

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 24th, 2014
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, June 24th, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Lucien Gauff

Councilman led the Prayer. Councilman led the Pledge.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Lucien Gauff/Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Judge Madeline Jasmine

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

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - June 10th, 2014, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - West Bank Creole Jubilee - 6/30-7/3/14; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Phil Hoffman to the EDC Committee; Permit Approval - Independence Day Celebration - 7/3/14

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - June 10th, 2014, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - West Bank Creole Jubilee - 6/30-7/3/14; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Phil Hoffman to the EDC Committee; Permit Approval - Independence Day Celebration - 7/3/14. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

14-18 (Tabled 06-10-14) (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Chapter (2) Section 2.9, third paragraph, of the St. John the Baptist Parish Civil Service Rules and Regulations as follows: By deleting the existing third paragraph and replacing with: "All rules and amendments of the Civil Service System shall be approved by ordinance adopted by Majority vote of the Parish Council." (M. Perrilloux)

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 14-18 from the table. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-18. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

14-22 (Tabled 06-10-14) An ordinance to amend Section 2-62 (b) of St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances relative to St. John the Baptist Parish Civil Service Rules and Regulations as follows: By deleting the existing third paragraph and replacing with: All rules and changes of the Civil Service System shall be approved by Ordinance adopted by majority vote of the Parish Council. (M. Perrilloux)

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 14-22 from the table. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-22. The motion passed with Councilman

Gauff absent.

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-26. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

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

Angelic Sutherland, Director of P & Z, stated, *"The re-subdivision of this land was approved at the May 19th Planning Commission meeting and June 10th Council Meeting. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-27. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

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

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Have we looked at possibly rolling back any of our millage rates?"*

Vince Lucia, CFO, stated, *"No not at this time."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Can we do that before you ask us to adopt new rates? It is a decision that would come from the administration."*

Vince Lucia stated, *"At this time we didn't consider doing that."*

Councilwoman Millet asked, *"Vince did we raise our millage or are they all the same?"*

Vince Lucia stated, *"They are all the same at this time."*

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to table Ordinance 14-28. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

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

Whitney Joseph, Parish Assessor, stated, *"I strongly suggest that the council pass this ordinance especially if our children are going to be using that building and besides that I think all buildings that belong to the parish should be in wonderful condition and we need to make sure that that happens because we require our home owners to cut grass and do those type of things so we must set an example ourselves and we should make sure that any building that belongs to the parish should definitely look good and be in great condition."*

Randy Vincent, CAO, stated, *"A ruling on the authority of this ordinance has been provided by Legal Counsel on more than one occasion. Administration has no further response."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-29. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

14-30 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to propose amending the St. John the Baptist Home Rule Charter by submitting the proposal to the qualified Electors of the Parish of St. John the Baptist and to place said proposal on the ballot of the next available election in the fall of 2014 (R. Wilson)

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "I would like to know it says here in the comment that in concurrence with the advice of legal counsel, who are you referencing?"

Randy Vincent stated, "The District Attorney's office."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Who specifically because I have spoken to some of the members of the office? In going forward can we put someone's name because when you have an item like this on the agenda that says in concurrence with the advice of legal counsel you are saying that legal counsel has provided this advice and legal counsel is stating that they have not provided this advice or some of the members of legal have said that so we don't even know who to speak with if we don't know who said it."

Randy Vincent stated, "Well I am certain that this could be cleared up through Tom Daley because I don't know if that conversation was strictly with Mr. Daley or a combination of Mr. Butler, Mr. Billy O'Regan and that is why we put legal counsel on there because I do know that anything that is brought to either one of those gentlemen is discussed in their group meetings."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So we will know if you put a name there who specifically gave that advice to the administration so that we can communicate as well with that person because like I said I asked both that are present tonight and they do not have any recollection of that advice."

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-30. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Hotard) and 1 absent (Gauff).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Councilman Madere asked, "Mr. Nunes, can you give me an update on the completion of the roads in District III?"

Brian Nunes responded, "Actually, I'm going to go ahead and defer to our Parish Engineer who's in charge of our Asphalt Program this year."

C.J. Savoie, Parish Engineer, stated, "All of the roads that have been submitted on the list for this year are now have been paved, have been patched, paved, or whether they needed base work or what have you, all of that portion have been done. We're now in the process of dressing up the shoulders and they started out, I understood today, they had like seven streets where they completed the shoulders."

Councilman Madere responded, "That was my concern was because I haven't seen them in the area after they paved some of the streets, so they are coming back to straighten up?"

Chuck Savoie responded, "Correct, they are doing several Councilman Madere, in fact I'm doing a lot of them, you're going to see some that are done with some aggregate, but I'm doing a lot of them because the residents request the dirt in lieu of having the aggregate because they cut up to the edge of the road, so they want me to bring in fill material, so that they cut to the edge of the road, and that's what we are trying to accommodate all of the residents in each location."

Councilman Madere asked, "Could you have them check on East 14th St.? When they ground up that asphalt, I don't know if they did it, or

someone else did, but they have a canal to the back of the street, and someone put that asphalt in that canal. I spoke to Mr. Nunes about that."

Chuck Savoie stated, "I'll have them check that tomorrow"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, because we don't need any more blockage."

Chuck Savoie stated, "No, we don't need any more blockages. I apologize for that. I don't why he wouldn't have caught that, but I'm going to check with him probably before the night is over, but I'll have you an answer."

Councilman Madere responded, "Alright, thank you."

Councilman Wilson stated, "The canal situation we have on Hwy. 54 and on Garyville Northern, as you know, we've had some numerous cave-ins, the title of the Lake is what's sitting there that's been full for a month, and Shred Kurkyndall did a study, and what we need is the same situation you have at Homewood, so I would like to see somebody get some prices and see what's it's going to take to get this thing done, because if it continues, we're going to have some serious problems replacing Garyville Northern for one thing. We have to stop this water from getting in because when it does rain and we have these hard rains, we have a problem getting the water out. We had people who flooded here recently. They did a study, and let's see what the study says."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Nunes, I noticed that you all removed quite a few of the shopping carts out of the canal right behind Rousell's on Belle Terre, there's a nice big pile of them. I would like to see if Administration could get together with these store owners and see if there's some kind of way that we could prevent these from leaving their parking lots, because what happens is, you saw, it wasn't one basket, this was probably a good 20-25 baskets that you all removed from the drainage canal. So, this is not going to improve our drainage situation, and its cost prohibited to the store owners as well, so if Administration could get together with them and maybe come up with some kind of solution. I do know, that they do pick up, if you call the store they will send someone out to come pick up errant baskets, but the problem is we need to keep them in the shopping center and not throughout the Parish, so if you all could try and get some kind of way and work this together for the benefit of our drainage system, I'd appreciate it."

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "While you said that Ms. Millet, Mr. Nunes, right behind Ascension of Our Lord Church, I think they have about 20 of them, so if we could get those out, thank you."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Mr. Nunes, I think you can check on that all you want, it's not going to help with those large stores. I've tried it a couple of years ago. I've tried it last year, and they don't seem to care. So, I have a lot of them right there at Vicknair canal, at the bridge, and I called two or three times and they don't come out. They know who's doing it. The Sheriff's Office is not going to stop it, because the Sheriff's Office said the people in the stores over there, they don't want to get the customers angry with them, so they don't tell them anything about taking the shopping baskets out. I have about twenty over there on Vicknair canal. So, you can talk until you're grey in the face, but I don't think it's going to do any good. What I do, I throw them in the back of my truck and put them in the dumpster, and people who pick around they come get them."

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Nunes, I think had talked to you some time back about the Woodland Canal needing to be dredged or cleaned out because I think the silt is starting to build up. I did get some calls about some equipment back there today. Is that something we're doing or is it the sugar cane farmers, do you know?"

Brian Nunes responded, "We are not permitted to dredge anything at this time, so if there's dredging going on, it's not the Parish doing it."

Councilman Wright responded, "Can we look into, I know we talked about it before, can we look into possibly doing something with that canal because the silt has risen up so much?"

Brian Nunes responded, "Yes, we will"

Councilman Wright responded, "Please get back to me with that, thank you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Snyder, I understand your frustration with the shopping carts. I feel the same way, so maybe if they won't prevent their customers from removing them, maybe we should just tell them we're going to fine them for everyone we find that's off the property, you know, come up with a solution, if you won't help us, we're going to have to...."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Mr. Nunes must have pulled 50 out of Vicknair canal about a month ago, I mean, all up and down, at least 50, and bikes and everything else when he drained that canal out. You see people walking on side the highway with them. They just don't do anything, so that might be a good idea. Maybe, we might want to look at that. I'd be able to get with our attorneys over there and come up with something with those carts because they have their names on them for sure."

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

Councilman Madere stated, "I know we just passed this ordinance to require the Parish President to fix the Homer Joseph building, but I just wanted to say Mr. Joseph, I want to thank him for representing the citizens of our district, and also I want to remind Administration that we have, even though only one citizen stood up here tonight at the mic, I have documents that I've presented several weeks ago, where its 175 citizens behind this effort to get that building fixed, and once again I've said it belongs to the Parish and it should be fixed the same way every other building is being fixed. So, it's not just one individual speaking, it's not just one Councilman speaking, its 175 signed signatures, and if it takes more then we'll do so, thank you."

Councilman Snyder responded, "I didn't say anything about that particular center but there are some other issues out there that Administration should know that are unsafe conditions in the front. There are gas lines protruding through the ground. There are lines that have been abandoned that you can easily cut your leg on in the front of the building, so there's a lot of work that can be done, it's just cosmetic stuff, but as far as safety is concerned, a kid on a bike passed there and fall off that bike they can get stabbed on some of those things. But, you have to want to make it safe and look good to do it right, and I think they need to look at that part of it, thank you."

Cheryl Millet - Repairs on Ridgefield Canal

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Brian, I want to thank you. I spoke with the resident who had been complaining for almost two years now. The sad part is that it took me putting this on the agenda to get it completed, and I hope that's not the process that this Parish is leaning in, that if the only way you get something accomplished is if to put it on the agenda, because I've asked numerous times and you know what I'm talking about, to get this completed. The resident was concerned. It was a project that was started and never completed, and he said its 99.5% completed, so I don't know if it's going to take another two years to do the 5%, so please Mr. Nunes, I don't want to see this have to be done. It's a standard erosion problem that should have been handled. I don't want to have to put things on the agenda. Our meetings are not supposed to be for this purpose, so please, just put it in line to get it done, thank you."

Marvin Perrilloux - Lions Water Filter

Councilman Perrilloux removed this item from the agenda.

Marvin Perrilloux/Lennix Madere - Recreation Director

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I put this on the agenda because I know it was a heated discussion last time, but I have just one thing to say, and I know Ms. Robottom is not here, she had to leave, but Mr. Vincent and Mr. Lucien. The charter says that we shall have a director in each department. It didn't say Assistant, it didn't say Program Coordinator, it said we shall have a Recreation Director, and we have budgeted money for this, and we need a Recreation Director, because I think we have a

dying Recreation Department right now, and no offense to Ms. Poche. I think she is doing what she needs to do at her limit, but we want to move this Recreation Department into another level and we need a Director, and that's all I have to say on it."

Councilman Madere responded, "If any department needs a Director, I would think it would be the Recreation Department, because we have documented, and Administration has documented some of the deficiency that's in this department. So, if you have a department that's struggling already and then you don't have the main position at the top filled, then maybe that could be a problem too. You documented a lot of other problems that's involved with the Recreation Department. I know it's not going to happen overnight, and I tried last meeting to say that Ms. Poche is doing a wonderful job, but I was responded with a slap in the face comment. Once again, I'll say I think she's doing a good job with everything that she could work with, but still it doesn't change the fact that we have a department that's been operating over a year without any person to the top. Ms. Robottom mentioned at the last meeting that the position was offered to Ms. Poche, so now, I'm saying if it was offered the day before the meeting or months before the meeting, I think we need an answer. Are we going to accept this position or not? Ok, and then we know what direction we have to go. If Ms. Poche refuse the position then we move and try to find a Director, if she accept the position, wish I hope she do, then we would find someone to fill in her position. One way or another, this has to go forward."

Randy Vincent responded, "We got into discussing the departmental reports in this area before I was able to make the comment. It is documented on the Administrative report that the items in this section lacked sufficient detail to respond but written response is what we provided once presented with specific questions, so anything that's on here, a response will be provided."

Lennix Madere - Railroad Issues

Councilman Madere asked to carry this item over to the next agenda.

Lennix Madere - Water infiltration in sewer system

Councilman Madere stated, "I'm very pleased with the results. I would like to thank Mr. Babin for helping us. Thank you."

Lennix Madere - Hickory Street drainage

Councilman Madere stated, "I think he (Brian Nunes) did some work on that street, but I wanted to get an update on it. I guess I'll have to call him at the office, because people on Hickory St., they wanted an answer to this problem and that's why it's on the agenda but like I said he left the building already, so I'll talk to him tomorrow."

Jaclyn Hotard - Budget

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have one request before I get into this item. Randy, in the future, if you could let us know if any of your department heads are leaving early, we could have probably put some of those items up sooner so that Mr. Nunes could have answered your questions. The item that I have here is basically just for some commentary. As you all know last year we had our budget process go all the way until probably New Year's Eve seems like we met Christmas Eve or day after Christmas, and all of this all of these things, I don't want that to happen again, and it seems like some of the bigger hang ups were on detail of line items and things like that and so I did send some information to legal counsel and I've gotten some response, I believe I've copied some of the council on it, as far as, if we would like to have more detail in the line items, what method, what process we'd have to use to make that request. For example, if there's a line item that says Miscellaneous or Professional fees, and what I've been informed from legal counsel, and maybe Jeff or Carl, you can expand on that, the Counsel can offer a motion that we want that line item broken down into each individual item that's in that line item and have that updated in our budget. It's not something that we have to do by ordinance and I think it's important to talk about that right now because again that's what delayed this to the end, and then once we got closer to the end, and we wanted to see more detail in the line items we were told that we didn't have time. We were told that the budget

that was submitted met Gap, which is generally accepted accounting principles which even if you detail your line items more you're still going to meet Gap, and provided by the charter the counsel sets the format in which the budget will be presented. I would have like to have had President Robottom still here so that we could all talk in front of each as what's expected from the Administration and how we're going to move forward, but I will defer to legal counsel to get up and shed a little bit of light on that, also we also did speak with the auditor as well just to make sure that the things that we were asking for were in line with what's proper under our charter and under generally accepted accounting principles, and I know at least the Administration kind of threw that around a little bit, that what you all submitted did meet Gap, but again, even if we detail those items even further because some Parishes actually have way more detail than we have, it still meets Gap. It doesn't have to follow that specific format, and again, the charter does provide that the counsel sets the format for the budget to be, for the format that the budget is going to be in. So, I want to just have this item there to put the Administration on notice that I will be coming forward with motions to ask for additional detail in the budget and if there's any questions or any reservations about what it is I'm saying right now, let's do it while we have the attorneys present and not on Christmas Day, not on New Year's Eve and not any of those other holidays, okay? Thank you.

Jeff responded, "The charter is clear that the council does in fact set the budget format. The council has set the budget format that's been utilized by this Parish I think for the last 30 years since the councilmatic council/parish president form of government actually took effect. The charter's equally clear, however, although, the council sets the format, the format must comply with generally accepted accounting principles, and as long as the format that the council selects complies with that format the, which Mr. Rebowe or one of the accountants or even maybe Vince can offer an opinion on that in terms of what format would actually comply. After talking to Mr. Daley about this issue, our suggestion would be that if you all have requested Administration to modify the format beyond where it is now, you should do so prior to the budget process beginning. You should do so to give Administration, Mr. Vince and his department the time to evaluate it and make sure that there are no issues that they need to discuss, for example, with Mr. Rebowe, the auditor, and make sure they have an opportunity to review that format to ensure that there are no problems in complying with that format. Once the budget process actually starts, and the budget is actually submitted with the budget message from the Parish President, sixty days at least prior to the end of this current year, then you all have the right to get into the budget discussions that we've had in the past, which includes the ability to amend the budget prior to adoption. So, what I think Ms. Hotard is talking about, from a legal perspective, is actually a two-fold process. One, the format in which the Administration submits the budget, and two, the process of actually adopting the budget through amendment, debate, discussion, and evaluation."

Councilwoman Hotard responded, "Thanks Jeff, and I'll add something to that. The format is not what I'm looking to change. Simply in the existing budget right now, there are some line items that have multiple items lumped in it, so the format is fine. We do have a line item budget, but there is a lot left to be desired in our budget, because we do have many items that are just lumped in. So, it won't be a format change from the council, it will be more of less collapsed or expand some line items to show the detail, so it's not going to be anything that will be so tedious on the finance department, but we definitely want to be able to see more detail in some of these line items, so that we can see where the money is going, we can allocate monies in areas that we have some short falls and take care of those items, and we will be able to see everything, so most of the modification requests won't be in formatting, so it won't be something that you'll have to change or re-invent the wheel on, but it will be requesting more detail on what we have so that we can see where the money is actually going in detail."

Councilman Snyder stated, "To be sure that I'm clear on is that in about a month ago we got a copy of the budget of the Amendments. I think you have them listed out the Amendments to our budget for 2013. Will that be forth coming with our next budget also, every time we have an amendment or that was just for that particular time that that happened?"

Vince Lucia responded, "We intend to format it pretty much like it was adopted for 2013, the final amendments."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Sometimes you come to us more than once for to update, amend the budget. So will that happen every time? Because, I want to know if I vote yes to amend the budget, I want to be sure I know what I'm amending."

Vince Lucia responded, "I think we had 3 separate amendments last year, and of course after the audit finished, and it's about to be finished in the next couple of days, we're going to amend the fund balances based on the audits, and that's one of them that we do within the middle of the year, but actually, it's going to be a little later than that because the audit is still going on, but it's about to be finished within the next couple of days."

Councilman Snyder responded, "And that's exactly what I'm talking about. If the audit, if we're going to amend it on what the audit comes up with, we don't know what the audit come up with unless it's written down someplace like you did last time, because that was self-explanatory. It was right on the mark, and gives us better understanding on what we were voting on, and that's what I'm talking about. Will we get that same type of information the next time we have to amend?"

Vince Lucia responded, "Yes, in every amendment we're going to have an explanation for each line item. That's what we did the last couple of weeks."

Jaclyn Hotard - Job position creation

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I put this item on the agenda just for some clarity. There were some comments made at the last council meeting that we had approved some type of new position and there was actually an email that came from the Administration. It was very accusatory that we forgot that we created some position and so I just want to get clarity, and I've also addressed this with legal and I believe I've copied some of the council on this information. What we actually did in December was appropriate funds in anticipation of a job to be created. The job has not been created. There is no job description. The civil service board has not approved it, neither has the council approved it, which is the policy. So, this was more of a clarification item, that the council did not in fact approve any job description for any Program Coordinator or anything, and cannot do that by a simple appropriation of monies, so this is just a clarification."

Larry Snyder - Drainage pumps for Cambridge/Vicknair Canal

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, that's a big one there. It's an expensive item, and it was discussed before 2013, a bond issue came up and it was understood as far as I thought, that that project would be done once we get the appropriation for it. We've got the money, it's in the bank and what I'm trying to find out is why we haven't did something on it yet? We have people in Cambridge that are literally afraid every time it rains. So, you can imagine what happened the last two weeks. We had people with water up to the garage, and it's just in certain areas, some areas it drains perfectly, but it's just certain areas. In Cambridge and over on Frisco in that area over there, those people are literally on pins and needles every time it rains. I don't know if we're using them as a pond or what you know? We need to help these people. We need to do something. I've talked to most of you about a drainage department. Look what happened over there in Woodland the other day, when they had to really put some work in over there, and how they cleaned up the drainage over there. Why did it get like that in the first place? We have problems over there, and we can't be using people vindictively, we can't use them that way. We have to do; I think we have to do what's best for everybody, the people that we represent. Today, a guy came to my house and someone driving up on his driveway. This man put a lot of money back into his yard. The water tore up his land back there. Those pumps, I truly believe, prove me wrong, I don't care if you prove me wrong will help that subdivision on the East and that subdivision on the West, which is Riverlands North. I know it'll help those people out, because all this rain coming down, it's coming down so much and it's just filling up all the canals and we can't get water into it, actually backing up into streets, I've seen it, I've

seen that happen, got pictures of it, actually backing out the canal in the streets. When it gets like this, and that's what's right happening now, some of those pumps will keep it down, and I'm just wondering where are we with these pumps? I need to know this. I had a call in to the Parish President; I didn't get any response, never called me back. I wanted to talk about it, set up a meeting so I can talk about that. Are we going to do it? Are we not going to do it? Then, our people need to know."

Randy Vincent responded, "Mr. Snyder, I'll go back to the comments you made earlier, due to a lack of specific questions on the agenda, responses wasn't prepared. However, in listening to you Mr. Snyder, I can assure you that there is no one more concerned than the Parish President and the staff, just like you guys are about our drainage. As a matter of fact, just in what I know, since I've been here, and I have been able to go over this with the Parish President, there have been improvements at Persimmon St. This is since 2010 alone, Redbud, Homewood, The Riverlands, and there have been drainage improvements in the Reserve area. You guys have already taken action to include drainage improvement programs with the 2014 bond issue, and with the hazardous mitigation plan that we have. So, there's been quite a bit done since 2010 with drainage and with this particular Administration, especially since the onset of Hurricane Isaac. Prior to 2010, you had a pump station at the Airport that was old and needed rehab and you had to make those pumps, and you had actually one pump and you added one at Homewood. So, I think there's been a lot done since 2010, and a lot more to come, so I just wanted to make sure that..."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Well we weren't here in 2010. I'm sure you all did a great job in 2010. We came on in what 2011?"

Randy Vincent responded, "Well, I said since 2010."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Right, that's right, we have did a lot of work, and I thank that Public Works Department, because they have did a lot of work, or they tried to do a lot of work, especially when we call them at the last minute, we need to get this done, we need to get that done. I know the old part of St. John Parish need plenty work. They need more work than any part of St. John Parish, from my area all the way down to Montz. He and I was out there today, they have canals you can't even see it's so plugged up, with trees and everything else, but I do know that people back here are having problems also, and we've got the money appropriated for that, that was in the bond issue. I haven't heard anything about it since, and it was appropriated last year, and that was my project and Mr. Perrilloux's project. Maybe you all talked to him, I don't know, but I haven't heard anything. I haven't heard anything. I have some suggestions about Frisco St. over there. There were some suggestions came up, but that was the farthest it got, and the thing that Mr. Nunes was talking about doing, may help. I don't know."

Randy Vincent responded, "We'll get Mr. Nunes to respond to you in writing on that."

Councilman Snyder responded, "No, I just need, we need something done. We need to get something solid moving forward. I was over by his office today talking. I got a little something out of him, but I'm sure he's a man that's deep in thought all the time, but I just didn't see where we're just not moving forward."

Randy Vincent responded, "Even on this agenda, with the Foxwood Project, the property acquisition is taken place, that's movement. Haydel Canal and Vicknair Canals, that's movement, so we are moving and there are projects in line to make certain that we start getting some of these projects done."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes Mr. Snyder, I did talk with Mrs. Robottom on this project when we all turned our projects in our districts, and I did say you and I, that we were trying to push forward to go ahead and improve this, to put the pumps back there because it would help the Ridgfield Canal area, the Country Club area, and also would help Cambridge, and back by Ascension of Our Lord. It's a must, we have to do it, and I know the study has been complete on it, and that should have been, I think it is one of the projects on the list to be done."

Councilman Snyder responded, "It was on the ballad."

Mr. Boucvalt stated, "Just in addition to Mr. Randy, you're right we passed the 2014 bond issue and we have many pump stations and canal projects on the books to do, so I think what Mr. Randy was saying since 2010, Councils and this present Council and Administrations, have been putting pump stations after pump stations from McReine all the way to the Airport. We've had more pump stations than we've had in a long time, and one thing we've got to remember, a pump station is going to be effective if you put a levee around it. But, sometimes, when you put a pump station and there's no levee around it, you're kind of spinning your wheels. It's going to work, but take the Riverlands area, we just put six pumps over in that area, Welham Loop, Chatsworth, and these pumps are submergible pumps, and when these canals get high, they're pumping against that high level in the canal. Sunday night, we had 1.9 inches of rain in an hour. It's just going to take a time for those pumps to catch up, those canals will go down a little bit, those pumps will pump a little bit better, and we'll drain it to the Lake. Yesterday, these pop up storms, they're going to keep coming up. We started getting calls. A quarter inch of rain here at DOC. I called the weather national service; I said "What is going on?" We had the streets in Cambridge were flooded, you see the pictures. Winds, 50 miles an hour winds knocking trees over, knocking out power. I said are you seeing a tornado, are you seeing rotation, and they're going no these are pop up storms, and these pop up storms can be in an isolated area, like the back end of Cambridge what happened, and they produced so much energy, you can get 50 mile and hour winds, and that's what happened to you Mr. Snyder, in that area with all the trees knocking down the power lines, and also 3 inches of rain in less than 45 minutes. We can put all the pumps in the world we want, they're not going to keep up with that kind of rain, and we're working on them. We're putting more projects in and we're going to put more pump stations, but what we need is the hurricane protection levee, and we're pushing hard for that, and what would help us in the back of Cambridge is right, the hurricane protection levee and putting these pumps there, and pumping that water out. We go back there right now and try to do what we did in Laplace Park, put a levee and put a pumping station that works, that's a lot of money, that's money we could be putting towards this levee. Long term answer is we need this levee. The Lake gets high we all know the nature of the Lake. The Lake right now, sometimes it gets up to 2 feet, when it gets up to 2 feet, it doesn't appear to be a big deal, but Hwy. 51 has a low spot of 2 foot in it, and we have some areas in Laplace that are 3 and 4 foot, and when that Lake gets up, the water is going to drain a little bit slower, and so just going put pump stations is not always the answer, but hey we are, we're trying. We all been doing a good job trying to get these projects in, and putting these pump stations in, but the end result is going to be this hurricane protection levee."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Boucvalt, I appreciate that, thank you for your cordialness, but you know what remains? What remains is that we still have flooding problems back there, and it don't seem like we, the idea of the pumps on Vicknair, I don't know where it come from. It was supposed to be done before, but I know when we came in here we started talking about it, and that's the only thing that's going to help us back there, and I haven't heard anything else since, from that part of it, and Welham Loop, Chatsworth, over there, most of the time those people over there, when they do get flooded the water goes down quickly. The other day they had some problems there on Parlange where the water was up high, and by the time I got over there it had gone down when I went over there because the pumps were working for that same canal that you're talking about, but when you pump into that canal, you forcing water into it, and what that does to everybody else who flowing water into it, it backs them off. That's why I said this job should have been done, those pumps should have been put back there when they put those pumps back there, because we force water into that canal getting the level up quick and the water backing up when it get to the back of Cambridge, back of Riverlands, water is backing out of the canal into the streets, because they're forcing water in there, and they're not letting it naturally flow in there, but its naturally flowing under the interstate, which is probably half way blocked. That's where our problems at. We got a canal right behind us over there, so what you did in Riverlands, you can do that right there, what's wrong because where major flooding at over in Cambridge over there is on Virginia Colony. The last street over there, is English Colony I think, English Colony, that's where the most flooding at, and

everything seem to drain over there then drain some other place. We're talking about putting pumps on Vicknair canal which going to help, but maybe we should think out the box a little bit, and look at some pumps over there where which pump from here to the highway, not that far into Freniere Canal, the canal on the eastside of Cambridge, maybe we should look at pumping some water into that thing instead of everything going over there to Vicknair canal, that may help the situation back there. It may solve the situation back there, I don't know, but I mean you guys are the smart people we're not the smart people. You all should be able to figure that out. In this package here we have so many studies that they want us to do, one for \$180,000, one for \$200,000, study that, that's where our problem at with drainage. People are afraid when it starts raining like that, because most of those people were in the storm back there. We got to look out for our people."

Councilman Madere stated, "Here's what I want to say, first thing, Administration say they didn't have enough information to comment on this particular item, when you say drainage, that's all you need to know in St. John Parish. We have a problem, it's the biggest problem that we have, it's not roads, it's not grass, its drainage. From Laplace to Mt. Airy, every time it rains now, we had that storm Isaac that put the fear of God into every one of the people here in this parish, not just in Laplace, in Reserve, in Garyville, all the way to Mt. Airy. So, I mentioned this when I first got into office, about a drainage department, and I was told point blank, it's not going to happen. Well to me, if this is your biggest problem that affects all the residents here in this parish, then to me, that should be a department. That's something that have to be worked on every single day, because every single time there's a rain storm someone is calling me, Mr. Snyder, or anyone else, and it's a drainage problem. That levee, everyone didn't want that levee, they want to feel safe if we get that levee, right now that's out of our hands. What's in our hands now is how we can improve the local drainage in all the districts in the parish. I'm speaking from an older area. I can take anyone from Public Works, Mr. Nunes, or anyone, and show them at least a bunch of locations, streets and canals along the railroad track that is clogged up and if we get 3 inches or 4 inches of rain in the Reserve area, people are going to be calling. Now, if we can clean those up, I think it's a lot easier to handle that than to build a levee. Do we need a levee? Of course we do. Do we need a drainage department? Of course we do. We need you to clean out some of the areas that can be done by a group of people, 10, 15, 20, I don't care how many you hire, that's what they do every single day, clean out the low canals and low ditches, Mr. Snyder and myself seen a canal this morning where the tree smack dab in the middle of it, plus a telephone post, so these are some of the problems that we can handle on the local level that we need to help the residents with. We can't build that levee, we can only get assistance from the Federal Government, and right now it's out of our hands, but the local drainage is in our hands. Thank you."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "Mr. Madere, Mr. Snyder, I sympathize with both of you all because you know we've been known in District VII as being cement city by former councilman, guess what, that cement city is getting wet, and it's getting wetter every day. It's time for us to start putting our budget towards the Drainage Department. We're all getting wet. Start spending money where it counts. We spend money on all kinds of unnecessary items. Put the money where the residents need it to be. They don't want to be pulled out with another boat again. They want to feel safe in their house. Our job as councilmen is to make them feel safe, to put the money where it needs to be, put it in drainage."

Larry Snyder - Drainage issues on West Frisco

Councilman Snyder stated, "I drove over there again the other night and the water was there and still have water on their driveway and this was after the rain had stopped. It's bad over there. The people over there flooded more than once, flooded I mean, in their homes more than once. Their insurance is high, flood insurance is high, and they're not in a flood zone, but somebody made some mistakes back in the day in designing Riverlands drainage system over there, and it's causing those people problems right now, with the age of the system, so let's spend the money where we can help people out."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I'd also like to add to that, I think Mr. Snyder you'd touch on some of that, and I'll kind of touch on some of

the things that Mr. Boucvalt said with the drainage issues. We know that from what we've seen just in the recent rains, with the storm that this is the biggest issue. We can see that it's getting worse, and even though Mr. Boucvalt you said we have some situations where we have the Lake is high and all of these things are aligning, we've had that before. The Lake just didn't pop up two months ago, this has been a situation that we've been in for years, but you can see all more often that when we do have a rain the streets fill up within 30 minutes to an hour, people get stuck in their houses, the problem is getting worse. Again, we've had situations where the Lake was high, situations where all of these things have happened, but we're still finding ourselves in situations where a short amount of rain, water is getting to peoples door steps. This isn't the first time we've had these little squalls or whatever you want to call them, but the drainage systems aren't working, so we need to, I think like everyone is saying, we've been saying for a long time, put the emphasis there. Not on studies, not on sending out glossy brochures every two months to tell the parish what a great place it is to live here, let's fix some of the problems, and let's not blame the problems on circumstances that aren't new, that have been here forever. The Lake didn't just get here. We didn't just get here, so let's stop making excuses and start fixing some of these things."

Marvin Perrilloux - Mosquito Control

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I put this on here because I've been getting a lot of calls about mosquitos, and I myself, I see like the mosquito population have increased, I'll say quadrupled, and we, the mosquitos look like it's a little tiny mosquito and they're very aggressive, and I want to know, one, first the question, what are we doing far as, are we spraying more air and street and streets or when we passing down the streets, I know the little thing shooting up in the air, but do we have a truck that shoots on the side to say catch the drainage when you going down the street its hitting the drainage instead of just going up, go down too. Third question is, West Nile, have we got any mosquitos that you all have captured in St. John Parish that have the West Nile Virus?"

Sam Steins, Mosquito Control, stated, "Let me start with the spray truck. The spray trucks are designed to apply the amount of chemical that's so everyone is getting the same amount of dose down the roads. The spray will actually kind of circulate and reap some of those areas right next to the truck as well as go about 300 feet beyond over the houses, and those are going to affect the mosquitos you're talking about, the little Asian Tiger mosquito, and those are the ones that breed in containers, and when we see these frequent rains that we've had lately, where every afternoon we're getting a rain, well you can dump containers but you know they're going to fill right back up the next day. So, those are the breeders for those Asian Tiger's, and please everybody empty their containers. They can breed in as much as a bottle cap, and you know we have children's toys and those kinds of things in the back yard. To jump to spraying the ditches, over the first, I can say through March, Nathan Clement over there, our great manager, him and his crew applied close to 5 million square feet of bio larvicide, and this a bacteria that's normally found in the ground that the mosquitos eat. They have the enzyme to break those bacteria apart and it puts holes in their mid-gut. We can drink it, it won't hurt us, but the mosquito is the only one that has that enzyme to break it apart, but we'll spray that in those ditches, and to just give you a comparison, 5 million square feet is almost 80 football fields, including the end zones of just spraying, and they do that by truck, ATV, and just putting back packs on and actually going in some of these hard to reach areas. West Nile, they submitted close to 100 samples so far to the state. None of those tested positive for West Nile, there has not been any incidents of West Nile in Louisiana. They've had a human in Mississippi, and I think a mosquito sample in Texas that test positive, and they don't know how to attribute that yet. It maybe because we had a long extended winter and more rain. We have seen an increase in those types of mosquitos, and that's where most of our efforts are going right now. It was in late May we had a lot of those flood water mosquitos. The woodland mosquitos that were in Edgard and Belle Terre, and that's transitioned now into the mosquito of the southern house mosquito that can carry that disease, and we're going after the drains and on the West bank, like in Edgard, we're going after the ditches and the septic situations. We're blanketing the whole parish with these West Nile traps, so every area is being surveillance

for West Nile and for disease."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Are we doing any fly over spraying?"

Sam Steins stated, "We are going to be doing some for 4th of July. We considered doing some late May, we had a heavy, heavy, outbreak of those flood water mosquitos, but we were able to get it down through trucks, and through ATV usage. They will be flying for the 4th of July or the 2nd of July is when the activities are going to be for the fireworks, and if you have any suggestions of areas that you feel are a great need you can hit those with the trucks as well as hit those with the planes, and help the people have a great 4th of July."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And that's the information that I wanted. I wanted the public to be aware of what's going on, because they are calling concerning about these little Asian Tigers you say, and they are so aggressive, and it's not every area, but some areas you go in, they swarm you like a bee nest, and I was just wondering what are we doing far as spraying it, and you say going down the street, when you spraying out the truck at the back, it circulates and it falls down into the drain on the street or..."

Sam Steins stated, "It does, it's hard to see that. We actually do test with these. Our biologist will set cages out in subdivisions and just see how the chemical goes through the cages, and what the percentage of knock down is. During the daytime we have hand held sprayers that if the day crew sees the mosquitos coming up as they spray, just activating them, just getting them up in the air then they'll spray that with the hand fogger or something accordingly."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well thank you for that information, and Mr. Madere I think had a question."

Sam Steins stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, well first of all, I need the schedule as far as when do they spray in my District, District III. I need to know because I haven't seen them pass, because, and I haven't seen any of the residents told me they haven't seen them pass, so I need to know what the schedule is, so if they miss the schedule I can make sure and call them that they come back. You also said that some areas they go and spray the ditches, I haven't seen them done that in our District either, because I know down 26th St., 27th St., 28th St. there's water after a rain hanging in those ditches for days, sometimes weeks, and I haven't seen anyone go down those different areas to see if we had any water that's there that they could spray, so that's a big area where these little Tiger mosquitos set up their little colony, and they can really attack everyone in our area. So, I need a schedule and ask them to please go down each one of the streets in my District and check because we do have some water, some standing water, and how long do it take these mosquitos to incubate?"

Sam Steins stated, "It takes about a week. After a heavy rainfall, they'll lay their eggs. Those ditches are probably flood water, so they hatch out almost immediately, and it takes about a week. As the summer it gets hotter, they come out a little bit faster."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well the water in those areas take at least 3 weeks to go down, so we have 3 generations of mosquitos."

Sam Steins responded, "Yes, we're for proper drainage also, but I can get you a schedule. Currently what we're doing is, we're hitting every area once a week, and then with our surveillance we're going back to those areas that are requiring more spray. We also please, if you have any citizens in your District who would like to call us, I know Nathan, one of the things that we're proud of is quick response to citizens' request. We'll get out there the same day or that night and make sure we fulfill those, so I'll be happy to give you a call when the next time we're in your area, and get you scheduled as soon as possible."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright, thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "That number for them to call, could you repeat that number?"

Sam Steins stated, "Absolutely, its 985-536-6530, and we've also distributed pamphlets to different places, the courthouse, as well as

the library, and some restaurants, and hardware stores throughout the parish. There is how to treat your property, make sure you dump containers, and how to protect yourself from mosquitos. I think that's it. They can also go to our website. We have a great website where they can actually put a service request in, maybe write a question about mosquitos that they're curious about and give us a call. Outside, there's also some pamphlets with our 1-800 number on it that they, we can all take and you could give us a call."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you so much for your information, but we have so many open canals, and right now with all the rain that we're having, and I understand the truck passes on the streets, but the canals are not on the street the canals are behind, and I'm wondering if possibly you all could hit the servitudes on the canals. Maybe not every time, but may be like once on every other pass or so, that way you're getting that concentrated area where the mosquitos are. It's very frustrating when you hear it from all your residents, like we pay for mosquito control and I have to go in my house at dusk because the mosquitos will carry me away. You hear that from areas that don't have mosquito control, not from areas that are paying for it, and we do pay well. So, we would like to make sure we can stay out a little past dusk to make sure the mosquitos are not going to be bothering us."

Sam Steins stated, "I agree with you, and any servitude, we'd be happy to hit. I know we have an ATV that will sometimes spray during the day time and in addition we'll put minnows in those canals and hopefully thwart some of those mosquitos coming out of there."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just want to say thanks for coming out. I'm always so enlightened on the whole world of mosquitos when you guys come, and I do want to commend you all as well. Whenever I do call, it's very responsive, for a resident, or just for some paperwork, anything like that. The response is always very quick, it's very positive, so I just want to say thanks. I know often times as a vendor or contractor you always hear the bad stuff and not any of the good, so I just wanted to give you a little piece of the good stuff."

Sam Steins responded, "Thank you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'd just like to re-iterate that Ms. Hotard because you guys do, you all are very responsive and the citizens need to understand that just know I think its lack of education. If you have a little party or something going on in your yard, I think you can use that service also. You can call if you have a party or something going on in your yard that's going to be at night, they'll come help you out then, to get an open spot and spray the yard for you. I know they did it for me, and I know that's a service you all provide for the people of the parish."

Sam Steins stated, "And even if they call us in the evening time, we'll still try to get the truck. If the truck's on the road, we can still sometimes get them to do the neighborhoods."

Councilman Snyder responded, "Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I'd just like to make a comment, Bailey and Paige, could you all put that form on the parish website and maybe on the government channel so they could see to call?"

Councilwoman Millet asked, "How much of advance notice do you need if a resident is having a party or something? A couple of days, a week?"

Sam Steins stated, "A few days, the sooner the better because we have some specialized equipment that we'd like to use for those type of gatherings and who knows, we may have a high West Nile trap or something that they're kind of going after so if we know ahead of time, we can either take care of it here or bring people in from another parish to take care of that for us."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "So the more notice, the better?"

Sam Steins stated, "The more notice, the better, two days we can still do it. We've managed to do it that same day but yeah, the sooner the better."

Councilwoman Millet responded, "And I hope I didn't sound harsh. I really didn't mean to. It's just you know when we do call you do respond. You all really have been terrific as far as helping the residents. I think it's more of an awareness situation that we need to expand upon with our residents, let them know what they can and cannot do, and how to prevent it."

Sam Steins stated, "Right, and those pamphlets and our website, if they were to check that out they would learn those types of things, also, Nathan deserves the credit, he's the one on the field with the quick response. Sitting next to him is a new entomologist, he has a master of entomologist from Georgia, and he's learning from Nathan, trying to learn all his secrets. St. John is a really dynamic program, so we'd like to send our new people to that program to learn and Nathan's a good teacher."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Do you recommend the residents doing anything? I know we have the bug sprayers, we have the fog things, do any of those things really work?"

Sam Steins stated, "Yes and no. You have some products you can spray in your yard you can buy from Home Depot or Lowes and they'll prevent a lot of those mosquitos from coming in. Some of the fogs work, the bug zappers unfortunately do not work for mosquitos. Emptying containers and getting your neighbors to empty containers is probably the best idea, and calling us, we'll come help you out."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "I just want to thank you guys. You all are a very responsive and actually, I did tour your facility here in St. John and St. Charles Parish when I first took office and I was blown away at the science behind mosquito control, so kudos to you guys."

Sam Steins stated, "Well thanks, and there's a new emerging disease, maybe if you might have seen on the news that, chicken gunya. I don't know if you're familiar, but that breeds the same mosquito that carries it can carry dog heartworm and some of those others that breed in those containers. They've found this in the Caribbean and none of the cases have been transmitted here in the U.S., but we have seen some people that have traveled back from Puerto Rico or Asia or Haiti rather, and have brought that disease back, so it's very important that we do police our own yards and make sure we don't have water standing."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much for that information."

Lennix Madere - Update on grass cutting violations

Councilman Madere asked that this item be carried over.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment

Councilman Wilson stated, "This is old business. This has been on the agenda since I think a year or little over a year, and everybody's talking about drainage here tonight. Almost two years ago, Mr. Lucia, you might be able to answer this question, I was told that they had 1.7 million dollars to come to Reserve, Garyville, and Mt. Airy for drainage work, what's the word on it?"

Vince Lucia responded, "Well that was associated with some grant work and we're working on that. The status of it, I can get a better feeling on it tomorrow and I could contact you a little bit further with it."

Councilman Wilson responded, "Well I really would like to get somebody's attention to get out there, and what we really need over there in Garyville and Mt. Airy is a pumping station similar to Homewood, because of the title surge. The title surge, we're low over there and we've had people that flooded. The people that flooded from Isaac flooded from the rain water, not the back water. I need help there sooner than later. I don't know, maybe you all could call China and see if you could buy a couple of billions, because this levee around the, protection levee it was 30 million dollars 30 years ago, I mean 300 million, and now its 600 million plus and by time they finish this it

might be another 30 years and we still don't have it. I don't know if some of us will still be here anymore, but I need some help with the drainage in Garyville. I want an update of when this money supposed to be here, and when we can get our hands on it, and right now I need some help."

Vince Lucia responded, "Ok, and Brian is handling those projects also so we could sit down with him a little further with that too."

Councilman Wilson responded, "They just been handling projects but none of them have been in Mt. Airy, Garyville and Reserve where people have flooded."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think this meeting tonight well document the problem with drainage. I think it really came to the for-front as being the biggest problem in this parish. I live in the older part of the parish and one time the proudest part of the Parish, that basically alone with Garyville helped built this parish. If you look in the parish book, it's all about Reserve, Garyville, and Mt. Airy, and Laplace is bringing up the rear, but now this whole process has been flipped. Now, Reserve, Garyville, and Mt. Airy is bringing up the rear. We have to suffer with all the problems. We need some help down there. We need drainage equipment. We need a drainage department, and we need to find a way, maybe not in my lifetime, but we need to find a way to pump this water somewhere else besides the Lake, because once the Lake is filled it's like trying to put water in a glass that's filled up, it's not going to happen. So maybe should try to find some other way to pump this water out, and maybe some of the water from the Reserve, Garyville, and Mt. Airy area can go towards the River, and leave the Lake for Laplace. Maybe, that might be a way. They have all these wonderful engineers that design this and design that we need to find a way to pump some of that water behind the levee, let Laplace depend on that Lake and get Reserve, Garyville, and Mt. Airy pumping behind the Levee because I walk on top the Levee every day, every morning, and you have so much space behind there, so we need to try to find a way other than relying on the Lake, because once the Lake is filled, we're at the mercy of it. Thank you."

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

Councilman Wilson stated, "I spoke with Ms. Watson a couple of weeks ago. I haven't heard from her actually, since the last council meeting that this was on. I did discuss with her some of the problems that I was advised that's going to happen and probably stopped this, and it'll be such a nightmare for her, it's not going to work. The trailer I guess is going to have to stay where it is and I mean this poor lady needed a place to live that's all, but I'll take it off the agenda right now, and I'll bring it back if I have to."

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss Parish Building Security. The motion passed with Councilman Gauff absent.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Gauff absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Lennix Madere - 205 E. 30th Street

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues

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

Lennix Madere - Code Enforcement

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14-31 An ordinance to add the nomenclature "James T. Wilson, Sr." to the existing Balsam Street in LaPlace. (A. Smith)

14-32 An ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide Lots 7, 8, & 9, Square 14, Glencoe Plantation into lots herein designated as Lot 7A & 8A, Square 14, Glencoe Plantation situated in Sections 14 & 15, T-11-S, R-6-E, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-14-1090) (N. Robottom)

14-33 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Belle Terre Commercial Subdivision, Phase 1, Parcel A, Lots 1-13, Parcel B, Lots 1-22, Parcel C, Lots 2-9, Parcel DS-4; Phase 2, Parcel B, Lots 23-49 and Parcel C, Lots 10-44 and Phase 3, Parcel D, Lots 1-39, Parcel E, Lots 1-42, Parcel DS-2, and Parcel DS-3, situated in Sections 69 and 70, T-11-S, R-7-E, Southeast District of Louisiana, east of the Mississippi River, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

14-34 An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional approval for an additional twelve (12) months of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase V, Lots 205-239, 245-252, 264-282 and Parcels H-11, H-13, C & D, located south of proposed Woodland Drive right-of-way, west of Vicknair Canal, east of St. Andrews Boulevard, and north of River Oaks Subdivision, Phase II and III, in Sections 66 and 67, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:45 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Gauff absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary