evaluate our water system to tell us what we need to do, because these threes recommendation need to be approved by another engineer. That's what I'm hearing and I just want to make sure*

*that's what it sounds like you're telling me."*

Mr. DeLaun responded, *"No, that's not necessarily the case."*

Councilwoman Millet responded, *"Well then please explain it to me in laymen terms then, please."*

Mr. Delaun responded, *"Well basically, you know it's not just these three engineers. It's the Utilities department that was part of the committee, the water manager, the administration, so all in consensus came up with this evaluation is required. Now whatever engineer is selected, it could be an engineer from the committee, it could be an engineer not from the committee, that's what the councilmen; the administration needs to decide how they want to move forward."*

Councilwoman Millet responded, *"So this engineer that we choose or administration recommends is going to be the one who's going to take your recommendations or we're going to start over?"*

Mr. DeLaun responded, *"They're going to implement the scope of the evaluation. Those nine tasks, they're going to perform those nine tasks."*

Councilwoman Millet responded, *"So they're not going to re-study the situation?"*

Mr. DeLaun responded, *"No"*

Councilwoman Millet responded, *"That's what I thought I heard you say and I wanted to get clarification on that."*

Mr. DeLaun responded, *"The scope has been developed and that's what, whoever the engineer is going to implement that scope."*

### **Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Meeting

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"I actually am going to vote against this I wasn't at the meeting but there are a few items that I would have voted against at that meeting. I was out of town so that is why I am voting no."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 against (Hotard).

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**14-18** (Tabled 05-27-14) An ordinance to amend Chapter (2) Section 2.9, third paragraph, of the St. John the Baptist Parish Civil Service Rules and Regulations as follows: By deleting the existing third paragraph and replacing with: "All rules and amendments of the Civil Service System shall be approved by ordinance adopted by Majority vote of the Parish Council." (M. Perrilloux)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 14-18 from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Perrilloux, Legal Counsel, stated, "We have had an opportunity to discuss this ordinance in the District Attorney's office and I will be perfectly frank with you there is some disagreement about making a recommendation to you all to proceed at this time. I had an opportunity to talk with Dan Sullivan who is the executive vice president of the Louisiana Civil Service League and I arranged to meet with him within the next couple of weeks to discuss our civil service rules. I reported that to Mr. Daley this afternoon and it is Mr. Daley's opinion as well as mine that you all would be better served passing on this ordinance at this particular time and allowing us an opportunity to investigate, research and come back with a recommendation after tonight and I would ask that you all consider tabling it again. Without getting into too much legal detail in an open meeting suffice it to say that there are some legal issues that we need to look into before we would recommend you go forward with it. Now that is a recommendation you are free to do as you wish but that is our recommendation."

**MOTION:** Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to table Ordinance 14-18. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-20** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to add the nomenclature "Edward Bo Morris" to the existing Daisy Street in Garyville, LA. (R. Wilson)

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Morris used to be very vocal and played in politics and in neighborhoods and he was very vocal all the time and he has passed and his wife requested that we put his name there and I agree and appreciate your support."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think this is well deserved for someone who dedicated a lot of his time to politics and taking care of this parish. I think this is very well deserved and I know some of his family members are present and I am very proud to be able to cast a vote for this to happen."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I would agree with you all and hope that everyone votes for this. Mr. Morris was my recreation appointee for years. He was deeply respected in his community. He enjoyed politics. He enjoyed sitting down talking about it. He enjoyed representing the people of Garyville more than anything. He represented the people of Garyville and their needs. So I think this is well deserved for a well-respected man."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm sure most people are going to support this. Everybody knows how Ed was one of the pioneers in this parish as far as moving this parish forward and including everyone. I think this is a good thing. Mr. Wilson I commend you on doing this for Ed because he was a good man thank you."

Mrs. Morris stated, "First of all I just want to say thank God and thank you all and yes he is very much deserving of this. He and I got in a lot of battles for his people as he put it. I've come to the point to understand that he loved helping other people. That was his love and

*for that I am so proud of him. He loved his family and he always did the best he could and I want to thank you all for allowing that to happen for him on behalf of my family."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-20. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-21** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to authorize administration to accept the dedication by MoniCarlo, LLC of Parcel 1-SJBP, as referenced in ordinance 13-33, previously approved, together with any improvement located thereon, less and except the dumpster pad shown on survey plat depicting Parcel 1-SJBP. (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"Approval of this ordinance allows the parish to maintain the lift station in Garyville located behind the MoniCarlo Truck Stop. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-21. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-22** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Section 2-62 (b) of St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances relative to St. John the Baptist Parish Civil Service Rules and Regulations as follows: By deleting the existing third paragraph and replacing with: All rules and changes of the Civil Service System shall be approved by Ordinance adopted by majority vote of the Parish Council. (M. Perrilloux)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Perilloux stated, *"Not quite for the exact same reasons but under parallel reasoning I would recommend that you guys table this ordinance while we complete our research on the companion ordinance that was discussed earlier to give us the opportunity to come back with a recommendation that would eventually impact both of those ordinances."*

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Thank you and my comment on this ordinance was just to state that I had spoken with legal counsel and in the administrative report it states that based on civil service rules and regulations, this ordinance is invalid and that is not the sentiment of our legal department that is just the opinion of the administration. I just wanted to make sure that the council knew that that was not a legal opinion but just the administration's opinion."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to table Ordinance 14-22. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-23** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to Re-subdivide Lot 1A of Tract H of Lacaze Plantation into Lots 1A-1 - 1A-25 of Tract H of Lacaze Plantation in Section 27, T-12-S, R-18-E, Wallace, Louisiana, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"This re-subdivision was approved at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting and administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-23. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-24** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to Re-subdivide as per St. John the Baptist Parish ordinance being three undesignated portions of ground recorded at COB 27/271, COB 61/507 & COB 214/724 of the Pearl Bruno & Francis Rodrigue properties into lots herein designed as Lot 1A, Lot 2A & Lot 3A of The Rodrigue Court Tract, situated in Section 35, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"This re-subdivision is necessary for purchasing property for the Foxwood Levee Project. It was approved at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting and administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-24. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-25** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance granting approval to Re-subdivide the remainder of Parcel 3, Lot H of New Era Plantation Subdivision into Parcel 3-B and Parcel 3-C, located in Section 19 & 72, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"This re-subdivision was approved at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting and administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-25. The motion passed unanimously.

**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 Wright moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 5-13-14) Homer Joseph Center**

Councilman Madere asked that this item be carried over.

**Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 4-8-14) Discussion regarding the Charter**

Councilman Wilson asked that this item be removed.

**Jaclyn Hotard - (Carry Over 5-13-14) DOTD roadwork - Airline Hwy and Belle Terre**

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"I just have a couple of comments to our public works director and I am well aware that this is a DOTD project but it is right in the middle of our Parish, and it is creating a little bit of a hazard for our residents, it is a little confusing. If it's possible to maybe reach out to DOTD and ask them to simplify or make it a little bit clear. I know we had a couple of accidents over*

*the last couple of days, just with some turn lanes that weren't marked maybe how they should have been, and also if we could stay in communication with them to make sure that the project is, you know when it's completed, that everything is smooth and all of the turn lanes and everything are very clear for our residents."*

*Brian Nunes stated, "Definitely, I can do that, I'll make contact with DOTD tomorrow. They were down here Friday, we met with them, we looked at that project and along with some other things, but I'll call them in the morning to make sure your concerns are addressed."*

*Councilwoman Hotard responded, "Thank you."*

*Councilman Gauff responded, "And just to kind of piggy back off of what she said, if we could include the Sheriff's Department, I know they're out there, but some people also came up and told me that they were receiving citations for making illegal turns when there were really no signs. They were doing what thought they were able to do, so in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, maybe have them coordinate with DOTD, that the lanes closed, or no left turns, or no turning through the parking lot, or something to that effect. Because, on two occasions someone stopped me and said, "I got a ticket for turning, when all this construction is going on, so I didn't think I couldn't turn," thank you.*

*Councilwoman Millet- "I just had a resident ask me on when this is complete, the left turn on Elm St., is backing up onto Airline Hwy, especially in the morning when children are going to St. John of Arc for the drop offs, Airline Hwy is now being blocked because they're trying to turn onto Elm in that morning hour to drop off and come back around, and make sure that DOTD does address that so Airline Hwy is not blocked off with people trying to make that turn onto Elm St."*

*Brian Nunes stated, "I can't visualize it right now, but I understand what you're saying."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "Yes, backed up into Airline Hwy. because they didn't have a long enough turning lane going onto Elm turning left."*

*Councilwoman Hotard responded, "So from Airline to Elm?"*

*Councilwoman Millet responded, "From Airline to Elm, okay, and it locks up Airline Hwy."*

#### **Jaclyn Hotard - Levee Bike Path Phase 4**

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I placed this item on the agenda after I received several calls about the bike path actually going on top of the Levee in Reserve and Garyville on Phase 4, and so I went back to the meeting February, the first and the second meeting in February where I brought up the same concerns about the bonfires, and it was stated by the Administration that the bike path would actually come down to the toe of the Levee so that it wouldn't interfere with the bonfires, and when I received phone calls from some of the residents that that was different. I've reached out to David Dupree, our engineer with Myers on that Friday evening, it was pretty late, and he shared to me that there*

was some communication with the Administration about having the bike path on top of the Levee, and so part of my concern is one of frustration that that wasn't communicated to the Council especially because it was a condition that we brought up in February that we wanted to possibly avoid, so if there was at any time, any thought, or anything like that about putting this bike path on top of the Levee, finding out on social media was not the proper place for the Council, myself to find out about it. So, I'd like to find out where we are if that's the discussions, and going forward with this bike path to keep the Council in the loop, especially again because it's something that I've voiced concern about at the February meeting, and was reassured by Administration that we were not going to interfere with bonfires, potential bonfires, bonfires that have or have not been permitted, anything, keep us in the loop, and that goes for the engineer as well. I was very disappointed that I...."

**Marvin Perrilloux - Bond Manager - discussion regarding**

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "I have been waiting for administration to get with the Council to prioritize to get engineers to go forward, so that's why I put that on there. What are we going to do far as bond manager?"

Natalie Robottom responded "Yes, we did discuss this, some of the projects already have people assigned, for example, the Road Projects, it's not a requirement to have a bond manager, because our Parish engineers already getting paid to manage that project. So, certain ones of them is not a requirement. With regards to the rest, I think it will be appropriate to solicit for a bond manager. We did have a conversation, I received a proposal, and we've had some discussions about legal counsel in terms of moving forward with some of that, and we will proceed based on their recommendations. However, the entire, we're only working on \$18 million, and I am happy to say we did close on that today, so the money has been deposited for the first \$18 million, some of it we're spending on roads, some of it will go directly to facilities, so we have a pool that we could recommend from, and we could also look at what needs to be managed under a bond project. Some of the projects we already are paying engineering firms to manage through the water systems, so it's not like looking at all these projects and saying we need to manage them all. We already have people managing parts of them, so we just need to pull out the ones that we might need some assistance with, and we are going to move forward with that, and I think all of the projects are a priority, what we were advised was, use some of your existing money, do the projects that you think you can finish first, rather than the ones that are going to take six months to design, by then we'll be getting the next round of dollars, so we're prioritizing based on which projects we think can be done quickly and the money can be spent, all those projects don't require a bond manager."

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "Just one point you said though, discuss it with legal far as the parish engineer?"

Natalie Robottom responded "That's correct, and being bond manager and doing projects."

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "Okay, so we'll talk about this, I'll

set up another meeting."

Natalie Robottom responded, "That's correct"

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "We'll set up a meeting and we'll discuss it further."

Natalie Robottom responded, "Not a problem"

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "Thank you"

### **Lennix Madere - Road repairs in District III**

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes well what I was concerned about is, I should have come in and maybe talked to you about it, the road repairs that's being done is District III. I know before they started cutting the roads, the top layer of the roads, they went back and repaired the holes that were in it, order to get a good base they told me, so that when they would grind that up, they have a more of a solid base." On the road repairs, I know each one of them have their own different problems, as far as base, and the amount of holes and the depth of the holes. Is that being taken into consideration as far as repairing the road and how deep we going down? Because, I know before I spoke with some of the guys out there. They went and repaired the holes in the street, and he told me in order to get a solid base, that when they cut it, it'll have a good surface, and I just want to make sure that the repairs that's being done in District III, it's something that's going to last, and not just cosmetic, that look good for a couple of years and then it'll fall apart. Okay, I just want to make sure we have a solid base that's going to last at least ten years, and some of the things it doesn't look like it's going to last, I mean it's just cosmetic look like. I'm going to make sure that we're doing it right."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well you know we survey each one of those roads, and when we come back, and when we come back with the decision of whether or not to tear up the entire base, some cases, and then we'll come back and put a soft cement base, like we did on Phoenix St. We really didn't have that many that needed the soft cement base, a lot of them just needed to be patched, and what we did in order to keep the streets, you may call it cosmetic, but the only cosmetic part about it is, is that we made lower the street. We come in and we plain it, mill it, and get the street down so that when we bring the asphalt finish course back, we tie evenly into the driveway, because a lot of times in previous experience, people get very upset because we kept putting asphalt on top of asphalt and we had problems with that because people couldn't drive out, and blocked drainage, and many other instances where that was a big problem. Now, the patching that you're asking, we selectively go out and decide where we got failures and so forth, and then we come back and we dig those down. Some of them require six inch patches, some of them require eight inch patches. We call those out on each of the individual drawings that we do and decide where we're going to patch, now when we get out there, sometimes we find out hey, after we uncover some of it, it's a lot worse or somewhat worse than what we had expected, so we have to add some patching material. I don't know if that's answering what you asked."

Councilman Madere responded, "Well who is watching that for us, the Parish?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "I have an inspector on site all the time."

Councilman Madere responded, "And who is that?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "That's O'Neal Hymel"

Councilman Madere responded, "Okay, because I've been riding around and I haven't seen him."

Chuck Savoie stated, "Well he's out there I got to tell you."

Councilman Madere responded, "Well I'll be looking for him tomorrow, because I want to make sure that everything is...."

Chuck Savoie stated, "You can ask the contractor, he's out there on it"

Councilman Madere responded, "Well I will find out, I will find him tomorrow"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Oh he's out there"

Councilman Madere responded, "Well I will find him tomorrow because it's not that many streets they're doing in my district, so I will find him tomorrow and make sure that the concern I have, because down 31<sup>st</sup> St. I know they patched it. On the way over here, I went down each one of those streets, and there's a big hole on 31<sup>st</sup> St. after they have milled it. There's a big hole on that street. So that is not fulfilling the purpose of going down and patching the holes in the first place, because they milled it down, and now there's a big hole on the right hand side."

Chuck Savoie stated, "And a lot of times there is, we'll go back and we'll patch that, but if the street isn't finished yet, they didn't overlay it."

Councilman Madere responded, "Oh no, it isn't finished yet."

Chuck Savoie stated, "You might be judging it a little prematurely"

Councilman Madere responded, "Well I will judge hard" Ok, now on East 19<sup>th</sup> St., they milled the St., once again, I stopped a guy and asked him about the different spots, some high, some low, and he told me they're coming back and they're going to sweep it, and I guess pick up some of the broke ends, but I'm just concerned about what you mentioned a little while ago, about overlaying, and road gradually getting higher and higher, because I think I expressed that to you on East 20<sup>th</sup> St., the problem it caused for people on that side, so I don't want that same type of problem to continue in these streets that we're going to fix."

Chuck Savoie stated, "Well that's why we mill them, we know which ones we're going to go up and down, and whether or not in order to come back and tie in all the driveways, and make sure that they are tied in and we have a nice leveled surface. They're patching all the defective

areas"

Councilman Madere responded, "You do remember what the problem what I showed you on 20<sup>th</sup> St.?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Yes, I know what you're talking about"

Councilman Madere responded, "Okay, so you know we don't want that to happen again, alright, thank you."

### **Lennix Madere - Infiltration repairs in District III**

Councilman Madere stated, "Once again, I don't know if you can answer this question, we had this episode, and once again the phone is ringing, the people in their area that we've made these repairs that's supposed to relieve the problem that they have, the problem still exists, and they're still not able to flush their toilet when they had that rain episode, the same thing happened backing up into the houses, and my concern is that we took all this time and did all this work, okay, and so far we're not seeing the results that we was anticipating. So, my question is, what is the problem, what can we do to get the type of results that we are looking for?"

Gerald Babin, PEC, stated, "Well Councilman Madere, it's an infrastructure issue, and you know repairing infrastructure takes a lot of money. The Parish, I mean you spent \$1 million dollars in Reserve, almost \$1 million dollars in Reserve between man holes, and sewer lines, and I guarantee you the 72 point repairs we made, and the 17 thousand feet of lining that we did we really helped out, now when the rain falls this size happens and you have water standing everywhere, you have several phases. We did man holes first, then we did lines, and then you also have another area which is the lines beyond the Parish's lines, after the right away, you have private lines of people that have open clean outs or anything in their yard, or busted service lines that water standing in the yard just pours into the sewer line, and some of the areas that you're referring to where it doesn't allow people to flush, it's not because the water's coming in necessarily on their street, they're just in the lowest areas, and water may be backing up all the way from the highest points in the system, it's the low areas that gets the problem, but a lot of it is coming from the private side of, we've done a lot to fix the Parish's lines, under the streets, and you've seen that."

Councilman Madere responded, "Don't get me wrong, I totally understand that, okay, like I said, I've been working with this since it started. I totally understand what the Parish did, and I understand the lines leading up to the homes. So, I understand Phase 1, Phase 2, the main holes, and the other lines leading up to the property line. I understand that the third problem is the lines that coming from individual homes, that may be cracked, now that may be a question not for you, that may be a question for administration. What is our plan in terms of trying to get the residents, or to find out, or to identify the ones that the water is getting in because unless we pull Phase 3, and try to correct those problems, Phase 1, and Phase 2, is not being effective at all, so I think that may be something that we have to look into as far as getting to these individuals, finding out what line is cracked from their house leading up to our system. So we have to, maybe

like I said Administration or this Council, have to come up with a Phase 3 to try to eliminate that water. I totally understand what you're saying, it's getting in the system, backing up, going down to the lower end causing all the problems."

Gerald Babin state, "Yes, it's definitely an education, from the stand point of education. You have to let these people know that anything that's open in their yard, especially when the water is standing four or five inches in their yard, and they have a clean out that's open, and the water is just pouring in, it really puts a strain, a burden on the system, on the manhole."

Councilman Madere responded, "Mrs. Robottom, would that be a question for our engineers, as far as how we're going to identify the individual homes that may have bust lines that's putting water into the homes? How can we identify that? Is there a way?"

Natalie Robottom replied, "I think probably Spoke Testing have identified some of those, and that was done before, and I want to say in 2010 we actually had long discussions with legal counsel about what we could do, because ultimately that is another Phase that impacts our system, and we were emphatically told we could not work on private property, but the smoke testing has been done periodically, and what it identified was that people had their clean off caps off, you know the smoke would come out of that, also identified that the problems on your property and not ours, so that's something we could pursue if we don't already have those, the problem with it is, we can't mandate that they fix it, and I was trying to go along the lines of some of the drainage work that we do, or when its impacting our system negatively that their systems are flooding our Waste Water System, and actually we just couldn't get any give legally as to why we would be able to, how we could legally address that, but we will look at it again, I'm sure there are test results that show through smoke testing, whether it's our line or theirs, however, unless you pass ordinance compelling them to fix it, or something along those lines, we can't force them to fix things like that on their property, and maybe you may know how it's done in other places, but that would be yes we've identified, but we can't make you make the repairs on your property, so maybe Gerald knows how that's done in other places."

Councilman Madere responded, "I totally understand what the comments you made about that, I totally understand that. My quick question is, did we, you say we identified some of the areas, but did we notify the individuals that they have a problem on their end that may be causing some problems for themselves and their neighbors, did we let them know? That's the question. I understand totally what you said about the legal aspects of it. We can't do this, we can't do that on private property, but if I know, was notified that I have a problem on my line, and it would benefit me to repair it, did we do that? That's the point I'm saying."

Natalie Robottom responded, "I'm not sure about the latest in Reserve or how y'all determined the points, but I know that was done in Garyville, and what they found was a lot of people had their clean off caps off, and actually there was conversation about making laws to fine them if they took their caps off, because that was allowing water into the system, so I know at least in certain areas where it was

identified, those individuals were notified. I wanted to think letters were sent out to them letting them know what was found. I don't recall necessarily what happened in this latest span, and we can take a look at that, but I know in the past residents were notified."

Councilman Madere responded, "Alright, thank you. Mrs. Robottom asked you a question. Do you know how they did it in those areas?"

Gerald Babin stated, "A series of letters, mail outs to people, just general information and I stood up before the New Roads City Council a week ago today, and we had the same presentation. We did a rehab job in an area, and they fourteen inches of rain. When its standing in people's yards and ditches, and it's in areas that are pretty much not standing water as usually, the water just get into the system, and I like I said, we had, we identified a lot of the areas in your district that had the problems, and that had problems before, and we concentrated on some of those streets, like Chad B. Baker, and all of those areas up in there, and a matter of fact, we almost lined an entire street of Chad B. Baker, with new lining, but it's really not, maybe not being on Chad B. Baker, maybe something closer to the Pump Station that's just that's the lowest point in the system and its backing up and their getting the brunt of just the law of gravity where water will seek its level."

Councilman Madere responded, "We need to notify these individuals who possibly do have leakage or caps off that they need to address those problems."

Councilman Wilson responded, "I've seen this pass for the storm, the man hole covers, I don't know how heavy they are, but they had enough pressure to lift them up, and to get about three inches above. The people leaving a possible reason for them for opening those caps, they might be trying to drain their yard, so that it doesn't flood the house, and that's the lack of drainage. We had numerous houses that flooded in this storm, but where they flooded, there's no reason why that should have happened, because they were right on the Levee, the first twenty-five hundred feet from the Levee, which is about an eight, ten foot drop. Chuck? To airline Hwy, to Hwy 61, twelve feet?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Yes, about eleven feet."

Councilman Wilson responded, "These people right next to the Levee are the ones that got the water. I've sit here and I've begged, I've had drainage on the agenda for a year, but I understand the situation. I don't like to see the sewers open. I don't like the overflow. I have an item on the agenda if that don't cover it."

#### **Lennix Madere/Marvin Perrilloux - Update on the Recreation Director Position**

Natalie Robottom stated, "Without any specific questions, we had not done anything different there, but we are currently working on filling the Maintenance position and the Program Coordinator's position, that the job description was just recently approved, and we're also trying to maintain functioning of the programs and the department with a number of employees that have been out on extended leave. At this point everything's moving forward. We do have some temporary employees and

some seasonal employees, and we've not made any movement on a Director, we have an acting Director who I think is doing a fantastic job, and until we can stabilize what's happening there, and put some structure into that system, then I've not made a recommendation to move forward. Is there something specific that y'all had in mind?"

Councilman Madere responded, "No, here's the point that I okay you said a Program Coordinator, did we approve to look for a Program Coordinator?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "Yes, and it was budgeted, and a new maintenance person."

Councilman Madere asked, "This Council did?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "Yes, it was in the 2013 and 2014 budget."

Councilman Madere stated, "It may have slipped me that we approved that, but I thought we budgeted for a Director."

Natalie Robottom responded, "We always had a Director."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, well we have an acting Director. I thought we budgeted for a Director, don't get me wrong, I'm not saying our active Director is not doing a good job, but we are looking for a Director to do above and beyond that job. That's why I was asking about a Director. Are we going to appoint a Director into that position or are we just going to carry on as is?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The ultimate goal is to have all the positions filled, which is a Director, Assistant Director, a Program Coordinator, and I think they started out with a Maintenance Forman, and two maintenance employees, and that number increased to three. We are looking to have a full staff there with the increase in the number of parks and the responsibilities in the gym and I think our goal is to have a full staff."

Councilman Madere stated, "You said maintenance, maintenance as in one person, or a few people?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "There are actually two positions, and a Maintenance Forman, so its three people that are responsible for maintaining all the parks and restrooms throughout the Parish, so we've added another Maintenance position, and we have solicited applications. I think they're going through the interview process or interviewing to fill that spot, but in the mean time when baseball season start, all four of the employees working in Maintenance were out at the same time, so we're struggling to keep our head above water with temporary employees that help from Public Works, and Public Safety, and everybody who can help, because a lot of our long term employees were out and people don't want to hear that. They want their programs to keep continuing. This is the height of our season, which is swimming camp, baseball, we still do free play basketball, and we're just trying to keep staffing levels up to where we can actually function right now."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, I just want to, I'm not disputing what you said about the budgeting for the Program Director, I would have to

*go back and look at that, but I thought it was for a Director."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "The Director is budgeted, that's always. The Director was budgeted, Assistant Director, all the existing positions remained in the budget, we added two positions, a Program Coordinator and a Maintenance person."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "I just don't remember doing for the Program Coordinator. I'm at a lost with that"*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "I think if you look back probably at, we'll find it for you and send it to you again. We did talk about it right, and y'all discussed it at the Recreation Advisory Board meeting."*

*Councilman Snyder responded, "Again, that part of the budget wasn't clear. I did not see in that budget, and I looked through it where there was a budget for the Program Coordinator."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "Because it's not listed by name, but you get a list"*

*Councilman Snyder responded, "It should be listed to me, that's one of the reasons why I like you to list it by position. Salaries are listed by positions, not necessarily a person's name, but by position."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "Well we can get you that. We had a budget hearing. I want to go back, we had a budget hearing we presented to you every position all the additions."*

*Councilman Snyder responded, "I know you presented the budget hearing to me, but there was no such talk as a Program Coordinator, that's my first time hearing this. I heard it in the streets about a Program Coordinator. Do we have a nine year old team?"*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "I don't know."*

*Councilman Snyder responded, "Do we have an eight year old team? We're hiring a Program Coordinator, we have an Assistant Director, and we're going to hire another Director but we don't have teams. We don't have people for them to manage."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "Well that is part of the problem Mr. Snyder. There's nobody managing, there's nobody recruiting, there's nobody scheduling, nobody outreaching. The Directors are trying to manage the day to day operations of the program. Again, we will forward you every reference that we made, it was presented to this Council when y'all met with us prior to the budget. We went through every position we added. The job description was provided. We talked about it at the Recreation Advisory Board, but again, part of the problem is, is participation. Part of it is participation, and we need somebody who can not only deal with the existing programs, but create some new ones. Everyone doesn't want to play basketball and baseball. There are some people who want to play something else, some people who might want to do something else, and we don't have the staffing to be able to do that. With thirteen parks and restroom facilities, the grass not being cut, to maintain them as we get complaints all the time. With regards*

to structuring and scheduling, we have problems doing all that with the staffing that we have. We have problems maintaining all the parks with two maintenance people, which is why we contract out grass because they couldn't keep up, but part of the problem historically was all of that was being paid for out of the Public Works fund, which meant we couldn't use that money for Public Works, and now that we have budget for Recreation we're trying to build a program, and building a program requires having someone who can go out and build on what we currently have. We still want football, we've not moved that forward. We have two sports, baseball and basketball, and it doesn't include girls. So, again, a Program Coordinator would be responsible for adding additional programs, adding cultural kinds of things, managing, scheduling, so that it's not just one person trying to do that. Our camp is going on, we've added swimming, we've added free swimming lessons, we've added special needs camp. All of those things take additional people to help manage that if we want to try to reach more people. We have a fairly good handle, but it's not good enough on who plays baseball and basketball, it's not enough, okay, but we need to recruit better. We need to have more organizations to attract more people to participate."

Councilman Snyder responded, "We've been approached by a league for soccer, and they seem to be pretty well organized, and all they need is just someone to sit down and talk with them so they can get organized and a place to play"

Natalie Robottom responded, "I think Mrs. Poche is here, and we have some agreements...."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well I hope so because this is a program that's already established, and we can go do great things. They have boys and girls soccer."

Natalie Robottom responded, "And we do participate, we've actually purchased some goals, they use our fields. We're actually trying to get them into our program, and that's something that Mrs. Poche's been working on. I can't tell you the exact status, but they are organized, but they weren't part of Parish recreation, but we have assisted in the past with their registration, and it's more of a partnership but we're trying to bring them on. There's very little for girl's altogether, there's very little for adults, but the swimming, the aqua aerobics, some of the other things that we're adding takes people to manage and coordinate and schedule all of those events, and it takes additional people to try and maintain our facilities. We get complaints all the time about the restrooms not being clean, they're not being open, the grass not being cut. Well, when you have thirteen on both sides of the River and throughout the Parish, you might need a little help with scheduling and putting people out there, which again, we've relieved some of it by contracting the grass, because it's just not possible with the small staff that we have to be able to maintain all of that."

Councilman Madere responded, "Mrs. Robottom, I agree with everything you're saying as far as what ail our Recreation department, and that just didn't happen. Once again, we're to the point where we said we inherit these problems, which you did, I did, and once again, we talk about the problem, but we have very few solutions. As far as thirteen parks and the number of people we have. I recognized that from the beginning, thirteen parks and we had four workers, it's impossible."

*Then, we added a dirt baseball field, which I made comment at the meeting that was the wrong thing to do. You cannot handle that with the number of people that you have, and that money that we spent on that baseball field right now, if you go take a look at it, we might as well have left the grass there, because the grass is back in it again, and we paid that to be removed. We had that conversation...."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "I had that same one with the contractor on the same thing that you referenced and they're working on getting that and training the employees to be able and maintain it, but we also have a maintenance contract, so that person has to maintain those fields and part of it is, we use pump sand from the Spillway and what our employees were doing was digging up the weeds when they were dragging it with the wrong kind rake, so it's a process. It's a learning process. We've never had good fields, we're having difficulty maintaining them, but our goal is to have well maintained fields."*

*Councilman Madere responded, "We meet twice a month, and I think every meeting we have problems that concern the people who live in this Parish, and they're not on a timeline."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "If you're concerned about the constituents, why don't you come and get the information and share it with them"*

*Councilman Madere responded, "I don't care if this meeting lasts until twelve o' clock."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "Well we care"*

*Councilman Madere responded, "Well you do, and you're welcome to leave if you want to, but I said this meeting here, is for the people in this Parish who I represent, and I don't represent them on a time clock. They can call me anytime and I will represent them. Now we're talking about an issue that concern them and I'm not on a time clock on this issue. I want to make a comment, and I want to listen to your response, and they want to listen because it affects them, it don't affect you, you can go home. I can get out of here and walk anytime I want too, but I'm answering questions that they brought to me. I want answers, and they want answers, and I don't want to hear about a time to get out of here. This meeting do have a start time, it don't have a finish time on it. Now, that's the point I want to get across because that's been mentioned before at other meetings. I don't want to hear it mentioned again at any meeting."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "Are you done"*

*Councilman Madere responded, "No I'm not done. When I'm done I'll say I'm done. Now the question is, I understand that the only problem that we've done had in this Parish is about parks and everything else, I want solutions, they want solutions. I deserve an answer, they deserve an answer."*

*Natalie Robottom responded, "What is the question?"*

*Councilman Madere responded, "The question is what are we going to do as far as maintaining these parks, getting a Director, it's not no new*

update, it's been over almost two years. I think there's some qualified individuals in this Parish that have applied, that have not been recommended. We need to get someone in there. Your Director, we have a great Assistant Director, been there for years, and she's doing a wonderful job. I think we have qualified people in this Parish that can have the position as a Director. A Director, direct the Assistant, the Director is the Sports Coordinator, he handles everything, he's responsible for everything. The Recreation Director is responsible for every blade of grass in every park in this Parish. We hired someone to cut a baseball field, we didn't have the first sight to see who was going to maintain that. I mentioned it before that this kind of endeavor was too big for the amount of people we had, and exactly what I said is exactly what's happening. Anyone can go take a ride at that park, and who know about baseball and the dirt and field is not what we have now, that's what my concern, and nothing else about time line, getting out of here, or anything like that, that don't bother me."

Natalie Robottom responded, "What's the question again?"

Councilman Madere responded, "The question is what is the solution to some of the problems we have with baseball, how we're going to maintain the field, and how are we going to get kids in the program. We have less kids this year than we had the year before."

Natalie Robottom responded, "The contract with the firm was not only to install the fields, but for maintenance, and because I ride out there too, because I represent all the residents, not just District III, and it's a problem for me as well, and I went out, those of you who came for opening day, which wasn't many, could see the participation and the people there and the pride. However, the blades of grass are coming through the dirt, so I spoke with the contractor, and I spoke with Ms. Poche, and my wishes are very clear. I expect it to be pristine, and it wasn't to my standard, and I made notes, and I called the contractor. One, we hired you because we didn't want the grass coming through, and he explained to me it's going to take some time to get the fields in shape. He said but, I can tell you the fields, the infields are filled with pump sand, so there's a lot of weeds that's coming through and ultimately what we were using to rake and grade it were stirring up those weeds again, and so he went out and he's purchasing a new insecticide or pesticide or whatever it is to try and control those weeds, and it's going to take some time as well as providing instruction on how to do it, and what's the proper tools to use to do that. Now again, in addition to installing the fields, I already know our people can't maintain them, they don't have time, so the contract also included maintenance, so we're going to continue to monitor that, and that is the job of the Director. Now if per Maintenance Forman was at work, which he is ill, it would be his job to maintain it, but we understand that, if you're not at work, you can't do it, so, again, we have a lot of vacancies, a lot of veterans who are used of doing that who are not there. With regard to adding staff, that is what we proposed in the budget process, and when we met with you, whatever we added we provided to you and I'm sure I can find it in writing with the number of positions, and what they were, and what those salaries are, and why they are being added. Now, you're right, we don't have participation, and part of that is because we're not running as we should. We don't have the staffing, we didn't have the money, we didn't have the people, and we couldn't jump to from no budget to everything

that we need. We expressed that to you, just as we did the Animal Shelter. We've finally passed the millage in 2012, or had one re-dedicated, so put some money in Recreation, otherwise we're borrowing from Public Works, we're borrowing from Economic Development, we had no money, and now there's some money in it, and the program's generating funds, and we're getting grant funds, and we're adding to that. So, we're adding people to the staff to be able to maintain, we entered into contracts with grass cutters, and now we entered into contract with someone to maintain the fields, and it's going to be his job to get them in the shape that they need. We've added facilities, we improved the bleachers, we did things to the field, we've changed things at the gym, we took care of the batting nets and fences, we did a lot of things with very few people. As I said, when baseball season started, the four people that works in Recreation were all out sick. We were able to get started with help from Public Works, and anybody else who would go out there to make sure on opening day we could start playing baseball, so what we're doing is a lot with what we have, and our goal is to continue to do that. You want more people, somebody has to do outreach. The same person who's out managing the contract, doing the scheduling, managing the budget, doing the ordering cannot be the person going out doing all the outreach. They can't be the person that's at all the games or doing all the schedules when you have games on both sides of the River. They can't be the person who's doing the camp, doing the swimming program. We needed bodies, and of course we also want more activities. We want more activities and you have to have people to be able to do that, so what I can tell you is yes, we've made some progress, we've made a lot of progress. If you look at the facilities, part of it was, none of them were maintained properly, and part of it was we didn't have any money to maintain to even hire anybody or equipment or materials or anything. We couldn't buy anything, but you can look at them now and see they're getting a lot better. We've put together a plan that will make them even better, there's bond money, that again, each park will be addressed to some degree. The swimming pool has been changed, the pool is not leaking, the pool house has been repaired, we're looking at repairs on the West bank. We repaired the park that was damaged by the Hurricane. There are a lot of things that have been done and that are continually doing with a skeleton crew and very little money, so if you want to talk about it, this is not the place, but I'll be happy to sit with you. Schedule the time, put your questions together, and we could answer them. Read what we send to you and you will have an update."

Councilman Madere responded, "I don't have a problem meeting with you and discussing all this. The only problem I have is when we discussing something in the meeting and I'm told that it's getting late. I have a problem with that, that's one problem and I think I addressed that problem. Now as far as a Director, like I said, been knowing Ms. Poche, she's doing a wonderful job, and she's doing the best she can with one arm tied behind her back and hopping on one leg, I understand that. What I'm saying is, if we're in that bad of a shape, why don't we have a Director here, if we need help, and that position's been available for two years? We don't have a Director, the bottom line is we don't have a Director right now, so that's the spot that we've been trying to fill for two years. I understand about you need more people, that have been identified as a position of need."

Natalie Robottom responded, "Ms. Poche is the acting Director, we have

a Director."

Councilman Madere responded, "I understand, I didn't ask acting. I want permanent. You put it in the budget, I want permanent, not acting. You said we need help, that's our help. We have people that applied for this position that could be helping with some of things that you just mentioned about scheduling and trying to get people in there. Right now, all that burden fall on Ms. Poche, everything, grass cutting, everything, and once again, I'm going to stand on what I said when it was mentioned about those ball parks. Ms. Poche, I don't know how much she knows about baseball, she probably do, but if there was a Director in position, that Director would have told that guy we cannot cut a baseball field out at this particular time. We do not have the maintenance, we do not have the equipment, and we do not have the time, that's the importance of having a Director that would have direct and explained that information, and we would not have spent that money on something that's now that's getting out of hand, that's the job of a Director, and that Director would have told that guy do not cut that field out, we don't have the equipment, we don't have the manpower, and we went on and did it because that decision wasn't made, and now you have baseball fields that's basically going back to what they were before. That's all I have to say, and if you want to have a meeting, we can have a meeting. I'll contact you."

Debra Poche stated, "Mr. Madere, it's a slap in the face for you to sit there and say that you want a Director, to me you had a Director, you had one. I've been one a year and a half. From my understanding, I didn't know they had advertised for a Director, and you're going to sit here and say that you have applications that have been put in place. I am one person, and I think that I have provided the best Recreation program that I could provide to you. The bottom line, I listen, the last six, seven months everything's been what Ms. Poche's been doing, now all of a sudden, you need a Director. I have a problem with that, because, first of all you talking about the field. Yes, I do know about baseball. Secondly, my husband's been a coach forty years and he know a coach and you know him, so please don't sit there and say that we don't know about baseball. If the field was being done wrong, you're a Councilman, you could've came out there. Every activity we have, we can count how many Councilmen been out there for opening day. Secondly, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Socrates, yes, I have been meeting with the President to discuss soccer. I have a price, we're looking at roughly twenty eight thousand dollars to do those soccer fields, so please don't sit there and say that I'm not or Recreation are not meeting with these people, we are. The gentleman supposed to come to Recreation next month to the board, but in order for Recreation to work, everybody has to work as a team, and if you going to sit up here and degrade me as a Recreation Director, something wrong with you, Mr. Madere. Thank you."

Councilman Madere responded, "Something has to be wrong with you paying attention to what I said. I'm going to say it again, and it's the last time I'm going to say it. I think I mentioned you were doing a wonderful job with what you had, so how can I say you're doing a wonderful job translate in your mind that I say you're not doing a wonderful job. I specifically said, I'll say it again, I thought you're doing a good job, and that's a slap in my face for you to turn my words around and say I didn't say that, and that's exactly what I said, and I said it more than once, and our Recreation Director resigned. It's in

the budget every year, and if you're not looking for a Recreation Director, why is it in the budget? So you know, and Mrs. Robottom know that that position is an open position that should be filled, so it's automatic that you're out there looking. I've mentioned to you on several occasions about nominating you as the Director, and you yourself told me, no, don't do that, you want to remain Civil Service. I came to you twice and I asked you about being the Director. I said that I would recommend that you would be the Director, and twice you told me no. Now, as far as the Recreation Director, this is an ongoing problem. It's going on two years, if we don't need a Director, then it should never be placed in the budget, undoubtedly we need one, it's in the budget, it's been voted upon, just like you said the Sports Coordinator is in the budget, it's been voted upon. So, if we're not going to fill the Recreation Director, it's been voted on, we're not going to fill the Sports Coordinator Director, it's been voted on. You want kids in the park, I told you at the Recreation meeting, forty-five dollars per sport, per kid, is too much money. I suggested ten. Mr. Gauff suggested free one time. Until you get things going, you need kids. You can have the grass cut all you want, you can have everything done, if you don't have kids, you don't have a Recreation Program, and right now I just spoke to a young lady and her son in the Housing Authority this morning at 8:30, and not one of those kids are involved in one of our Recreation programs. A young girl, she wants to play ball. She has to play ball with the boys, there's nothing for the girls. She cannot afford it. She has four kids, she told me straight up she can't afford forty-five dollars per sport, and she definitely can't get them to summer camp at one hundred fifty dollars. So, we as a council need to find a way to get these kids involved, get our Recreation program going. I will say it again, I don't want anyone, in any department to turn my words around, because I said exactly what I said, and I say exactly what I mean, and not one time tonight, did anyone in hear heard me say that you're not doing a good job, and for you to get up there and say I slap you in the face by saying you're not doing a good job. I'd like to see the transcript where I said that."

Debra Poche stated, "You sat there and said I'm doing a good job, but in the same breathe you asking for a Director. In the same breath you said you want a Director. The bottom line like I told you earlier, is team work. It don't make no sense to be sitting up here arguing and throwing slang, when you could get there and come back there to the Recreation Department and we sit down and talk. Secondly let me correct you, I did not tell you don't nominate me. I have not discussed it with my husband, so I'm not going to stand up here and tell you I said don't nominate me because I want Civil Service. I haven't even told Mrs. Robottom my decision, and you did say you want a Director."

Council Madere stated, "One more thing, and then I'm done with it. We need a Director. The Parish President, the Administration thinks we need a Director. It's in the budget every year and we need a Director. Now whether someone's feelings get hurt because they say their looking for a Director, I have no control over that, we need a Director, and we need a Director yesterday, not today, not tomorrow, we needed one since yesterday, we need a Director. If we want this Program to run good, you need a Director. The Director is the motor that runs the Recreation Department, so we not running. If we have an eight cylinder engine, we running on four, we want to run full blast. It calls for a Director, then we should find a Director, simple."

Councilwoman Hotard responded, "To follow up on that, we were asked to approve a budget with a Director in it, and so I would just like clarification are you looking for one or not, because you did ask us to fund one."

Natalie Robottom responded, "You're funding a Director, and Ms. Poche is acting Director, so she's being paid for out of the Director's salary. So, you're paying for a Director. What we're looking at is the Assistant Director position, in addition to the Sports Coordinator. Those job descriptions have not been touched since 2005. With the changes to the program, we're revising that one. Ms. Poche is right, she has talked to me, she works for me, and I did not want to overstep her and make a recommendation. I want to consider the fact that she's worked for this Parish for thirty something years. I had the faith in her to make her the acting Director, but she wasn't ready, and she said she wanted to talk to her husband first. I gave her that respect, to consider are we going to be a Director, or do you want to remain as an Assistant Director. In the meantime, she's worked very hard, and she asked me "Are you pleased with what I'm doing?", and I am, because with Ms. Poche does her work every day, and if she gets a directive, she fulfills it, and she has the history of the Parish, but I considered what she wanted, at this state in her life in her career, and that's why we're not moving, and I'm not going to move until I'm confident that she's ready. Now, in the meantime, we're either going to hire a Director or we're going to hire an Assistant Director, but one of those positions will be filled, but I'm going to work with a lady whose given her life to this department in helping me to make that decision. Now, as far as the other positions, we have lots of positions that take forever to fill. A lot of them, we have to go to the Civil Service Board, we're creating positions, so we need them to approve the job description, you to approve it, advertise forty positions, so the bottom line is we've all understood employees and employment fall under me, and we're going to work through it for the best in the best interest of the Parish, and at this point I'm waiting on Ms. Poche and until she's confident in her decision, I'm not moving."

Councilman Wilson responded, "While we're on Recreation, and we have a salary out there, some money and the budget is not being used right. Now, my park in Garyville does not have an airnasium over the basketball court, and we're the only one. I see kids out there every day except when it's raining, and sometimes it's many as twenty of them..."

Randy Vincent stated, "Mr. Wilson, we're talking about the Recreation Director, but on your point, I think that came up in a Master Plan for the parks to have what you're saying. If we go back and look at the Master Plan, I think that's in there. I think Councilman Gauff had suggested that too. I think it's in there."

#### **Art Smith - Update on West Bank Senior Citizen Center**

Councilwoman Millet stated, "It's on the agenda, and I know that they were looking to do something to make a new Senior Citizen Center on the West bank, is that what your instructions are saying?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "There are two things, one the current

facility I'm thinking there was a lengthy discussion on the condition of the building and we've had some folks to go ahead and take a look at it. There are some repairs that need to be made. We're fortunate enough to get a complete L Gap Grant, as well as some left over dollars to make some repairs to that building while their currently in it, as well as it's a Parish building, so it would still be usable. So, that first item of one hundred fifty eight thousand in L Gap funds will go towards rehabilitating the existing building. However, in the bond issue under facilities the money is available again after a lengthy discussion and agreement it appeared from this Council, we budgeted, I think five hundred thousand dollars for a new facility for the seniors on the West bank as they've been in a facility that's fairly small for some time now, so those are the two projects that we have scheduled for seniors on the West bank."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "My question has to do with the current building as it is right now. I understand that it needs a good thorough cleaning, it needs some updating possibly in the short term. I understand what the long term process is, but in the short term, there's odors in the building, it just needs a good cleaning."

Natalie Robottom responded, "The building has been cleaned, and we have a new janitorial service, so that is not an issue. The building is poorly organized and structured, it needs some additional space, and one hundred fifty eight thousand dollars is for that."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "I understand what you're saying, but I was just, a comment was made that...."

Natalie Robottom responded, "Did they make it recently?"

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Pardon me"

Natalie Robottom responded, "Was the comment made recently?"

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Yes, like last week"

Natalie Robottom responded, "Which center are you at, you on the West bank?"

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Yes"...all I'm saying is that the Sheriff had offered some services to help spruce it up, do something on the short term and it hasn't been accomplished yet, and I'm just wondering if that's going to be done or not?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "I don't think that's true, that's not true, that is incorrect."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I actually spoke to the janitorial services that are cleaning that building, I guess about two weeks ago, and they were telling me about the thorough job they had been doing, and I was over there recently and walked through, talked to the people that actually go there and asking were there any issues at all."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Could you please contact the Sheriff and ask him what's going on with that because this was brought to me today."

Natalie Robottom responded, "The Sheriff has nothing to do with this building"

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Well he just offered to services."

Natalie Robottom responded, "But we don't need his help."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "So you don't want his help?"

Natalie Robottom responded, "No, we actually have a new janitorial firm. After the last comments, concerns, we sent someone in both administratively and janitorial for them to clean. We have funding available to expand it. Once going into it, it's like you know what it's too small, too cramped. We need to do some things to it. Its old, it hadn't been updated, so we applied for a grant and received it, and that's to update and upgrade and renovate that facility, but ultimately the group decided, you know what, we'd like a new facility. There was one built on the East bank and there were funds available in the Facilities Fund, so we have funds for both, and it is a public building, so whether it's used for them or not, once its upgraded, it's another facility that we would have on the West bank."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Okay, thank you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I know that's Mr. Smith's main push, and my main goal is to get that new facility for the West bank. The new Council on aging building, but we do want to use this grant funding to remodel or renovate this building and then we'll have another building that we're able to use, maybe a community center or whatever, whatever need comes up we'd be able to use this building."

#### **Art Smith - Update on the new plant coming to the West Bank**

Natalie Robottom asked, "Are you referring to Edimon?"

Councilman Smith stated, "Yes."

Natalie Robottom responded, "Again, the announcement was made over a month ago. We've had very little contact with them. They are doing, but we had some phone conversations, they're doing their due diligence with EPA Permitting. They are also dealing with the land owner and possibly some wetlands determination issues, it will be another several months before any of that is done, and at that point they'll be able to determine a definitive time line."

Councilman Smith responded, "Okay, that's what I was looking for, a definitive time line as to when the project will start or anything of that nature. I guess I'm looking for the people on the West bank to get ready."

Natalie Robottom responded, "Mr. Smith, I think we met with you, Councilman Gauff, and some of the Economic Development board members to discuss what we knew about the plant, and we're also scheduling another meeting, and we are going to meet with residents on the West bank, as soon as we get, we're following the lead of some of the Representatives on the West bank. Ultimately, we need our residents to get ready, but

again, with this project, it kind of came very fast. They weren't necessarily looking at this property. They were looking at another property in the state of Louisiana, so they have to do their due diligence on this piece of property, and the permitting requirements. It's a Turkish company that's familiarizing themselves with the states laws and rules regarding permits from the Core, EPA, and what's ever necessary, and they just haven't made it through that process yet, but as soon as we get information, we'll be happy to share."

Councilman Smith responded, "Ok, that'll work for me."

#### **Art Smith - Canal dredging in District I**

Natalie Robottom stated, "We've had a lengthy discussion and problems securing a marsh buggy for the Castle Dr. Project, however, we've had a lot of success with Three Deuces, who was the contractor who did the canals on this side of the River. We were able to do a change order and add the Reserve Relief Canal, and we've actually had them go out and do an estimate on some of the work on the West bank. Once we get that pricing information, we'll deal with our attorney's and see the best way to move forward, whether it's a change order or three quotes or whatever, but this company can actually do the work. Previously, what we had were people who did not want to do the work. We tried to rent a marsh buggy. We had to change our insurance, then there was none available, so we've struggled with this, but I think we have a firm now who can at least do that work."

#### **Art Smith - Update on expired items on work order system for District I**

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Smith, I'm going to ask that you meet with Ms. Sutherland on that, obviously some of these items are in litigation, or will be going to litigation, and I'll think you'll be better served if you sit down and go over the properties that you're concerned with."

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Councilman Wilson stated, "This goes back up to the same thing. I've been having this on the agenda for about a year, and still I haven't gotten anywhere. I have some other issues that have come up due to the water, the rain, and the tide. We had some cave ins on Garyville Northern, numerous of them. Administration did address the problem right away. What they did, I don't know how long it's going to last, but we have some serious issues. This last storm, I had numerous houses that flooded, and these people are right next to the Levee, and somebody, somewhere, I would ask Administration to please give us the railroads, both railroads and tell them to get off their butts and come do what they are supposed to do, they take care of theirs, because if we just do ours and don't do theirs, we're not getting anywhere, but I need help. I'm asking you for help for the people of Mt. Airy, Garyville, and Reserve. There's an area on Tony Dr. Cop Dr. on the west side of Tony Dr., the houses on the west side, behind their fence there's a ditch. You can't get in it but by hand. I'm going to ask that y'all go with maybe the summer workers to get in there and clean that thing out because the man that lives on Cop Dr. on the corner....."

Natalie Robottom responded, "Are you saying Cop, as in policeman?"

Councilman Wilson responded, "Cop, right across the railroad track from Riverside. Cop Dr. in Reserve, it's along the railroad track, by Tony Dr., also on Tony Dr. itself, the last two houses on the right need to be addressed. I don't know if they got a culvert there or not or whatever. I have other issues in Reserve all over Reserve. That's all I'm asking, is for some help, now it's becoming to be a bad problem with the road caving in. Mr. Cashew took a big pile of pictures of some of the drainage. Sunday, I took forty one pictures of the amount of water that is still in that canal. I'm going to ask also that the engineers look into some kind of way we could stop the back flow of the water because what's in front of my house and that canal right now is exactly the level of the lake. The storm we had, ten or twelve inches of rain, the best system in the world is not going to take care of that in the short period of time that happened, that was an act of God, but I still need to get our drainage fixed. It's been too many years now, and like I told you in the past, I'm not blaming you for all of it, but the last two and a half years nothing's happened."

Natalie Robottom responded, "We'd love to sit down and go over a couple of things with you Mr. Wilson, but for the record, you're correct, we had fourteen inches of rain, and you're right, it's extremely unusual to have flooding close to the River, which is the highest area in the Parish, however, the streets in Mt. Airy are in a bowl, they're in a bowl that's on the Southside of the track with all the additional construction going toward Airline Hwy. that is a lot higher than Mt. Airy. We have a 1.7 million dollar grant proposal specifically for Mt. Airy, Chestnut, in that area. As a result of the flooding, and we had staff members out there, there is a project and we met with the folks from Fema to point out to them why it's necessary to move forward with this project. Now, many of those homes, as you say, they've been flooding for twenty years, so they're on the severe repetitive lost list, some of them are on the repetitive lost list, and there are programs that we are rolling out now to assist them. Their homes are low, some of them need to be elevated, some of them have flooded five times, so this is not a new event, this is something that is historical. What we looked at during the storm, and our engineer was out there, was we had a tentative scope, a concept on how we could fix the bowl in that area, and we're pursuing some additional thoughts on that, with possibly draining to the river, rather than trying to force all that water with the water from Mt. Airy, all these other areas in Garyville, all that water is going to the lake. So, we're trying to take the water from the River Road, and force it under the tracks, and competing with that from an already low area, may not be the best idea, but there's 1.7 million dollars for a project specific to that area in your district. With regards to Reserve, Tony St. is part of a Reserve drainage project that is in design by Shread Kurkendall, and again that was funded by Hazard Mitigation Grant from Gustav & Ike, so that's preceding with design, so we'll have some help there on Tony and those streets within that area, but there is already a project, and I think the rains, as horrible as they were, and as quickly as they came down, added to a problem that we already knew about, which is Mt. Airy, is a bowl, and they need a drainage system to help them because they're lower than the residents to the north, and they're competing with all that water from the subdivision, and the areas that are built up, and

*the concrete that wasn't there historically and their water is not getting out, so that's in place, as well as we're getting ready to roll out programs to help those residents with re-doing their homes. Some with actually buy out, some with elevation, and again, it'll be primarily for the historical areas that have flood repeatedly. So, we are doing something with your district, we'd love for you to come sit down and find out what that is, so when you get the questions, you'll be able to explain to your constituents that there are projects on the books for their areas."*

Councilman Wilson asked, "When can we expect to have that money at hand?"

*Natalie Robottom responded, "We actually just got, I think I announced to y'all we got the safe room money. Its three projects they are looking at funding first, there's a total of seven. One of them is the safe room that came through first, the next one is the electrical components for Ruddock, and the next one was the Airport, but we've asked that they pay special attention to what happened in Mt. Airy because we have recent information to show that this is a priority and it should be approved, but they are going to look to us for the scope. The money is pretty much ours we have to define the scope to move forward with the project."*

*Councilman Wilson stated, "Another thing, Mr. Cashew that took these pictures, he flooded for Isaac. He flooded from rain water, not from back water where he lives, and it's a very big concern, and we have some other problems. We have to look into the Lake situation. I will ask the engineers, I don't know if there's a system y'all could put in, some flapper gates, or whatever, to stop the water from coming in. I think we need a pump station to get it out like they have in Homeland."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "I think that's all part of the Levee Project."*

*Councilman Wilson stated, "That water is five foot deep in that canal. When you get towards back by the sewer plant, you can't see the culverts on either sides they're so far under water."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "We understand what you're saying, and as I said, we'd be happy to discuss it with you. What I can tell you, is that my staff that was out there, water was flowing, it was flowing, they had white caps and Council members who were out there could see it, but it was too much, in too short a period of time. We had right there in St. James, who would have thought the residents along the river would have flooded, one hundred homes flooded, but it was about where the band of rain came down. It stayed over those areas for too long a period of a time, and the water could not get out as quickly as it came down."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "One of the bright ideas I just heard was to try something different. Let's try to go to the River. That's been an idea I know we had for Red Bud, and now that we're considering that in Mt. Airy that sounds encouraging. I would hope we'd expedite something of that nature because that sounds really good."*

*Natalie Robottom stated, "Just keep in mind that requires permitting,*

and I did talk to the sources on that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I understand that, but at least we're thinking outside of the box, other than sending the water to the Lake, where it's already too high that we're having issues with, to think about going to the River and to actually conceptualize, draw something up, and maybe in time do something about this."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And there's other people who've done it, that's what we wanted to know, what they're process was?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "I know this is not right, but Mr. Madere, as some of the others, I have to go, I have to go to work. There are some people that have been waiting in the lobby all night for me and this issue with the hospital, and I'm sorry, I'm going to have to leave."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "We can move it up."

Councilman Gauff stated, "If I can do that right now, it would really help, because they've been here since six o'clock."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I did, and I know it's been one of them crazy nights where everyone is just kind of strange, so to speak, but I do want to compliment Public Works. We did have a torrential amount of rain that fell through, and based on that amount of rain, the houses that did get flooded, yes we did have some, but we could have had a heck of a lot more, so I want to thank you, and I want to thank your crew for making sure that the streets did remain open, and water did flow, and the drainage did occur. I know y'all had to work yourselves to a frenzy, but I want to personally take this opportunity to thank you because the residents of my district that did get flooded before were really scared, and they were very excited that we didn't have any issues this time, so thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "I'd also like to say that y'all did a wonderful job with the drainage situation, that rain storm we had. Concerning the pumps, remember I asked you about the regenerating and how to get it down to zero. You said y'all didn't basically know how to do that, besides just running it when it got to us all the way. I spoke to a guy at Louisiana Machinery, and he said if you would allow them to come and look at the Pump, he could show you. He wanted to know if it was manual or automatic, I told him I wasn't sure. He said if you would allow him to come and look at it, he said there's a possible way of disengaging the Pump, and regenerating that thing all the way down to zero, on like you know, a big rain storm coming tomorrow, he said he'd be able to show how to regenerate it all the way down to zero, so you're at maximum performance when the rain storm come in. So, I'd get with you, and he said you know, he'd be glad to come take a look at it, and just show y'all how to do that, if there was a problem."

Brian Nunes stated, "That'll be great, thank you."

Councilman Wilson stated, "The administration, the people came out and put sand bags out for these people. I got a call from Washington D.C., from the House of Representatives, for one of these houses, but it was a little late, and that's not their fault. I mean, what happened happened, and it's just nothing could have saved that part of it and I

want to let the people know in Reserve, I have problems from one end of my district to the other end, and I need help everywhere. I want y'all to think, it maybe one square mile of one of these districts in Laplace that have six thousand votes. You know how many square miles of territories I have to deal with? The St. James Parish line to East 12<sup>th</sup> St. in Reserve, from the Levee to the Airline Hwy., those things are over a mile long. You have ditches on both sides and we're in horrible shape over there, and it's not just Mt. Airy. It's Garyville Mt. Airy, Reserve, it's the areas of town, the areas of this Parish, the historic areas of the original St. John Parish. We have people that's ten to twelve generations that are still living here. You ago across the River, you're going to see tombstones, people born in the 1600's that's been here, and these areas are not being taken care of. The Planning & Zoning Department over here, with some of the rules pertaining to trees and the green space, and the overlay area, you know it's one thing that they wanted to make it look beautiful, but how about us? How about original St. John where we have all the historic buildings? What do they have here? The only one they had was the Ice House and they tore that down long ago, and I'm sorry to see that have gone because that was a very very important project, but everything we have in these three districts are all historic areas, and we shouldn't be treated like that, and when I said that I want my one seventh of the money, I want my one seventh of the money that comes in. District II provides about 90 percent of the tax dollars that comes in from industry comes in from District II. Now, we got to put up with the noise, we got to put up with smell, and we got to put up with all of the traffic going in and out, this is all night long. We need some help, that's all I ask y'all. I'm asking for this Council to give me some help, along with Administration, I'm asking them to do what they're supposed to do."

**Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 5-13-14) Overturning of Planning & Zoning trailer permit denial - Tina Watson - 474 Little Hope Street, Garyville**

Councilman Wilson asked that this item be carried over.

Councilman Perrilloux excused himself from the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Marvin Perrilloux - Appointment of L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the Parish**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to appoint the L'Observateur as the Official Journal for the Parish. The motion passed with Councilmen Gauff and Perrilloux absent.

**Natalie Robottom/Lucien Gauff - Resolution - R14-19 - A resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish Council to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. James Parish Hospital to offer, provide, and promote health care services to the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish**

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, this is a joint item. We have a representative, we thought we'd have both, from the St. James Hospital, Ms. Mary Ellen Pratt, and we have Dr. McGaff who's a local physician here. We were initially approached by the St. James Hospital about a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. I think all of you are aware that Mr.

Gauff also sits on the River Parishes Hospital Board, and with a proposal to enter into an agreement, so physicians could kind of be co-shared across the Parishes, with the intent of providing better service, but also taking advantage of a funding source that could help offset some of the costs. I'll allow Ms. Mary Ellen to come up and explain exactly what it entails, of course you know, we have a hospital in our Parish, and what we discussed with her and her representatives was we would not do anything, or attempt to move forward with anything that we thought would harm the hospital. So, we met with hospital staff, I think Lucien discussed it with board members, at some point we had little stand still with the movement, however, as a result of I guess conversations between the hospital, us, and the Administrators, we've worked out what we think is something that is plausible. Specific to Dr. McGaff, it's going to give us an opportunity to try that out, ultimately, our goal is to provide quality healthcare services to our residents by utilizing a Physician and his office here, and a partnership with St. James Hospital. At this point, that's what the resolution calls for, there's a C.A. to support it, but I would like for Dr. McGaff and Ms. Pratt, to address the Council, and obviously Mr. Gauff has an inside look on this and we've been working very hard and we appreciate y'all staying to see this through."

Councilman Gauff stated, "And I will apologize that I didn't move it up then to get you all in and out sooner, I just had no idea that the discussion would have gone this far or as long. I'll let you address them and then I'll comment."

Ms. Pratt stated, "For St. John the Baptist Parish you don't have a hospital service district so you're not familiar with some of the rules that encompass being a hospital service district. But, the hospital service districts are governed under Louisiana law 4610:51-1067, if you really want to go look at it all, but the intent of the hospital service district is to allow Parish Council or Parish Police Juries to create a body that will provide healthcare for their community. Most of the hospital service districts are done Parish to Parish. Some Parishes actually have opted for more than one hospital service district within their Parish, East Jeff, West Jeff, so you get that. All the times that the hospital service districts are created, they're created with a set of boundaries, the geographic area for that service district. The laws are promulgated so that we don't compete with each other, in a sense of having state money, if you consider us public, state money, competing with other state money. So, the way the laws are written it says well if you want to work outside of your boundaries, outside of your geographic jurisdiction, then you should have an agreement with the other service district that you're working with where there's need to be cooperation, collaboration, on any kind of expansion in a sense. So, that's the way the law is written, and we've done Cooperative Endeavors with other Parishes that we are adjacent to. In St. John, because you don't have a hospital service district, there was no district to go to, so it comes up to the Parish Council level, so that's why you're having to address this. In other areas I'd just go straight to the C.E.O. of the service district hospital and work out those agreements with them. The reason why this is happening more and more is because Physicians and hospitals are becoming partnered and aligned and we're working more together. Physicians always have had the ability to go work wherever they want to. I kind of call them splitter doctors, but most of the time a doctor would be on more than one hospital staff, it's part of

convenience for patients, it's part of giving patients choice, and it's the way we've done business for years. Well as hospitals have started to acquire the physicians, now they fall under our jurisdiction, and as a hospital service district, I am not to practice outside of my jurisdiction, without Cooperative Endeavors, or without agreements. So, as we've acquired Physicians, and have started to do more of that, it's become an issue for us. So, like I said, I've gone to adjacent Parishes and requested this. Recently, we've signed a contract with Dr. McGaff, to provide services through our newly established clinic called St. James Surgical Specialists, he is our intent and our desire, so you choose, is to allow him to continue to provide the same level of services in St. John the Baptist Parish, meaning, doing surgery at River Parishes, doing surgery at the Surgery Center, and actually seeing patients in his clinic. But because he would be under our umbrella, as a hospital service district, I need to have your permission, your consent, to allow us to operate in that fashion. So, that's why we're here, that's all we're really asking for, is to have the authority granted through your resolution, to enter into an agreement for a C.E.A., so that we can operate a Surgery clinic, an inpatient and outpatient surgical services in the Parish of St. John. Our goal is to continue to provide those services, it'll now be at the expense of the hospital service district of St. James, instead of Dr. McGaff independently, but our goal is to continue to provide the same services. We'd like to be in a collaborative faced, to augment services that are here, to work in tandem with River Parishes Hospital. I have talked with Mr. Marshall, the C.E.O. of River Parishes, and we've talked through this agreement, and he's in support of us doing this, so that Dr. McGaff can still provide the same high quality services he's always provided to the Parish and to River Parishes Hospital, as he's always done, so that's the goal."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Just a little further comment, this is something that some board members and I, we have discussed. Ms. Pratt has been very amicable in discussing things, very open in discussing everything. From the Parish's stand point, my stand point, I didn't want it to seem like we were abandoning our River Parishes Hospital, but with the doctors, Dr. McGaff, and the services that he would be able to provide, both River Parishes and St. James, it's a win for us because we also get St. James to pay for some of that, so that helps us out, but also, it's in a position that really the doctors are able to go to other Parishes and other municipalities and work, and they really didn't have to ask us, but they were very up front, and came to us, discussed everything, and wanted this to be approved by the Council, because it is something that we have the ok to say yes or no on, but actually the doctors could say, "I want to go work," and go, so I really applaud your effort. I know it took a long time, it took a lot of conversations between all of us, especially Dana, thank you for coordinating a lot of that also Dana, but it is something that I think we should allow and approve, so thank you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "So this is specific to Dr. McGaff?"

Ms. Pratt stated, "Yes it is."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "And any other doctors you'll come again or they can go work where they choose?"

Ms. Pratt stated, "Not if they're going to work for me. I'm going to come ask."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Resolution R14-19. A resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish Council to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. James Parish Hospital to offer, provide, and promote health care services to the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish. **WHEREAS**, the availability of high quality health care services within St. John the Baptist Parish for its residents is of high concern to this body; and **WHEREAS**, in order to have high quality and technically advanced medical services available to residents of this Parish in the most economically favorable and expedient manner, it is in the interest of this Parish to agree to enter into a cooperative endeavor with a hospital service district that is already successfully providing services to residents of this area, including residents of this Parish; and **WHEREAS**, Hospital Service District Number 1, Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana d/b/a St. James Parish Hospital ("SJPH") has provided and continues to provide high quality medical services to residents of this Parish; and **WHEREAS**, in recognition of SJPH's ability to provide services to the residents of this Parish, this body entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SJPH effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, which provides in part as its goals to develop strategies to foster collaboration and cooperation between the parties, to improve the quality and availability of health care services in St. John the Baptist Parish and to establish a joint venture to offer, provide and promote health care services furnished by SJPH; and **WHEREAS**, in addition to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in place between this Parish and SJPH, Article VII, Section 14(c) of the Louisiana Constitution and La. R.S. § 46:1051 et seq. give this Parish Council the authority to enter into cooperative endeavor arrangements with other governmental agents and units in general and in particular for the provision of health care services; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish: 1. SJPH is hereby requested, empowered and authorized to provide a surgery clinic and perform inpatient and outpatient surgical services in St. John the Baptist Parish (the "Services") through its medical staff member, Dr. Mc Gaff and through the professional and non-professional staff necessary to support Dr. McGaff in the provision of such services. 2. SJPH and/or its subsidiaries will be solely responsible for all costs related to the operation of the Services. 3. The St. John the Baptist Parish government and its agencies, units and boards shall not be financially responsible for the operation of the Services. 4. From time to time, SJPH shall report to this Parish Council on the operation of the Services and may give advice and information to this Parish Council with respect to other public health care issues that SJPH believes may be of interest to the residents of this Parish. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

Councilman Gauff excused himself from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss a pending legal matter. The motion passed with Councilmen Gauff and Perrilloux absent.

**MOTION:** Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilmen Gauff and Perrilloux absent.

There was no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Councilwoman Hotard excused herself from the meeting.

**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

Lennix Madere - 205 E. 30<sup>th</sup> Street

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues

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

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**14-26** An ordinance granting approval for the Parish President to grant a predial servitude of passage across property owned by this Parish and described as: A 40' strip in Foxwood Manor Subdivision (N. Robottom)

**14-27** An ordinance granting approval for the Parish President to purchase immovable property and improvements described as a Portion of Parcel 3A of Lot H, New Era Plantation, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as shown on the attached exhibit by Act of Cash Sale from Entre Nous LLC, funded by the St. John the Baptist Parish's Disaster Recovery Community Development (CDBG) Program and to execute the Act of Cash attached hereto and all other documents necessary for the Parish of St. John the Baptist to acquire title to the property. (N. Robottom)

**14-28** An ordinance for the adoption of the 2014 millage rates (N. Robottom)

**14-29** An ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 from the 2014 Building Maintenance Budget/Fund to make necessary repairs to the Homer "Boogie" Joseph Center and to authorize and require the Parish president to carry out the duties of having the Homer "Boogie" Joseph Center repaired in accordance with the appropriation herein and in accordance with the duties of the Parish Council herein required (L. Madere)

**14-30** An ordinance to propose amending the St. John the Baptist Home Rule Charter by submitting the proposal to the qualified

Electors of the Parish of St. John the Baptist and to place said proposal on the ballot of the next available election in the fall of 2014 (R. Wilson)

**CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS**

There were no correspondence or council briefs.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 10:48 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Gauff and Perrilloux.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary