

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2015
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

New Business - (Carry Over 5-26-15) Dunkin Donuts

The above item was removed from the agenda.

Lucien Gauff/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - (Carry Over 6-9-15)
Jermani Thompson

The above item will be carried over.

Marvin Perrilloux/Rhonda Lemons/Eliza Eugene - Presentation - Back to School giveaway

The above item will be carried over.

Natalie Robottom - Confirmation of Utilities Director

Natalie Robottom stated, "Over the last several months, DHH has assisted my Administration with re-organization of the Utilities Department and successfully responding to the Administrative Order. Their assistance was also sought in selection of a Utilities Director as recommended by the Parish Council and AG's Office. In addition to support for policy and organizational changes recently made in the department, DHH recommends and encourages confirmation of Blake Fogleman as Utility Director. Mr. Beau Jones, Assistant Attorney General responsible for prosecuting the water sampling case, also supports this action. Blake Fogleman is being recommended for confirmation as Utility Director upon retirement of the current

director. Mr. Causey is here and so is Blake if you all wanted to address or ask any questions."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "I just have one question Mrs. Robottom you did say that Mr. Fogleman would take over once the current director has resigned? Do we have a date on that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "As soon as you confirm it, it will be done simultaneously. It is concurrent one will retire and the other one will take over."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Mr. Causey this is your decision to recommend and encourage us to hire Blake Fogleman. Was that based strictly on working with him or did you look at all the applicant's resumes."

Jonathan "Jake" Causey, DHH Engineering Services Section, stated, "I had reviewed a resume for Mr. Fogleman and also got to meet with him for a couple of hours and talk with him about his previous work experience, education, current employment with the parish and a lot of work that he had been doing but I also talked with my regional staff who have worked with Blake prior to his employment with the parish on other projects and they also got to meet with him and we were all in agreement that we thought that he would do a great job."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think this board thought that all of our applicants could do a good job and it wasn't personal from the beginning but my question next again is did you look at the other resume's. Did you check the other resumes out of the other 2-3 applicants that we received?"

Jake Causey stated, "Yes I received one other resume for another applicant and I certainly did not feel like his educational experience was nearly as relevant to this particular position with water and sewer as Mr. Fogleman was and so no I did not ask to meet with that particular applicant."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just for clarification there were 4 applicants 1 of them removed themselves because he received a consulting job and the other had field experience with waste water installation and not water and administrative. So of the 4, 2 of the resumes were forwarded to DHH."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I just want to say that I thought we had some good applicants. I really do. I want to thank you for your time and efforts to help us get this thing right and as far as Blake is concerned I have no problem with you at all. I enjoy seeing young people pick things up and do things. I really like to see things like that and I have talked to some people who have worked for you, with you and under you and they all have nothing but high praises for you in how you work with other people and your intelligence. So I have no problem with this. It has never been personal from the beginning it was just that sometimes the way things are done is just questionable some times."

Councilman Madere stated, "Also I would like to say that I didn't have any problems with Mr. Fogleman. I just recently go to know him and like Mr. Snyder said I welcome anyone that comes in to work for St. John the

Baptist Parish that is going to make us a better place. My concern basically was that I just wanted to make sure that we had the right individual because we came through a situation where we lucked out and no one got hurt but when you are dealing with water we have to make sure that we get it right this time. We cannot afford another mistake and I just wanted to make sure that we had the right individual. Now I would also like to say this you are giving him your top recommendation and he is accepting this responsibility and myself personally because it was my district that was involved 12,507 individuals and I want to make sure and I am going to say it now I am going to personally hold you and everyone else responsible. This has to be a job that is taken seriously and to the utmost to make sure that we get it right this time. No problem with the selection I just wanted to express my concern and understanding that this is a big, big responsibility that you are undertaking."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to appoint Blake Fogleman as Utilities Director. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - June 9th, 2015, Regular Meeting;
Appointment of Steven Fraker to the Coastal Zone Committee

Councilwoman Millet asked, *"I would ask that we suspend the rules to add the appointments of the following individuals to the Health Care Advisory Board. Dr. Fred DeFrancesch, Jr. by Cheryl Millet, District VII, Dr. Reginald Ross by Lucien Gauff, Division A, Mr. Louis Joseph by Larry Snyder, District VI, Dr. Christy Montegut, Coroner by Marvin Perrilloux, District IV and Judge Sylvia Taylor by Lennix Madere, District III."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to suspend the rules to allow the Health Care Advisory Board appointments to be placed on the consent agenda. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - June 9th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Appointment of Steven Fraker to the Coastal Zone Committee, Appointment of Dr. Reginald Ross by Lucien Gauff, Division A, Mr. Louis Joseph by Larry Snyder, District VI, Dr. Christy Montegut, Coroner by Marvin Perrilloux, District IV and Judge Sylvia Taylor by Lennix Madere, District III. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

15-20 (Public Hearing Held) An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such Bonds and providing for the payment thereof; authorizing an agreement with the Paying Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (N. Robottom)

Jason Akers, Bond Counsel, stated, *"At your finance committee we asked*

for bids and received 4 and I would like to read those off to you in kind of reverse order of results: Regions Bank offered an interest rate of 2.73% and had an additional \$2,500.00 fee for independent bank counseling, Whitney Bank offered 2.669% and had a total paying agent extra fee of \$3,500.00, Chase Bank offered 2.612% and had an independent bank counsel fee of \$5,000.00, the lowest bid was received from Capital One at 2.39% and it actually had no additional fees associated with it at all. Over a 10 year term of these bonds that would be a fixed 2.39% and a total interest cost of \$439,600.67 on a three million dollar borrowing that is a very insignificant amount of interest paid over the life of issue. Mr. Thompson with Government Consultants has been retained and acting as your independent municipal advisor, I don't want to put words in his mouth I will ask him to just wave if he agrees (Mr. Thompson waved from the audience) what we discussed outside and he did indicate that based on current market conditions he feels that this is a very good interest rate being offered and I believe would recommend your approval. The bonds themselves as we mentioned are going to fund the construction of the additional fire station at Hemlock that this council I believe approved recently accepting construction bids about a month ago. So we will now move forward to the closing that will take place on July 30th, 2015, the funds will be available to pay for the construction contract at that point. Certainly if you have any questions I want to address them for you."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-20. The motion passed unanimously.

15-21 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2015, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (N. Robottom)

Jason Akers stated, "We are recommending that you carry this ordinance over until July 28th, 2015 and the reason being is just I will call it a quirk in the municipal market place at this point. Due to the timing of the parishes audit which is due on June 30th, we started hearing from Steeple who has been retained to sell the bonds on your behalf that they feel the sale would be much safer for you and much more interest from potential purchasers if the audit was actually in hand at that point and then we started looking forward and there is a lot of action in the municipal place in your first meeting in July and therefore our recommendation is to simply carry forward the ordinance until July 28th, when we will have a bond sale on July 28th, you will have much better bids we think at that time then you would have had if we would have gone forward today. It is merely a move for safety and one of our jobs when you retain us as your bond counsel to put you in the best position that you can possibly be going forward. So that is our recommendation at this point."

15-22 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to add the nomenclature "Tajh Michael Thomas" to the Existing East 28th Street in Reserve, Louisiana (L. Madere)

The family thanked the council for honoring Tajh Michael Thomas.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-22. The motion passed unanimously.

15-23 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: Temporary Employees (M. Perrilloux)

Natalie Robottom stated, "As noted previously, Administration agrees that "temporary" is not currently defined, but should be defined for temporary employees. It is unfair to remove benefits from employees who received those benefits legally through council adopted policies and ordinances that were in place when they were hired. I did recommend possible alternatives to instead of removing these benefits include grandfathering, instituting a time frame for temporary appointments consistent with other parishes, or designating a number of temporary appointments consistent with other parishes or available funding. Additionally, any policies impacted by this new definition should be amended by the Council as well. We received information from a labor attorney this afternoon and just for clarification and I am not sure if the attorneys have this we have other temporary employees through staffing agencies and some have been around for a lot longer we are just not sure how that would impact them and how the affordable care act which requires that benefits be paid to employees will be impacted by this change. So those are all issues that we think should be discussed and clarified to make sure that all of the temporary employees that this applies to or we are aware of those since it is a change and there are others some who have been working longer than the one in 2008."

Councilman Snyder asked, "One of the questions that I have is why are they still temporary if they have been here for 8-10 years? I wouldn't want to see anybody losing benefits so why can't they just get hired under civil service?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well there are several different groups of people some there is not funding that is permanent so there are people who are hired on a temporary basis for example the council recommended that we add some additional staff to public works to help out in the summer with the grass cutting well those aren't permanent positions they are seasonal. We also hire temps sometimes for recreation in the summer. If we have grant funding which is not impacted if it is a federal grant their position is only as long as the grant funds are available. We also hire temporary employees when we have employees who are out on extended sick leave for extended periods of time and we need people in the office to assist in their absence and then for whatever reason we inherited some that had been here possibly initially started on a grant and once the grant ceased they continued in those positions they are not all receiving benefits but there are some that have been in certain departments or at least 1 for a very long time outside of the special assistants. The special assistants receive benefits by the policy that was passed. There is a policy that grants them specifically benefits that was passed in April of 2008 and although they had received them prior to that, that policy that was adopted and

reaffirmed in the employee handbook in 2010 granted them those benefits."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The policy that was passed, an ordinance or a policy?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes it was a policy that was adopted by the council and then the handbook that was adopted by the council referenced it and referred back to the policy that was adopted in 2008 and it specifically names special assistants as getting those benefits."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This handbook that is a different book from the Civil Service book right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes. It is different. It was done in 2010 before you guys took office."

Michael Wright stated, "I would ask Mr. Perilloux, Legal Counsel, just to come provide some clarification on that policy because I think there has been some misinformation regarding that policy so I am going to get him to clarify some of that."

Jeff Perilloux, Legal Counsel, stated, "Mrs. Robottom is absolutely correct there was a policy adopted in 2008 by the council that dealt with certain benefits for all administrative employees, among those employees listed were parish president special assistants however that policy was not adopted by ordinance and to the extent that the policy attempted to modify any existing policies that were adopted by ordinance it would be ineffective. We are still actually reviewing those policies, specifically to see which ones may be still problematic as per our previous opinion. As a result of that our previous opinion has not changed in that certain policies that have been followed in terms of some of the benefits offered to special assistants have not been authorized properly."

Natalie Robottom asked, "But you are acknowledging that they were offered and that policy was implemented and has been implemented since adopted."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "There was a policy adopted in 2008 that did provide for certain benefits to all administrative employees among those listed were special assistants however that policy was adopted prior to the Attorney General's Opinion that was rendered specifically stating that special assistants can only be considered temporary employees under the parish president's appointed authority that has posed a bit of an issue for us from the stand point of trying to rectify what policy has actually been implemented versus which policy should have been followed. So we are still grappling with that frankly it is something that has posed a problem for us in terms of determining exactly which policies were properly implemented however I will tell you that those policies that are contained in the civil service code that were adopted by ordinance could not be affected legally by a policy adopted through a simple motion instead of an ordinance."

Councilman Snyder asked, "The employee handbook, who approved that and who amends that? Since I have been here I don't remember doing that

myself over the past four years."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "The employee handbook was essentially adopted in 2010. It was a series of policies that had been loosely put together over the years that were based somewhat on the civil service rules and somewhat on administrative policies and whatnot. If I am not mistaken the current administration in 2010 put together the handbook and presented it to the council. The then existing council for approval and that handbook was in fact approved. Essentially it reiterates the policies that are already in existence. There were no real changes in terms of creating any new policies and in fact specifically states that any policies that are contained in the civil service code that conflict with the existing handbook are to be ignored and the civil service rules would control."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Jeff to your knowledge that policy from 2008 in April did it reference any retirement benefits or was it only for vacation and comp time?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Well there were a number of policies that were referenced as far as the retirement it did not specifically authorize or change any specific retirement benefits again the retirement benefits are stated in the civil service rules in terms of who they are payable to or who may qualify for those and under our civil service code as well as the state it is for permanent employees. The state defines permanent employees as those employees who are employed in excess of one year however our civil service code does not provide an exception for temporary employees to actually enter into the retirement system. So that is one of the things that we are looking into again attempting to decipher in a way that hopefully will result in an equitable solution for parish government as well as the employees who may be affected."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and if you go back to that policy that president Robottom is referencing and you actually read the minutes and read the intent of why that policy was passed it was because of large payouts to administrative employees when they left in 2007 and so what that policy in 2008 I believe even the agenda item on the agenda was about administrative payouts and things like that. So that policy was really a direct response to certain employees leaving in 2007 and receiving large payouts because they were able to roll over comp time as much as they wanted and so that attempt I believe it was Pat McTopy who was quoted in the minutes that was the exact reason for that so that they can discontinue comp time from just rolling over from year to year so that let's say if you had been here four years you couldn't say I have 180 days of comp time or something like that. It set a cap on the amount that you could accumulate and it set a limit to if you didn't use it by a certain time it would discontinue. So that policy was in direct response to those payouts received..."

Natalie Robottom interrupted stating, "And keep in mind those payouts were based on the previous president's policy, President Monica had a policy as well as President Labat and so with each administration you follow the policy of the president and this was one that was adopted in 2008. I did not change it. So I followed the 2008 policy that had been implemented in 2008 and was followed."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No I mean the people that left in 2007 couldn't have followed the 2008 policy and actually that policy at the time had been changed even administratively because the date was actually on one time back dated to accommodate an employee. So there were changes even throughout that administration. So in 2008 that is when they came in and said look we can't allow employees to continue to roll comp time over because there is really no mechanism to verify that the comp time is even valid. So if we allow people to roll over 3-4 years of comp time and get these large checks that may not be what is in the best interest of the parish. So that policy was done as a direct response to that..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "But you do know it was a policy right?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It was a policy but it didn't have anything to do with retirement benefits. It only had to do with it wasn't all benefits. So when we say benefits it is misleading because when we say benefits as if it is everything but benefits could mean vacation time, comp time, sick time, retirement when we say benefits it seems like it is encompassing everything and it is not that policy really attempted to shorten the amount of comp time that somebody could come to the parish and be employed for and get a check. You know if you have been employed for less than a year you probably shouldn't get a big check like that. So if you read the minutes and I encourage anybody go to 2008 when the policy was adopted and see exactly the intent of that policy and what it was attempting to do to fix one problem and here we see now it seems like it could have created one but as Jeff said when the AG came back and said the only authority that the parish president has is to hire employees who are temporary then that meant that these special assistants could only be temporary employees and we know our civil service rules say that temporary employees only qualify for certain benefits."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is confusing and I think that was where the recommendation came..."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It is but I think if you piece everything together and you follow the timeline of what happened you can kind of see the picture a clear picture of what's happened. But that 2008 policy was read the minutes, read the comments it was a direct..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I think I copied them and sent them to you all..."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I had them before you sent them. A direct reaction to some of the things that happened when the administration went out in 2007."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And just back to retirement that policy didn't address retirement, but all the special assistants hired prior to that policy and subsequent that policy received retirement benefits there was one question and it was specific to a law in the school board member and information from the retirement entity at some point in 2008 granted him entry into the retirement system. So there are a lot of back tracking that was done there are a lot of things that have changed whether it was right it was perceived to be right at the time and it

was followed through that point. But clearly it's conflictual we heard that before the charter is conflictual with the civil service manual the manual is conflicting with some of the policies, so the advice would be to try and do a comprehensive review and remove the conflicts."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I think that's what Councilman Perilloux the intent is based on the AG and you saw the same opinion from the AG, Council needs to define what "temporary" is. The District Attorney's letter same thing the council needs to define what temporary is. So we're getting language from the Attorney General's Office of the State of Louisiana and the District Attorney's Office who is the Legal Advisor to St. John Parish saying temporary needs to be defined. This is exactly what Councilman Perilloux is attempting to do in this Ordinance is to say okay we need to define what temporary is. Is this Ordinance saying we need to take away benefits we're cutting off benefits we're firing people absolutely not. That's just not true that's political maneuvering okay, this is simply trying to define what temporary is based on what the Attorney General has said to this Council what the District Attorney has said to this council define temporary. So if we don't follow what they're telling us to do and we continue to make this backsliding into these things here well it's just not going to make any sense."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I agree you need to define "temporary". Neither one of them decide or told you all what temporary was and whether your intensions are to fire, terminate whatever the results of your actions will do that. So we're not saying that that is your intent but by the definition that is being put forward that is what will happen so I don't know how you separate the two I agree there needs to be definition there's been needing to be one what that definition is decided by you all and if you are saying it's 6 months then what that means is it 6 months and just for clarity it's 6 months from when you passed it if there are temporary employees left, again for the record and I want this on the record the request from the District Attorney's Office and the council was to remove temporary people from permanent positions and put them into permanent positions that is what we are attempting to do and we're introducing an Ordinance to amend the budgets removing all of the line items for special assistants putting them back in the salary line items which will be for civil service, is that the direction that you guys are asking us to go, all except for the ones that we can't, which is the school board member cannot be civil service and the one other special assistant is not interested in being civil service. So the rest are being moved into permanent positions at the direction of the District Attorney's Office and this Council."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Question about a budget amendment so I won't debate a budget amendment on this ordinance at this time because this ordinance isn't a budget amendment it's just a policy change. Actually Tom Daley had written a letter to the council actually if you go back you were here in 2004 it was January you were being brought on as a Special Assistant and Barry Landry even said at the time 6 months that was his thought because after 6 months of being employed with the parish you become civil service. So that was a recommendation at the time that special assistants don't exceed 6 months we know they have. Tom Daley also wrote a letter to the council at the time that we were

still going through this whole thing of we need to define "temporary" and his letter which we have says "that in his opinion it should be 6 months based on all the other systems that we have in place that after a 6 months a probationary period employees become civil service." So I could only believe that those are some of the logics that were used because they came from the Attorneys who had been there at the time representing the parish for a length of time and our District Attorney at the time Judge Tom Daley who sent letters saying this is what we would define temporary as that's what I'm thinking the 6 months came from. But again this ordinance will not fire anybody this ordinance will say "once it becomes effective these employees can continue as the special assistants for a period of 6 months, which I think for those employees who are employed really at the whim you know of anybody not just you, but of any parish president they don't know if they're going to have a job or not have a job. A Director is protected, they get confirmed by the council and you actually have to bring them to us to fire them and they have to get voted on to be fired, a Special Assistant could be fired at any given moment any person who's employed in that manner that has to be uneasy feeling knowing that anytime you could be fired. So this is actually stepping in the right direction to protect those employees who have been so loyal to the parish who don't want to wonder everyday if they have a job or the next week they have a job or what's going to happen if we really want to reward these employees for the hard work that they've given to the parish I think nothing more can be rewarding than having the protection and security of a job that you've been so dedicated to...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And I just wanted that confirmation."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I never discussed your budget amendment..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Council Lennix Madere stated, "Yes I think what Mr. Perilloux is doing tonight is simply following the advice of the Attorney General and it is to define what is "temporary" everything else is being said is not part of this it's just simply defining what temporary is everything else is for a later discussion and concerning legal which is what we want to sort everything else out concerning the policy you said you we're following. Tonight is only addressing the time limit of what is temporary, okay is going to be 6 months are is it going to be a year? That's what this whole discussion is about anything else concerning retirement or benefits or anything is not part of this discussion right now it's only defining what the Attorney General says, we must define what is temporary and it's long overdue and that's all this is defining everything else that we talked about that long discussion we just had that's for another topic at another time after legal sort everything out and then we better understand it and move in the right direction because I don't think anyone on this council is out to hurt anyone especially the ones that have been with us for several years a long amount of time so that's not the intention we are simply defining what is temporary."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Perilloux you had mentioned something about the policies, were the policies passed by ordinance the ones we are talking about from 2008 and whatever and they supposed to be passed

by ordinances?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "No not necessarily the council has the right to pass policies through resolution or motion of the council, however; in order to modify an existing ordinance which is law, you must introduce and pass a supplemental ordinance you cannot modify an ordinance without an ordinance in other words. To the extent that any of those policies that were adopted by the council in some way attempted to modify a policy that was actually instituted by ordinance, it didn't work that's the bottom line okay. I'm not saying that was the intention, frankly don't, I don't recall back in 2008 what the specific intention was other than what I saw in the minutes but having said that the law is very clear you can only modify an ordinance with an ordinance."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Okay one other question. Were those policies within the charter, those policies that were passed were they within the charter limits?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I am not following your question Mr. Wilson, I'm sorry."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Are they in line with the charter?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "The policies that were passed in '08?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yes."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I don't see any reason why they wouldn't be in line with the charter a couple of the things in there were not in line with what was in the civil service rules which were adopted by ordinance. But as far as the charter's concerned I don't recall seeing anything that concerned being the charter."

Councilman Wilson asked, "On one of the comments that was made about the big checks that were given, that was in 2008 Ms. Hotard?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "2007."

Councilman Wilson asked, "I mean who was keeping track of this comp time? Who keeps track of comp time now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The CAO, it's actually an electronically monitored and signed off on by the Supervisors and it's included in the payroll system."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Alright this is a tough thing for the employees that is involved in this because, like you said you know they can wake up tomorrow morning and don't know if they have a job or not I hope we get this straight sooner than later."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Perilloux explained it, policies do not override an ordinance okay, an ordinance is more powerful than a policy an ordinance is law and must be followed and the only way to change an ordinance is with another one okay and also a parish ordinance does not overrule state policies or state laws, so just put all this in priority the way they are lined up, policies are good but they're not as strong

as an ordinance and any ordinance regardless to what parish it is do not override state laws so just put that in perspective."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I have a quick question and this is for the attorneys. Had that policy been adopted by ordinance what it be valid? I mean I don't know. If the 2008 policy had been adopted by ordinance would it be a valid policy?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "It might be but it wasn't."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I know I'm just saying..."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "It might be, I mean to be honest with you again an ordinance can only be amended by an ordinance but that doesn't that the parts of the policy that did not directly conflict with the ordinance are improper and that's been the dilemma that we've been specifically dealing with. That's why if you look at the opinion that we read a couple of weeks ago in the record we did not specify specific policies stating all policies or all benefits paid to special assistants aren't proper, we said certain benefits, okay and so we're still as I said sifting through that we're not going to get into a debate tonight on the specific policies in question, however; to answer Mrs. Robottom specific question the answer is, you can modify an ordinance with a supplemental ordinance and to the extent you successfully modify the correct portion of the ordinance than in fact the new ordinance is the law. But again the '08 ordinance was not done that way, so those parts that conflict with ordinances have to be ignored as if they don't exist."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And the 2008 policies didn't reference retirement benefits anyway?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "It had a reference to retirement benefits but it did not spell out what those retirement benefits were."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Correct."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-23. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

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

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business at this time.

PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I'd like to wish all of our fathers, grandfathers and all in those roles a belated Happy Father's

Day. I hope everyone enjoyed their day with family and the beautiful weather. I am very happy to announce that the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Levee Project Chief's report has been signed and returned from Headquarters in D.C. and will now move to Congress for authorization and funding. This is great news and a direct path forward in St. John's fight for flood protection. The project will protect St. John with 18 miles of levees, floodwalls, drainage canals, ditches and pumping stations. We are continuing to work with our delegation in D.C. and our non-federal partners to move this project to an expedited construction. Last week we broke ground for the Foxwood Drainage Project. Foxwood Subdivision has experienced flooding since it was constructed and we hope this long awaited project will achieve our goal of protecting residents from recurring flooding. More information about the project can be found on our website at sjbparish.com. I am also extremely pleased to announce that First Bauxite Corp. out of Canada announced plans to develop a bauxite processing plant in Reserve. This project involves an estimated \$200 million investment, bringing in 100 new direct jobs and over 100 indirect jobs to our Parish. First Bauxite plans to build the plant at the Globalplex Intermodal Terminal in Reserve, and estimated construction time is 27 months, followed by an estimated three year production period. We are excited about the project and will work closely with CEO Alan Roughead and the Port of South Louisiana through completion. Yesterday, we were notified that we were accepted to participate in Phase 2 of the \$1 Billion National Disaster Resiliency Competition. The competition helps communities recover from prior disasters and improves their ability to withstand and recover more quickly from future disasters, storms and other emergencies. A meeting will be scheduled soon to begin the next phase of the competition. Strengthening critical infrastructure to withstand the impacts of hurricanes and other severe weather events is vital to our Parish. Friday was a historic day in St. John as we celebrated the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony to rename East 22nd St. in Reserve to Martin Luther King, Jr. Hwy. This could not have been accomplished without Representative Randal Gaines who passed the bill, DOTD, Parish Staff, Council members and many residents. It was a great morning and now we can join municipalities across the country in honoring Dr. King. We also ask that our residents help keep the roadway clean and in a manner to make Dr. King proud. If any group or organization is interested in adopting the newly named Hwy., please contact Dana Milioto with Keep St. John Beautiful. We also celebrated installation of the Garyville Traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy 54 and Airline Hwy. This took a lot of time and teamwork and assistance from Representative Clay Schexnayder. We caution motorists to slow down and approach the light with caution until the Airline traffic gets used to it being there. Parish public pools are open and the schedule is posted on the parish website and government access channel. You can also call 985-652-9569 for information. The Ashley Kelly Swim Program is underway and children ages 5 to 17 will again have the opportunity to receive free swimming lessons at the Alex Roland Reese Swimming Pool. The first session began yesterday and will end Friday June 26. Session 2 is from July 13 - 17. Lessons will be held in sessions between 5:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Interested participants should contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 985-652-9569 to register. Water Aerobics will begin on Monday June 29th and classes will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Alex Roland Reese swimming pool at REGALA. There will be 2 sessions on each of those days, the first session is from 8:30am-9:30am and the second session is 6:30pm-7:30pm.

You do not have to register in advance for the classes. The Summer Food Service program will continue to run Monday through Thursday until July 16 at **East John Elementary, Garyville/Mt Airy Magnet, West St. John High School, LaPlace Elementary and New Wine Christian Center.** For more information or questions, please visit the Health & Human Service webpage or call 985-536-4955. Thank you to all who submitted Veterans photos for inclusion in this year's Veterans Tribute video. The deadline has passed for this year's video but we will accept photos for next year. The video will air during the 10th Annual St. John the Baptist Parish Veterans Luncheon on Friday, July 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Louisiana Army National Guard Readiness Center in Reserve. The video will also air during the broadcast of the Annual Fireworks Show that evening on the grounds of St. Peter Catholic Church in Reserve, LA and the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard Louisiana at 6:00 p.m. The live broadcast will air at 7:00 p.m. and the firework show will start at 9:00 p.m. The East and West Bank celebrations will be broadcasted live on the government access channels for residents to watch at home. The 42nd Annual St. John the Baptist Parish Andouille Festival will be held Friday, October 16 through Sunday, October 18. Applications for the food, arts, and craft vendors are now available online at www.andouillefestival.com or at the St. John the Baptist Parish Government Office. All vendor applications are due by July 10, 2015. As we approach the hottest months of the year, we are asking that you prepare for the high temperatures that are anticipated in our region. We are also making preparations for our employees that work outdoors. Public Safety officials will continue actively monitor and advise of any and all heat advisories by the National Weather Service. Residents and businesses should learn about and watch for the symptoms of heat illnesses, and take proactive steps to protect yourself, fellow workers and others. Additional tips can be found on our government access channel or on the Public Safety page of the website at sjbparish.com. We want to remind everyone that Hurricane Season is here and everyone should finalize their hurricane plans. Please review your plans and go to our website to register to receive e-news releases and Emergency Notifications to your cell, email and text. I would like to recognize Ms. Janet McCarson who is here tonight on behalf of the new business Louisiana Dental Center on Belle Terre Blvd. We would like to thank you for joining us. The building went up very quickly and very nicely. We're pleased you took the time to come out and we look forward to holding your ribbon cutting. Louisiana Dental Center is located at 393 Belle Terre Blvd., you may call 985-652-8767 or visit the website at ladentalcenter.com. Once we receive the information on the opening we will share the invite information on the parish website calendar. Thank you for coming."

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard requested a 5 minute recess. Councilman Perilloux seconded the motion to approve the recess. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to return to regular session. The motion carried with Councilman Wilson absent.

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

The above item will be carried over.

**Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 5-12-15) Homer "Boogie" Joseph Center
timeline request for start and completion**

Councilman Madere stated, "Administration responded that there was no response. I want you to make it point blank. The Attorney General gave his opinion. I just need to know when this is going to be done."

Councilman Wright asked, "Do we have an estimated start date at this time?"

Michael Coburn stated, "No I do not. I will get that for you, I don't have a start date."

Councilman Wilson stated, "You know y'all got pricing on this thing quite a while back. All of this should have been done and here we are today over a month or two ago and we still haven't made any plans to move forward."

Michael Coburn stated, "Mr. Wilson I don't have the pricing and I have never saw the pricing on that. The only thing I did was go tour the building with Mr. Madere. I would have to get with Daron if he's got the pricing or whoever got those I will check with him and make sure but I've never been given that information."

Councilman Wilson stated, "It was right here in the meeting it was discussed it was \$10,000.00."

Michael Coburn stated, "That was the limit of the \$10,000.00 right, but as for what it would cost to do the interior walls like Mr. Madere requested, I don't have any specific pricing for that. I would have to get with Mr. Cooper to see if he has that information."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well I suggest we get a contractor to do it."

Michael Coburn stated, "I'm sorry, you want a contractor."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yeah I just want to make sure it's done right. Somebody we can call back if it's wrong."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well the contractor didn't do it the first time it was our workers. I just want to make one comment about it, if there's \$10,000.00 line item in the budget for it, okay so it shouldn't cost \$10,000.00 to do that, okay and we can do it in house out house any way you want it, okay I just want to be done right. In house or outside a contractor whatever it is a \$10,000.00 limit, we have seven walls, I'm not a contractor but I know it's not \$1,000.00 per wall to do it so it's basically just a matter of saying do it and that's all we have to do. That should have been said over a year ago and this thing been going on for a year just simply say; do it. The ordinance, the resolution, line item simple statement do it and get it done and we don't need to be discussing it but it will stay on this agenda like I promised until those seven walls are completed. Okay, that's how I owe

this to the people in the area, I owe it to myself and I owe it to everyone who put me in office okay and I'm not backing down on it and that's it, we want to get it done."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Tweet mentioned it just now about the ordinance, I just don't understand and I know Mike it's not your fault but we've passed a resolution, we've passed an ordinance, we've put funds in place. So, are you guys just outright refusing to comply with the ordinance?"

Michael Coburn stated, "No ma'am not on my behalf at all. I know Mrs. Robottom wanted to meet with Mr. Madere we had that from the start and I took over. I know the ordinance been there but I know she wanted to discuss that with Mr. Madere, then she had her accident, her daughter got married then she had the accident, so she hasn't been in the office to get that meeting put together. But since the Attorney General's opinion has come in we've been directed to do this I'm sure it's going to get done."

Councilman Madere stated, "There's no need to have any more meetings. I met on this six times already. There's no meetings need to be held we all know what the situation is, we all know what has to be done. Okay, all I'm looking for is a start date and a completion date. There's no need to meet anymore okay. I'm not being hostile it's just what we were talking about the walls? It's already been approved. Okay so I don't need to meet."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Madere. I'm just going to be blunt and be point blank with administration we've been in discussions with this for well over a year and I think if administration wanted it done, they would have had three quotes and they would have had employees or contractors out there in a heartbeat. To meet and discuss this is not being proactive. You can check minutes for the last year and know what is being requested and what needs to be done, you can see the motions and you can check the budget. It's clear, let's get the work done period."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Coburn and I'm not trying to be, make you the devil's advocate in here, but why do we have to get an Attorney General's opinion to get something done in this parish? Why do we have to go that far in order to have cooperation between these two governing bodies and that's my problem to push it that far now that have opinion it's going to get done, well why do we have to go that far? This council directs administration to do things, administration should be there to do them and I'm sorry Mrs. Robottom had to leave but this is definitely directed in her department. If we have to go to the Attorney General for everything we need to get done this parish will get nothing done. So I just wish there would be more cooperation between the parties, the governing bodies and make sure we don't have to go to the Attorney General to find out that we have to spend \$10,000.00 to fix a Community Center that's part of this parish that is an embarrassment to this governing body and that's all."

Councilman Wright stated, "And also Mr. Coburn, if you can just provide to the council since 2010 the amount of money that has been spent with contractors either remodeling, painting or making modifications to offices in the administration building, I would like to see that and

see the cost because I promise you it's going to exceed \$10,000.00."

Michael Coburn asked, "May I respond to Mrs. Millet's statement?"

Councilman Wright stated, "Go ahead."

Michael Coburn stated, "From this seat, I don't think we have to go to an Attorney General's opinion. I think cooperation is needed both on the council end as well as the administrative end and I said from the first day I took office, my door is always open. My door is always open to any person on this council, you got a problem, you got a concern you bring it to me. I want to make sure I address it firsthand get it right, get it done if it's possible. From there on let Mrs. Robottom know she's my boss she makes the ultimate decision, but I'm sure that we will when we can and we will work together. But to answer your question of why should we go to the Attorney General, we do not need to do that ma'am, we should all work together in cooperative spirit to move this parish forward."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Coburn, I think the record of the last couple of years have reflected that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Coburn this project started before you were even employed here."

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I mean it's been going on that long, if it was something that administration wanted it would have been done probably a month after they've wanted it. I mean it's been a constant battle and if we're doing it in house, sheetrock is not going to cost \$10,000.00. So I just get Mrs. Robottom and get this thing done so we don't have to put it on the agenda and go through this, because before long some kind of action is going to have to be taken if they don't do it."

Michael Coburn stated, "I understand."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Wilson. I apologize Mr. Gauff you had a comment?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "Let's just please get this done."

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We've spent time tonight, discussing things that are in a handbook. Not something that's a law, policies and handbook and things like that. And we get busy with Civic Center it's civil over there, this is a law we passed the law to get that done and that's not even being adhered to, so that's where the problem is. We see things happening they've had people away from this parish you know that for many years didn't get benefits. You know but they worked 40 hours a week pay, but that's the things that have been happening, those are the things we're trying to clear up right here now. And that's why I like this Council, they're independent they're right. Sure they are people out there that do not like it, but they're going to do what is right and the majority of the people. Mr. Spock said it best, Mr. Spock

said it best, the good of the many are worth the sacrifices of the few. And that's what this Council looks at things in that way and I don't blame them, we need to get that fixed, we got laws on the book, we have recreation money if we need more money we can get some of that money. Thank you."

Marvin Perrilloux - (Carry Over 6-9-15) Rental fee reduction for the Civic Center

The above item will be carried over.

Ranney Wilson - Ricky Trosclair - W. 18th Street

Councilman Wright stated, "Sir please state your name for the record."

Ricky Trosclair stated, "My name is Ricky Trosclair, I've been a resident of W. 18th Street all my life. I have a problem trying to put a little add on to my building and the permits are costing me more money than my building and I want to know why. I talked to some of my friends who live in different parishes and they permits are \$25.00 and it's going to cost me \$200.00 to put this building up and it didn't cost me nothing but \$300.00 of material to do what I have to do. So I want to know why you what's so great about St. John Parish you got to be so high, all the other parishes is not that high, you know. That's what I want to know, why are you'll so high? That's why people in St. John can't do anything because the permits are so high you know, it's just unreal. You know, and another thing I do not appreciate the man coming in my yard I got a fenced yard and I got dogs in it. He come check out the place I do not appreciate it, if that dog bite him it's not going to be my problem. I have a fenced in area and I got dogs in there, so he comes in there and get bit I don't want to hear nothing about it. You know, and I want to know you'll putting more stuff on over there at the Port, what you'll going to do for us? What are you'll going to do for us? You'll got all that stuff from Nucor went over there by the Port all that black stuff got all over all our houses we got a bunch of old people that can't do nothing, can't wash their houses and stuff."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Trosclair, just real quick we are talking about on W.18th Street the modification to the house?"

Ricky Trosclair stated, "Yeah of the house I'm talking about the stuff that came from the Port that you'll let um put over there all the black stuff come all over our houses and why should it be our hassle to wash it and all that take care of it all. You know it don't benefit us none. We got plenty old people that live there they can't do that can't do none of that can't afford to hire anybody to go clean their houses and stuff."

Councilman Wright asked, "Mr. Wilson did you have those pictures forwarded over, Mr. Wilson regarding to the structure to his house, have you had those pictures forwarded over to Planning and Zoning? Mrs. Keller do you know the awareness of this okay?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "They are all aware of it."

Councilman Wright stated, "We don't have the pictures in front of us, do we have any print outs? Ms. Hotard do you have a question?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks. Angelic can you tell me I know you don't set the fees, but just to my knowledge from what I've gathered is that some of the fees are because we have to pay certain monies to South Central Planning, is that anything to do with this permit or is it just our fees for this type of permit are higher than other parishes?"

Angelic S. Keller stated, "That I mean I don't know I haven't compared it to other parishes what I do know is, yes South Central sets we are one of the by-parishes that are part of South Central Regional Construction Code Council, and so as a board that we sit on we actually set the fees together and then the parish in turn adopted those fees. What I can tell you if we had to do all of that in house your permit fees would cost more, but these fees are set so it is actually the same as here St. James Parish, St. Charles Parish, Terrebonne Parish and Assumption Parish. Now what we have in addition is a Planning and Zoning Inspection Fee is \$50.00 and your Tech Fee \$10.00. Those were also fees passed by the council and they are included in every permit that we issue. South Central does not get paid from the Planning and Zoning Inspection Fee or the Tech Fee but they get a percentage of the regular fee and that split per their contract is 80/20."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And so for what Mr. Trosclair's building, what is the permit fee for that? Do you know?"

Angelic S. Keller stated, "No not off the top of my head. But I think the reason why it was \$200.00 or came to that, was because the shed was already built and so I don't think if I recall it met the setback requirements and so he had to apply for a variance so that was a separate fee to request a variance."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay."

Angelic S. Keller asked, "Were you adding them all together?"

Ricky Trosclair stated, "I own both lands I own all the land. What do I need a variance for? I got a hundred and sixty-two and half feet from my fence line to the carport and I own both pieces of property. I both them both at the same time, they all fenced in. Why is there a property line? I own it all there isn't any property line I own it all."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Is it two individual..."

Angelic S. Keller interrupting stated, "It's two separate that haven't been subdivided so at any point he can sell that side lot just because there's a fence around the entire two lots doesn't stop him from selling the adjacent lot and then you'll would have encroachment issues for the neighbor or whoever you sold it to."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Okay so it's because it..."

Angelic S. Keller interrupting stated, "So there were different options, either you can re-subdivide into one lot then you wouldn't have an issue with setbacks or if you didn't want to re-subdivide you can go ahead and apply for your variance if your variance request is granted then we go ahead and issue the permit based on the variance."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And what's the cost to re-subdivide?"

Angelic S. Keller state, "I don't know that off the top of my head."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Okay what it have been cheaper to go that route? But if he re-subdivided it into one he wouldn't have been able to sell the other..."

Angelic S. Keller stated, "No because it would all be one lot."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay."

Angelic S. Keller stated, "It would all be one lot."

Ricky Trosclair stated, "And another thing is when I went over there every time I went over there they add different things on there when I first went over there they told me I had to be five foot off the property and I turned around and told the lady I said, that isn't a problem, I'm sixty-two and a half foot from my fence line I'm a tear the poles down and I'm a move it back two and a half foot, then she tells me I have to be ten foot."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you remember who helped you in the Planning and Zoning Department?"

Ricky Trosclair stated, "The one that's head of it. Mrs. Angelic."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Alex?"

Ricky Trosclair stated, "At first they told me it's five foot so I said no problem I said I'm a tear it down I'm cut two and a half foot off it and it's going to go there and then they say no you got to be ten foot, and everybody else build one they five foot off the property line, why I got to be ten foot?"

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you know why that changed?"

Angelic S. Keller stated, "I don't know why it changed, I don't know all the facts of the conversation in the meeting but according to the code your setbacks on your side yard is five foot one side ten foot on the other side. So it just depends, if there was already something on the other side where he already was five feet then the opposite side would have to be ten feet."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay."

Ricky Trosclair stated, "Well I do have ten foot on the other side in between the two buildings."

Councilman Wright asked, "Mr. Wilson would you be willing with Mr. Trosclair to meet outside of the meeting with Ms. Sutherland and her department to discuss this as an individual item, case by case basis?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well you know this, I've been having with Zoning since this last 4 years I don't know what happened in 8 years I was gone, this is crazy every time he's gone it was a new problem he

sent his mother-in-law to go pay the permit they wouldn't accept it from her. I'm mean it's just one thing after another and it just keeps going, going, going, going and it's costing him money and it's costing him time and it's aggravation and it's not just to him it's been other people involved with a whole bunch of other problems but...

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "No I agree."

Councilman Wilson stated, "He just wanted to vent a little bit and it's something we need to take in mind as to what is going on."

Angelic S. Keller stated, "Mr. Trosclair actually did apply for his variance this morning so that part has already been taken care of once it's goes to the Zoning Board of Adjustments which as you know they only meet once a month, so when he goes to the next meeting if the variance request is approved then his permit will be issued. We can have a separate meeting if you like outside of this and that's fine that's what I would request moving forward for anybody, if you have any issues that you want to discuss come to me and ask, a lot of times the first time I hear any complaints are have any discussions with Council Members it's at this meeting and you know I'm not really prepared to answer because I don't what questions you're going to ask me, I don't have the file with me, so if you want to meet separately but just to say that you have some of the facts but some of the stuff that was said is not all facts."

Councilman Wright stated, "Well that's why I just yield to the parties involved so they would be willing to do an off the camera sit down interview with Ms. Sutherland and her department to kind of go through this."

Ricky Trosclair stated, "What she saying is that the other parishes is not the same price as this, the guy that I work live in St. Charles Parish built the same thing I built and it cost him \$25.00."

Councilman Wilson stated, "He must not have South Central Planning."

Ricky Trosclair stated, "And they didn't charge him to come out there and check it. They just came out there and do it. What is so great about this parish that they got to charge for everything?"

Councilman Wright asked, "Mr. Wilson you have a comment?"

Councilman Wilson stated, "One other thing, they only have one child. I mean they he may want to give him that lot one day and I can understand then have to do another re-subdivision but he's going to or they're making him do it now and then if he wants to give it to his son, he's got to do it again."

Councilman Madere stated, "He did a variance, that's what she said do a variance instead of re-subdivide, that's what he applied for this morning."

Councilman Wilson asked, "You applied for the variance this morning?"

Ricky Trosclair stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Can we double check to make sure actually needed a variance based what he has on the property maybe if that was not a step that would have been required?"

Ricky Trosclair stated, "She looked on the camera and she said I'm on the line and I took a tape measure from my fence line to the thing and it's sixty-two and a half foot."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Because maybe that's a step he didn't have to..."

Ricky Trosclair interrupting stated, "I brought a blue print and brought a blue print there and she don't look at the blue print she looking at the computer, I say well your computer is lying. I pulled a tape measure from that property line and I pulled a tape measure from that property line it comes up with the same thing. I have a hundred and twenty foot. I come up with me sixty-two and a half and it come up me fifty-nine, fifty-eight, fifty-seven and a half feet. You know, so its right you know, it's got to be right."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Can we just double check it to make sure that he actually needed this variance maybe if for some reason there was a discrepancy maybe he didn't need the variance that would have been a fee that he wouldn't have had to pay, so maybe have Alex check it tomorrow."

Councilman Wright stated, "Okay."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Alright Mr. Trosclair we'll check to make sure that all of those measurements are correct that you did indeed need the variance."

Ricky Trosclair stated, "If they go over there I want to be there when they go there, I do not want them in my yard I have dogs okay."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay."

Councilman Wright asked, "Mr. Gauff you had a question?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "I was going to ask, as far as the variance, was it just a measurement thing or was it because he had put the shed up without a permit, so that didn't have anything to do with it?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "Okay."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you."

Ranney Wilson - Drainage ditch - West side of Garyville Northern to Anthony Monica

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yeah I requested several times, this past week I just mentioned it to Mr. Nunes he's going to go out there tomorrow and he's going to see that it is taken care of according to him."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you so much."

Larry Snyder - Parking lot at 51 Park

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I see where the administration wrote down here their response. What part of the \$2.5 million recreation improvement program awarded with the bond fund, as funds become available the district project will become available the additional master plan will be constructed. And that's actually not quite correct, because it was in the 2009 bond fund and we did approve money for the parking lot at the 51 Park. Our issue with the 51 Park is they had two parking lots they want to add. They had one behind the Civic Center one over next to the walk path. The one with the walk path this council wanted that one we just didn't want to waste money on putting a parking lot behind the Civic Center and I'm thinking when we had our discussion that's what we decided to do. Now I don't see why they say it wasn't in because that was going to be like \$1.4 million I think for a parking lot, just parking lot and we didn't want to spend that money behind the Civic Center because we hardly ever use the thing. So this was in there and I was just wondering why it haven't got started. I thought maybe it might be part of the new recreation, I thought it was part this expansion we're getting ready to have with our recreation parks and going to put down then. But according to this right here, we're not getting it at all and that wrong, that's not what we wanted. We wanted that parking lot built."

Councilman Wright stated, "And I do agree with you Mr. Snyder, just to add to that I think I had talked to Mr. Coburn on some of the 51 items that weren't included in the bid to possible look for other funding sources to try supplement that and we can also maybe look at that as well on supplementing that to get that parking lot."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Whatever the chairman wants to do."

Councilman Wright stated, "We can have a meeting with Mr. Coburn and Mr. Watkins and we can discuss it further."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well I'm just making comment to what's down here and that is not part of it I always thought it was but we can do that, that's fine with me."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I was going say let's see what the report has what it says, I don't if administration confirmed with Mr. Dupree or not to see. I remember Mr. Madere had some items we had gone back and forth with saying whether it was in the budget or not then we were going have to delete some things and move some things over so all I'm saying is for that money then maybe we need to see with the official report or what we said to do and then try to assist in getting the monies for that Park for 51."

Councilman Wright stated, "Absolutely."

Michael Coburn stated, "And we can go back and look at the meeting that we held but it's my understanding when it was brought to my attention through all these meetings that the parking lot was taken out and you said different I'm not saying, I just have to go back and look, but there are two parking lots 7A and 7B. I've asked Mr. Dupree to give us some prices on that looking on going ahead and basically you're looking at about \$350,000.00 per parking lot that's without the lighting and so

to add those add both of those 7A I think is the one you're talking about right in front of the walking path 7B is to the side of that."

Councilman Wright stated, "The one by the Civic Center I think was an additional one to be added."

Michael Coburn stated, "Okay that was the third one to be added."

Councilman Wright stated, "The one in the front is a gravel parking lot looking to asphalt but of course it had some subsurface drainage."

Michael Coburn stated, "But we'll go back and make sure but that's some of the cost that we have right now."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I just want to say a couple of things. Mr. Snyder is absolutely right. I thought we made that perfectly clear that we definitely as a Council did not agree about adding a \$1.4 million parking facility behind the Civic Center and we made it perfectly clear we needed a parking spot where the residents would come to the walking path, okay that's where it was needed and I thought we made that perfectly clear that that was parking space that we was talking about and eliminating the one in the back. Okay because why we want to put a \$1.4 million parking space that the residents can't even afford to use it now. We just trying to get that in line so we was not incline to put a \$1.4 million parking space behind that building but we definitely made it perfectly clear I think in every statement that we wanted that parking space by the walking path. Okay I don't know how that was misconstrued you know that we wanted out."

David Dupre, Meyer Engineers, stated, "We did the master plan and we had a lot of elements in the master plan that are not part of this current project. The master plan had the overall master plan of each individual park and the total of master plan might have been I don't know, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000). So we picked out elements and we had several council meetings to determine the scope of the current project. There so many council meetings coming back and forth and the scope of this project never had that parking lot, the master plan has that parking lot but this scope of this current project never had it, in fact, we had the original scope and a while elements were added to the Highway 51 Park but the parking lot was not added."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm at a lost here. I know we wanted that parking lot, now the master plan regardless I know two parking lots, all this supposed to come out the recreation. Recreation fund if I'm not mistaken, bond issue, recreation for the bond and that part of it and there were \$2.4 million (\$2.2 million) and we discussed at length if we didn't need one back there behind the Civic Center, but the one over there by the park itself. Now whether that was the master plan or this other plan we got, I'm thinking it's in the plan and to think we were discussing about other parts of the recreation plan that was discussion about something else. I'm thinking this is still in there this parking lot and whenever I go back there I'm looking for it and if we ever going to start it, but somehow somebody took it out of there and it wasn't supposed to be taken out not the way we discussed it. And we did discuss it in here I think about that \$2.2 million that was spent over there on just that parking lot and we thought that was excisable."

Councilman Madere asked, "Do you have the figures on that parking spot we're talking about, how much it would cost?"

David Dupre stated, "In the master plan we have three parking lots identified, two of them are on the track side of the west side of the road and that's what is Mr. Coburn identified as 7A and 7B and both of them got \$350,000.00. On the south side of the road which I believe is the parking you're talking about next to the Community Center would be the third one and that is estimated to be about \$500,000.00, but none of those three are in the current project that's getting ready to start construction."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I'm not a person that I just don't understand those figures \$300,000.00 for that parking space that's not a very big space where I'm living at. I think we have here Road Improvement Program and I'm looking at the street that have 3,000 feet almost 4,000 feet of asphalt for \$100,000.00 okay and that parking space we're talking about is not 4,000 feet okay. We have a road that we're paving now for about \$100,000.00 that's almost 4,000 feet and this parking space is nowhere near 1,000 feet and we're talking about, \$300,000.00-\$400,000.00. Maybe we need to get the people that are doing the asphalt to come and block that off and do. I mean I'm hearing \$100,000.00 and we almost triple that you know I mean maybe we need to look at that again."

Councilman Wright stated, "If I'm not mistaken just to clarify real quick the one with the higher estimate was an additional parking lot that wasn't already there and the other one was to asphalt the gravel parking lot and add some subsurface drainage?"

David Dupre stated, "Yes I have a breakout of each parking lot detailed out, essentially five items for each one. For 7A they have asphalt paving, pavement, curves and gutter, have to do some regrading of the base, striping and the other two items that I know, include was the light poles, that will be an additional \$100,000.00. But for those three items I estimated 6,000 square yards of asphalt paving could be about \$310,000.00, the other one was \$330,000.00."

Councilman Wright stated, "Okay if you guys are open to, we can have a meeting later on and we can discuss this further in detail."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I think and I could be, could be wrong about this, I thought the budget that we came out with the \$2.4 million total. I think the parking lots are in the master plan and that's what was said but I don't think they were in this year's \$2.4 million to initially get started. We were all, we all sat there and they said the things we wanted, and all the different parks, the gazebos, the sprinkler systems, waterparks, different things we wanted and I think we we're looking more to get more service type items into our parks initially and I thought we all agreed on it, that I could be wrong but I thought we all agreed that that was we were initially going with this, I don't think it's out of the plan I just don't think it was in this initial \$2.4 million that we budgeted for these items. I think that's where maybe I'm wrong but that's what I thought we were proceeding with."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I am going to have to agree Councilman Gauff because I know we had lengthy discussions on this initial phase if we wanted things in and out the park and I don't mean Councilman Snyder and I did talk about the parking lot, but it's in its first phase we adopted to improve a park, we didn't have 51 parking lot in there, it was not in there and I could be wrong to, but we can having a meeting after this and sit down with Mr. Coburn and Mr. Dupre, but we didn't have that in there. We made some substitutions to change and put in other parks in the Garyville Park, West bank and 51 and I think a dog park or something, but I don't remember the parking lot. I think we removed that because we had exceeded the budget for this project and was going to look at it again. So we can have a meeting after the meeting and schedule a meeting."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I think it was a misunderstanding, maybe a lack of communication between administration and this group over here on exactly what was going on because when something is in the discussion you know it's in there you don't discuss it anymore and you discuss the things you want to kind of talk about and I'm looking at this parking lot 3, 2 and 1 right here and it was 490, it was 384 and it was 418 for these three parking lots. And also in there for the gazebos, the dog park and all that other stuff, so I know it was in there, so I don't have to think, I'm looking at it right here you know on my iPad it was in there. So why we didn't, I was having problems with the parking lot behind the building that's the only one I had a problem with, but the one over there we discussed it in a meeting here that need to be done, is in this meeting or one of the input meeting that we had on this recreation system, but here it is right here what the parking lot going to cost, we also have the gazebo, what the lighting was, the stripping was, they also have a horseshoe to put place in there in that area. So we talked about, I know my intentions, my reasons to bringing it up was that was too much money to spend on a parking lot behind the Civic Center. I know we're just beating a dead horse here, but that's you know, we've got some comment that they don't think I know what it is it's right here in front of me. Thank You."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Snyder."

Larry Snyder - Status of Vicknair Canal pumps project

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I'd like to know that is it going to move forward or we have money that's already put out there for that or are we waiting on till we dig these canals out to see what's happen, that's my issue with this."

Rick Shred, Shread-Kuyrkendall, stated, "Councilman Snyder, Brian asked me to attend the meeting tonight to give you a status update on the project. The project is in design there was some questions about location of the pump station and relation to Vicknair Canal and the East/West Canal those problems have been resolved. We're in the process of obtaining the necessary Geo Technical Reports required for pile driving associated with the design, the project is on schedule we anticipate the design being completed by the fall of this year and at that point the necessary permits, whether it's Highway Department or Corps of Engineers would be in our permit, it will be applied for and hopefully with some reasonable degree of success we hope to have everything ready to be bid by the end of this year."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Rick I'm satisfied, I just wanted to know where it was. I haven't heard and this put me where I need to be, it's in design and by the end of the year we going to have something out for bid maybe by the end of this year and that's all I wanted to know and that's all the people in that are wanted to know, is there something being done that would help their flood problems back there in Riverlands and Cambridge, the drain water from all the way from the river out there toward the front and towards the back through that canal. So I'm satisfied with that."

Larry Snyder - Bleacher's price for installation at the Civic Center

Councilman Snyder state, "I know this might be a sore subject here, but all I was asking for is a price. Let's discuss, let's get some specs on some Bleacher's for that Civic Center. I've got paperwork here I've been having paperwork like this overall a year, but we've never gotten any prices and the price is free, it's just an estimate, just what it would cost 500 seats in there or 1000 seats in that Civic Center and that's all, retractable bleacher's. They are still making movies in there, DuMonde still has their ball in there and we may be able to do some other things in there if we had places for people to sit, but I'm thinking they don't want, that's not being done because we don't want anybody in there. That's all I can think that's all I can feel like at this time, if they put bleacher's in there then we may be able to have activities where people can sit down in those bleacher's, but as long as we don't have no bleacher's to sit down in, no place to sit, we could never have a High School Prom or a High School Graduation. No, and that's my attitude right now I might be wrong, but I think and we didn't even get the prices. Now can we get some prices, can I be involved with that and let's see what we can do with that?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Absolutely Mr. Snyder! Be a pleasure."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's all I wanted I wanted a year ago."

Michael Coburn stated, "When I brought this to Mr. Cooper he said we had the original specs and design that was done. What I'm showing October 31, 2013 for pricing and specs that they had for bleacher's which I talked about a little earlier about for 101 foot long 32 feet wide with 13 rows just like what we have at REGALA. The pricing they gave at the time was \$140,000.00 that's delivered and installed, so we don't have a price as of today but I assure you I will get you one tomorrow."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you sir! I appreciate it."

Lennix Madere - Update and concerns regarding home on E. 30th Street Street - regarding health and safety conditions

The above item will be carried over.

Lennix Madere - Road repair on E. 16th Street

Councilman Madre stated, "First let me say this, I'd like to make a comment about that, on E. 16th Street that's the document I brought to legal two meetings ago and I was informed by legal that is a legal

document so that road is a public street, and the requirements in it is that it goes from the river road all the way to the railroad track. Okay and at this particular time that road was the last time that road was ever somewhere in 1971 and it didn't go all the way to the railroad track, and I know since 1970 till now that road had held up pretty good, but now it's failing and it's failing bad, okay and I know he went back there and did a temporary repair job back there, but in my opinion it's not a very good temporary repair job. Okay, if that's the finished product I rode on today when I went back there. If that's the finished product, well they need to go back there and smooth it out because I do know, I think we have the right equipment to make that road level, in which is I don't know what you call this machine but it's a road grate I guess with bevel blade that you use to smooth those streets out, that was not used. We used a backhoe and some other piece of equipment, so I don't think was personal, I grew up on gravel road, so I used to seeing this thing come down the street and level the road off and what we have back there in my opinion just a rush job and a patch job is not worthy of the people that are back there. So I mean if we're going to fix it temporarily until we can blacktop it, it should look better than what I saw today, that's just my opinion. We are, they are taxpayers so I think they deserve a little more than a rush job in my opinion."

Brian Nunes stated, "As for the overlay on these E. 16th Street, it's not included in the 2015 Road Approval Program, but we can access it for the 2016. As for as the road grater, yes we do have one in house so I know it's a narrow road so it may be difficult it's a big machine to get back there but, I'll take a look at it see if there is something we can do."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right and I mean I would just appreciate that and I bet the residents would have appreciated that you know it's done a lot neater than what it is, you know I mean, it's you know I know they could have done a better job, but I know we have the skilled people that work for us that's capable of doing that type of work. I do know that I have confidence in them, you know they can do a better job and I just think it's incumbent of me as the Councilman to get the best I can for the people who put me in office and I don't think I got that today when I passed down that road, I don't think that's what I got."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll drive it tomorrow I'm heading out to Garyville in the morning I'll stop there on the way."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay that's about it on that one."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage issues Hickory Street

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I see they have no new no update."

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't have an update. We're finally getting dry weather so we're starting to catch up on all our work, you know with all the rain it slows up down on a lot things so I'm still catching up on old things. In a matter of fact I just got to a job today that Mr. Wright asked me for about three weeks ago, four weeks ago over on 51 Old 51, so we're catching up on our backlog..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "It seems like every week I'm

apologizing to you but I will have to apologize to you again today after this meeting, but it's been a year, it's been a year those people asked me about that street. Okay I know we've had some bad weather okay but it's been a whole year that these people asked about getting that done and I can't continue to go back to them over a year and tell them the same thing. Okay, we have to make some type of progress and I do understand and I said and I'll say it again, we need more workers because we have a lot of work, we need more workers but I mean to tell these people again, we are approaching a year and a half, okay so I hope you know that you can kind of speed it up."

Brian Nunes stated, "I do understand what you are saying. But I mean it's not like we haven't done anything on that street in a year. We did go out we cleaned the ditches we blew the culverts so we did work on that street..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "It's not the ditches, it's not the culverts, it's the ditches behind the houses that they asked me about I understand you did that, you blew it out you know, you did that. Okay but the issue that we're talking about is behind those houses that ditch that runs behind that's the ditch that we promised that we would dig it out. Okay, so as soon as you can get to that, you know we appreciate that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "That's been a problem for a long time in that area."

Lennix Madere - Parish Servitude concerns - explanation of Parish Servitudes

Councilman Madere stated, "I don't know which way to take that, if it is going to be Legal, I just need an explanation on Parish Servitude concerns."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "We could actually have a full day legal seminar on servitude if you would like to schedule one."

Councilman Madere stated, "I'd be happy to."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "They're quite involved, however I'll try an answer general questions as best I can, I'm not sure exactly what you're looking for on the agenda item, but..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well, Mr. Wilson had something last year I mean last meeting said that we can go on parish or public property if it benefits a lot of individuals say like down the street or anything else without permission if it benefit the whole. I do remember I went for the state one time when we putting down sewer and my job was tell the individuals that this is kind of contradicted and telling them we're coming this way and we'd like for them to sign to get permission, but if they refuse to sign, I was ordered by the state to let them know that we're coming anyway. So to me it doesn't make sense to get them signed and you tell them you coming anyway. If you were to sign another route then they would do it, but if there was no other route whether you sign that paper or not the state was coming through, coming through with it. So my thing is, where we have a, just like Hickory Street, we have some private property behind that area

that's causing a lot of flooding. Okay, so if we going to relieve a lot of individuals from that problem you know look like we should be able to do it with or without their permission and I rather do it with their permission but this ordinance Mr. Wilson is talking about would seem to indicate that we have the authority to do it."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "So your question to me is: Do we have the authority to go on private property for a public drainage project?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, for the benefit of the whole area."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Without answering the question in great detail because I don't have the exact language in front of me, I would tell you that generally you are allowed a public entity is allowed to enter upon public, private property rather for the purposes of maintaining and or cutting drains if there is a public benefit. It has to be a public benefit and not a private benefit and there are some caveats that are quite frankly quite involved, quite involved in terms of describing what they are. But in addition to that besides the benefit you have to show the cost of that benefit is derived or equal to the benefit that's actually being received by the public. So in other words, you have to make sure that whatever public work you're actually doing on private property, first of all it's truly a public work, secondly, you have to make sure the cost of that work is comparable or equal to or greater than the benefit that's actually being received. Okay I will tell you as well that in the past my advice to the parish has been when it involves disputes of drainage between private land owners, that's generally, that is a civil matter between private land owners okay however; there are occasions when circumstances arrive with certain drainage arteries may need to be plugged or not maintained, frankly hidden or have not been used in some time where they may be a true public benefit that's derived from making those improvements. One that just comes to mind to me is some of the work that was done in the Homewood area years ago that involved they need to access private property to offer a public benefit, so you know it happens. I would also say you're must better off getting the permission of the land owner anytime you attend to enter upon private property to do public work and I don't encourage the parish to make a habit out of going on private property without permission. But that's not really a servitude issue by the way, that's not a question about servitude."

Councilman Madere stated, "Servitude, any parish on ditch or canals, how much servitude do we have on each side or does it depends?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Well yes it depends, in some cases the parish in certain subdivisions that were approved for example through a development process that went before Planning and Zoning and went before the council, certain servitudes were actually dedicated to the parish some of the servitudes are drainage servitudes, some are road servitudes and or road improvements even okay. The servitudes that exist on most of those ditches are drainage canals are actually delineated on the map, a subdivision map. So you might have for example a 100 foot servitude I think parts of the Ridgfield Canal if I'm not mistaken are 100 feet wide, so you have the canal in certain spots in certain situations you have access on either side of the canal to be able to do maintenance work, some canals on the other hand that we have take up the entire servitude and in order to access those for

maintenance purposes sometimes it's necessary to go onto private properties. As I said in those situations you want to get to the greatest extent possible unless it's an emergency you want to get the land owner's permission to enter upon their property to take care of those drainage concerns. Some situations we just have a ditch a ditch that just might have been dug years ago before they actually did even dedicate those servitudes, those are much more problematic and often times those are not necessarily as easily maintainable and often times they're I don't want to say neglected that's the right term, but because they're so difficult to maintain, they tend to be more problematic from the stand point of perhaps not serving the function we'd like for them to serve."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay thank you."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Yes I want to comment on that item. The problem with a lot of this was neglect to take care of them for years because all of this mostly is in the historic part they have these problems in the new development today but in the areas of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 are where the biggest problems are and as the Attorney General's opinion serves you know purpose for the public they can go on public property according to what we have here, but a lot of it has been neglect on the parish's part for many years they didn't go do it, so now it's a big deal to go do it. The people out there know what I'm talking about."

Larry Snyder - Questions regarding CDBG Inspections

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well the question I have with that is that, the people that do the inspections for the CDBG funding that we have gotten, are these certified inspectors or what kind of direction they have been given because I've gotten some complaints from people saying that they want to cut a door frame in half and things like that to repair it and some of these people have spent all their money and have a few little things left that need to be done, but the Inspector comes in and says they couldn't do that or couldn't do this, even say for instance, that one person called me and had 18 inches of water in their house and they were able to change some of their restroom equipment and not all of it, so that tells me they must have some mold in there some place and they were hoping that when they go through a CDBG thing they can get some help with that. But they did not and I was just wondering who these Inspectors, is that the way it is suppose be done or what, I really don't know. I thought they may have somebody who directed that effort."

Michael Coburn stated, "Thank you Mr. Snyder. To my knowledge all these are all Certified Inspectors I will double check on that make sure in the morning first thing on that. As far as we stand today, through the requirement of the grant Mr. Snyder, what our Legal is telling me, they have to be certified to be Home Inspectors..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "They have to Certified Home Inspectors, how do you do you get certified to be one of those Inspectors?"

Michael Coburn stated, "I can't tell you that sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You just come in and say I'm a Certified Inspector!"

Michael Coburn stated, "I can't answer this."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't think South Central Planning doing this."

Michael Coburn stated, "I'm sorry."

Councilman Snyder stated, "South Central Planning not doing that."

Michael Coburn stated, "You said people are calling you. I haven't received any calls."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's why I told you the other day and I'm telling you now."

Michael Coburn stated, "You need to let me know so we can get their specific questions, we can get to Royal who's assisting us, we can go to the Inspector, we can get to the pivotal who's in charge of those Inspectors and we can find the problem."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I tell you what. Set me up something with you, Royal and the Inspector."

Michael Coburn stated, "Absolutely, not a problem."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right and let me know when it's convenient for you."

Michael Coburn stated, "Not a problem."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Because I would like to ask these questions because I know I'm going to get more because my district was hit harder by the storm."

Michael Coburn stated, "They were and you know the only information I give right now where we stand on that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I get the update."

Michael Coburn stated, "I say a little bit more than you had on Wednesday, I send them out every Wednesday to you, you'll get another one tomorrow we've had 65 applicants for inspection, 29 have been already confirmed and completed. The target date for getting construction is the end of July, in order to make this date we're waiting on allocation of the money from the state as you've been made aware of at the Environmental Review those have to be completed, but our projected date is the end of July for construction."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Have you gotten any complaints or concerns from people that have been inspected so far?"

Michael Coburn stated, "No sir I have not had one. But please direct them to me I'll be more than happy to take them."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay thank you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Mr. Nunes if you don't mind, I just want to know where are we right now as far as digging ditches, working streets, where are your men? I remember you said we we're in Garyville, you were moving to I think Reserve you had some issues and I saw and it maybe private but I thought I saw on West 5th in LaPlace that just North of Apple Street that they working, a guy was digging that ditch out that canal and if so, than I was wondering if it were you, our department or whether..."

Brian Nunes interrupting asked, "Was that today?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes."

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't think it was us today because I had a guy on Old 51 today, have one on vacation, one was out sick, I don't think we were on West 5th today."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Okay."

Brian Nunes stated, "But I can verify that and I'll get back to you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Okay and I guess the other question would be, Barriere on the streets, the street repairs, please do not let them get away without us looking at 127 Apricot again. Remember they were supposed to look at that issue that happened in front of that home where the water sits?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes you've been involved with it, you all have set communications, I just don't want them to get you know too far away or start moving in another area and then, will say oh we were in town and we missed it. We're in Reserve now or we're in Garyville now. Thank you very much."

Brian Nunes stated, "We'll get it checked out."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Okay just want to make sure they're addressed."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Brian, let me ask you speaking of West 5th, there is some you know the ditches along West 5th, I know some people do cut theirs but I know some don't but it is our responsibility, I know it was a piece that area, it was areas that were maintained by the Sheriff's Office and they're no longer cutting, I don't believe when we put those grass cutting contracts out they included that, but it was cut by the Sheriff's Office. But we have some ditches along West 5th Street that are pretty bad and the last time that they cut them after they let them get high they just went on a bush hogged them. And so it was like insult to injury even if we have to get it cut with a finish cut blade and maybe even spray it and that would be the less desirable, but if we have to, I just don't want to go in there and bush hog it and make things look even worse. And then also, the spot near Carrollwood and Dominican, did you get a chance to look at that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes I did look at it, I actually bumped it up on our priority list because there was one there and one further down..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "And I think Shadow Lane, maybe."

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't remember."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I emailed a couple of those but, yeah okay, but if we have them bumped up on the priority list that'll be great. And then, what about the repair on Balsam Street, the one I sent you the picture of, it was an asphalt repair and then they cracked some of the curbing it looks like."

Brian Nunes stated, "I told that to the contractors..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting asked, "Is that Barriere?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It is Barriere."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yes let's just definitely like Lucien said let them and not that they'll intentionally do it, I'm not saying that by any means but sometimes once you move on to a next job just like things here you forget. It's not intentional and it's so much easier to make a repair when you have a crew mobilized instead of trying and coming back track you know and but if we can follow up on that as well."

Brian Nunes stated, "There were three so far there was a fence they damaged, a mail box they knocked down and then that what you brought to my attention."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And it happens I mean it's construction and it happens. Okay thanks."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay Ms. Hotard, I remember on everything But my comment is simply this, I'm going to get with Legal and we're going to see what type of Ordinance we can come up with that the Council Members would have more input in selecting of the streets that need to be repaired. Okay a situation happened out there this past week. I received a phone call complaining about repairing the street that really never should have been repaired. Okay, in fact East 15th was repaired in 2011 or the first part of 2012, somewhere between 10 and 12, that street was already repaired. If anyone rides down that street you would turn around halfway when you get down that street and say, what are they repairing, there's nothing to be repaired. Okay and the complaint was that we are adding a road to a resident on private property. I was told we are not allowed to do that. Okay and after I brought this to your attention you did the right thing you sent them out there and you checked on it and found that that road was on private property. My concern is, how did we ever even get to that point. Who selected that? It is my district and I have a road on East 16th Street that's falling apart in the back and my point is proven that the selection or whoever is doing the selection is not riding down the streets and making the right decisions. We built a road and this is a road improvement program, we are not constructing a new road but that is what was happening and I have people bouncing up and down on 23rd,

24th and a whole bunch of other streets and we smoothing out a road and cutting a road on private property at the tune of \$19,000.00. Okay so, I need someone from administration or someone to tell me how could this have happened and I was here three meetings ago complaining that I needed some streets done and they said we selected, well who selected? That is why I proved my point that we need more input that this type of thing doesn't happen and when we pulled it up in your office we have servitudes for that ditch that we don't go back there and clean and we were cutting the road back there. And that road is 465 feet in one estimation and one was 475 feet and the price is \$19,000.00 now that could best be used somewhere else in my district and not on a private road that someone made that decision. So if not at this meeting you might not be able to answer it and Mr. Coburn might not be able to answer it but I would expect an answer by the next council meeting."

Brian Nunes stated, "As far as the road list, that's forwarded to the Council Members well before we even advertise that out, but so you're input is always requested and asked for. Now the East 15th Street we were just taking care of a section in the back, where the asphalt had stopped and then there was a little bit of area we're extending just to get to the end of where it's the parish right away. We did go too far, we caught it you called us, so we stopped the contractor right then that was an accident, we went too far so we did go out fix this situation right then."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, now when you say too far, you talking about 465-475 feet, that's a lot too far, okay and for servitude, okay we have tractors we don't need a smooth black top surface to ride to clean a ditch off where we are, in that case we'll be black topping over servitudes we have in the parish, so that is not a viable answer." "Well the answer that was given. Because it says parish servitude, well I mean we'll be black topping every servitude we have in the parish if that's the case. Okay my point I'm trying to make is the appointment of the Council Members in their district to help select or get someone that's qualified to look at these roads and make sure we get the right one done. Okay and that explanation of a servitude is not a good answer."

Michael Coburn stated, "Mr. Madere I'm putting together a 2016, 2017 and 2018 Project Road List as we speak, I have it. Some of you have already submitted roads to me, if you got roads that you're interested in for 16, 17 or even 18 give them to me because I'm doing that list right now. We're putting those list together right now for next year."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I did that for this year and we got a half of road, okay that's what I'm saying, I've had the list before and I've made it known before and what I'm really getting is a half a road and a road that never should have happened, okay because East 12th is partially Mr. Wilson and partially mine. The left side is his side the right side is mine, so when you add up what District 3 is getting is a half of a half. That's what we're getting, okay a half of a half that's what we're getting. Okay and that's what my point exactly when I made the comment earlier that we are not involved in selecting the road in our area. Okay I'm getting a half of a half East 12th Street, I asked them last year why we went a half of street, I was told because the front wasn't bad enough, six months later the front then deteriorated enough now we fixing it. So that's the problem okay, now I know I need

to sit down with Administration or Legal and we are going to have to try and work this out because I do not believe that the right roads every time is being selected. And for someone to add to servitude for \$19,000.00 that's not a good answer. Okay, so I hope someone have a better answer for me at the next meeting how that was selected."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Nunes the properties on Garyville Northern on the west side the ditch behind them, I have signatures here that people, to fill out, but there it is, there's not very many houses on there the properties are wide, I'm going to get with you again possibly tomorrow but I'd like for you to start making plans to get it done."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Sooner than later."

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council investigation based on Attorney General Findings and District Attorney Recommendation

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

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

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

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

15-24 An ordinance granting approval of a rural use permit to operate a restaurant at 105 Gary Road, LaPlace, Louisiana (PZR-15-1037) (N. Robottom)

15-25 An ordinance granting Preliminary and Conditional Subdivision Approval of Lots 1 through 21, as part of a proposed extension of Tuscany Drive, Summerlin Subdivision, LaPlace, Louisiana (PZS-15-1115) (N. Robottom)

- 15-26** An ordinance granting approval of a re-subdivision of lots A, B, and C of lot 5 and lot C of lot 4 into lots 5A and 5B of the Doctor Charles Merilliod Subdivision, Reserve, Louisiana (PZS-15-1112) (N. Robottom)
- 15-27** An ordinance for parish millage - official assessment roll for Year 2015 (N. Robottom)
- 15-28** An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of St. John the Baptist Parish, as follows: By adding to Chapter 113, Section 113-561 - Exemptions (signs) (N. Robottom)
- 15-29** An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: By adding the following: Division 4. Political Activities of Unclassified Parish Employees (C. Millet)
- 15-30** An ordinance amending ordinance 15-02 relative to the annual Operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund and Public Works Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)
- 15-31** An ordinance amending ordinance 14-53 relative to the annual Operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish Economic Development Fund and Wastewater Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)

ADJOURNMENT :

At 9:00 PM, Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary