

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**  
**CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX**  
**VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** Jaclyn Hotard and Michael Wright

Councilman Smith led the Prayer. Councilman Wilson led the Pledge.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES**

**New Business - Airline Motors Restaurant - Jamie & Dawn Klibert**

Mr. Klibert was present and gave a brief description of his restaurant and what he offers for the River Parishes.

**New Business - Work Day Café - Chris Scioneaux**

Mr. Scioneaux and his wife were present and gave a brief description of his restaurant and what he offers for the River Parishes.

**Marvin Perrilloux/Eliza Eugene - Presentation - (Carry Over 7/08/14)**  
**Blessed to be a blessing - back to school give away**

Ms. Eugene was present to explain the back to school give away. It will be held on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the REGALA Gym from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM and on the West Bank beginning at 1:00 PM. People can register with her office at 985-359-9954.

**Philip Rebowe with Carr, Riggs & Ingram CPA's and Advisors -**  
**Presentation - 2013 Audit**

Mr. Rebowe was present and gave a very brief presentation on the 2013 Audit for the parish.

**Natalie Robottom/Paul Rivera - Presentation - Certificate of**  
**Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

The finance department along with the CFO, Vince Lucia, was on hand to

accept the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row.

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Lionel Washington - Induction into Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame**

Natalie Robottom presented Mr. Lionel Washington with a Proclamation to honor him on his recent induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

**Natalie Robottom - Recognition - Ms. Gladys Banks, Brandon Magee and Jamal Joseph**

Natalie Robottom presented Brandon Magee and Jamal Joseph with an award in recognition of their braveness and heroic efforts to rescue Ms. Gladys Banks who was trapped in her car due to rising waters from the heavy rainfall and flooding.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Gauff and Wright absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**14-28** (Tabled 6-24-10) (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance for the adoption of the 2014 millage rates (N. Robottom)

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 14-28 from the table. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilmen Gauff and Wright absent.

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"The Parish Council is required to adopt the 2014 millage rates on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2014. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-28. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

**14-35** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance providing for the exemption from certain sales and use taxes levied in the Parish of St. John the Baptist on the same items and for the limited time as provided for by the State of Louisiana from its State Sales and use Taxes when granting a "Tax Holiday" from said State Taxes (C. Millet)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-35. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

**14-36** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Section 28-2 (m) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows: (m) On-premises signs (N. Robottom)

Angelic Sutherland stated, "This ordinance clarifies signage fees for Fireworks Stands that were not addressed when the council previously changed the fees for temporary banner signs. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-36. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

**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 Smith seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

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

Councilman Madere asked that this item be carried over.

**Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 6-24-14) Railroad Issues**

Councilman Madere stated, "What I wanted to ask you about was, we spoke I think maybe six weeks ago, you said the railroad was moving in our direction in terms of cleaning those little culverts underneath the track. Can you give me an update on that, because after we had that recent rainstorm, before the rainstorm I went around in the districts, especially in the Star Terrace area, and looked at those canals and everything by the railroad crossing and they are so bad. I know there's not much water passing underneath those tracks, and basically that track is acting like a levee. It's keeping that water in this particular area. In fact, we found one canal where it was so bad, when the water went down, it actually left, and I know the railroad didn't do that. I told you it's the railroad, the citizens in the parish, but they had a TV sitting on top of one of the big pipes after the water slowly went down it left the TV on top of one of the big drain pipes. So, my concern is, how soon is the railroad moving in this direction, because it's causing a constant problem for our area and the residents in this particular area, and this is just my personal opinion, I spoke to some individual Councilmen in St. Charles Parish and St. James Parish, and they're also having a similar problem. I don't mind saying what I told them. I'm about ready to put a Class Action Law Suit against the railroad, because we can't just be sitting around waiting for them pulling their toes. How close are they to this particular area, because we need to do something about it?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "Mr. Madere I don't have the railroad schedule. The only information is what I gave you is that they were working this direction. I don't know where they are or when they'll be here. However, I can make contact with them and try to get you a better answer."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, I would appreciate it if you could get in contact with them. If I can sit down and talk to them along with you and see what we can do because this is a very serious problem, and I rode around in that area and I definitely seen all the debris, TV's, rocks from the railroad that actually slid down and covered the covers themselves, so we definitely have to put the pressure on them the best way we can that's why I just wanted to get an update on it and wanted the citizens who live in those particular areas to know that we didn't forget about them."

Mr. Nunes stated, "No, we haven't forgotten about it. I don't schedule the railroad work but I can make contact with them."

Councilman Madere stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Just to help out with that, I remember we had this issue on the agenda and from our conference last weekend. I did talk with St. James, and St. James said that Cedric Richmond's office had been very helpful with getting them some help with the railroads, so, I sent them a letter this past, well, actually yesterday, to help us with our situation, because I said we have the same situation a lot of the other parishes were going through, supposedly, his office can help, so maybe you can reach out to Cedric Richmond and his office also Because I know I sent a letter yesterday that they would, they helped St. James Parish clear culverts that had collapsed and got the work repaired and also some of the same issues we're going through."

Mr. Nunes stated, "Thank you, I'd like to get any help we can."

#### **Lennix Madere - Update on Hickory Street drainage**

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Nunes, this one is several weeks old too, maybe 6-8 weeks old. I know you helped them out a little bit when you sent those trucks to blow those culverts out. I've been getting some phone calls from them, they still want to know about that area behind their house where they had a ditch we were supposed to go back and dig out, what's the update on that or when you think we may be able to get to that?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "That's an issue, I need to do a little more research to make sure that we have a servitude back there. I can't just send parish equipment on private property, or if we do have a servitude, that it belongs to drainage and we'll go ahead and get it cleaned out, but that's some research I need to do. I can't give you a solid answer at this time."

Councilman Madere asked, "Could you basically tell me, you said you have to do a little research on it, how long would that take, and as far as knowing whether if we have the servitude or not, a couple of days, a week?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "Tomorrow morning."

#### **Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 6-24-14) Update on grass cutting violations**

Councilman Madere stated, "I think we, I got an update every time we send out, get these papers but I'm going to see Ms. Angelic. I will set

up an appointment and come talk to you personally about some issues concerning the grass, at this time I don't think we need to discuss it in the meeting, but I'll set up a meeting and come talk to you. I'll call you tomorrow. Thank you."

#### **Cheryl Millet/Lucien Gauff - Update from Comcast**

This item was carried over.

#### **Marvin Perrilloux - IESI - Garbage Issues**

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "The reason I put this on the agenda is because we're getting complaints from the garbage about trash being on the street for weeks and weeks. I gave you some pictures and I know most of that have been picked up. That's from Sugar Ridge, New Era, and the New Riverlands, but I put it on there because I want to know what's happening over that department that this is happening, because some of it is almost like from storm time, and it's staying on the streets three weeks. Is it people, is it equipment, we don't have a truck? I'm just trying to find out so the residents can know what's going on."

Frank Davis, Operations Manager, Progressive Waste Solutions, responded, "Right, no problem. Actually what had happened was our boom truck, we did have an equipment failure and we had to, we were short on our boom truck. We did attempt to pick a lot of piles up that could be picked up with the regular garbage truck, but we do have our boom truck up back and running and as you said most of these piles had been picked up especially the one in Sugar Ridge you had called me about, we had talked about. That looked like a move out or put out or whatever you want to call it, but we did get that all taken care of."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "And also do you have a number that the residents can call when they have something they want to put out like garbage carpet, they have a number they can call? You can give us that number?"

Mr. Davis responded, "Absolutely, I can give you the number. It's on our website as well as the parish's website. Thanks to the parish staff for putting our information on the St. John Parish website under resident services and garbage services. We have a great advertisement so to speak on the website. We have an email where folks can email us or call us. Our office number, I can give that to you, that's on there too (985)536-2750 and we also have an email address [inforeserve@iesi.com](mailto:inforeserve@iesi.com) that comes straight to our customer service people in Reserve that can handle any garbage complaints, bulk piles, can repairs, can replacements, things such as that."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "When the truck driver pass and see this on the ground when they pick up the garbage can, do they record it and bring it back to the office? Is it their job to do that?"

Mr. Davis responded, "Normally they do. They will let the dispatcher know, hey, there's a pile on whatever street, we can't get it with the regular garbage truck for whatever reason, it's too big, it has nails, it's construction, its roofing, its whatever the case may be, but know they normally report it, sometimes they don't, but if you ever see anything, residents can certainly call, certainly you guys give me a

call, send me a text, send me a picture, let me know where it is and I'll get it taken care of."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much. That's what I wanted to come out because the residents are concerned. I was concerned, like you said some of those that been out there 3 and 4 weeks."

Mr. Davis stated, "We did have a hick-up there with a piece of equipment but its back running now and I think I'm pretty sure riding around I think we got most of it done. I owe you a mattress, but other than that, I think we got it done."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I just want to say thank you, because a lot of times when I call, you respond to the resident's needs. I would hope that you would respond when they call and hopefully these calls are getting through to you. It's one thing to give a number and tell us to call or tell the residents to call, but usually they're calling us because they've tried some of those numbers. I know I don't call you often, but when I do, like I said, you do respond to help those residents but hopefully this number have someone there that can take care of our resident's needs, also to hear that your truck went down and I'm not sure how long it went down for, it seems like you've got to at least rent one or get one sooner because that stuff did stay down for quite a while. I can't tell you how to run your business, but I can suggest that you move things along a little quicker for us."

Mr. Davis stated, "Absolutely, the exciting part about it is there will be a spare in my future for this location so that won't happen again."

Councilman Madere stated, "First, I want to start off by saying like Mr. Gauff said, you do respond whenever I call and also Mr. Carter, with Sweedee, you do respond quickly. The only thing is I wish I wouldn't have to call you, because if I'm calling you, that means a constituent of mine is calling me, and today before I came to the meeting I received a phone call, the address is 130 Amelia St. for this same thing. She have some debris that's been sitting outside of her house for the last 3 weeks and she said she called several times and no one picked it up, and also I heard you say that the drivers usually notify that they have these types of stuff to pick up. Well, I would like them to do a better job in our district, in my district, they probably do a better job in other districts, but every time in my district I ride around and see things on the side myself for over a week, so I don't want to be demanding you know, but you can tell them when they go in District III when you see it call, because I'm going to call, the people are going to call me and I'm going to call you, but you do respond and George do respond quickly, but I really would prefer not to have to call you because if I'm not calling you then I know you're doing an excellent job and the people know you're doing an excellent job so I did receive a phone call 130 Amelia St. today, so that's one thing and I'll tell you about this other incident later on. I don't want to discuss it."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I've had complaints too. I've seen recliners and sofas sitting out there, mattresses for sometimes as long as a month. That's not acceptable to me. I also want to ask a question. When you fill those garbage trucks up it go straight to Birch? Would it be feasible if you all had a transfer station where you can transfer the

truck to a big container where he can get backed out on the street? They are doing more driving going dump this stuff than they are picking up trash. Is it feasible for you all to do that?"

Mr. Davis responded, "Absolutely, we'd certainly be willing to discuss some locations and things such as that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I'd like to get with Administration and see if we can help you all do that. We might be able to find the location for you."

Mr. Davis stated, "If I'm not mistaken, before my time here there was such a in the Parish somewhere."

Councilman Wilson stated, "They have one in St. James and it works very well, but I think you all will save money and you'll have a much more amount of time to do your job right, get with Administration like I said, I think we could help find the location for you. I think we'll work together. We're just tired of the people getting on us for the same things all of the time. Thank you."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "We have spoken quite a few times about the debris on the side of the road and I follow Mr. Gauff's opinion that rent one, don't let it sit there this long, because it was about a month you didn't have a truck. When residents start putting their garage clean outs or whatever out there or mattresses, mother's a long time the grass turns really nice and yellow underneath and people tend to maintain their yards and it's kind of hard to do so. I didn't understand the length of time it took because we do have a contract for pick up and it wasn't on a monthly basis, so I really kind of had a problem with that, but I want to give you the kudos today, that like I told you, the group that came along this morning in Riverlands actually put the garbage can back where they took it, first time I've ever seen that happen."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Everybody has the same issues. My question to you, how do you communicate with the Parish as far as getting information as on what need to be picked up if they don't call you directly? Is there any communication between? Some people like work orders, some people call in, so we have a connection there. We could have a loop there. Do they send you a list of things that need to be picked up?"

Mr. Davis responded, "I get lists or I get requests from everywhere, from you guys, from Administration, from whoever would take the phone call from my customer service people from wherever and the call filter into email or to a spreadsheet. If somebody calls for cart repair so to speak, it goes into a spreadsheet."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand those things. I'm talking about things that are not vegetation, not necessarily garbage. I'm talking about mattresses. I'm talking about furniture. I know I've written work requests a month ago, and the sofa is still there. The toilet is still there. Is there any communication between you and the people who receive the work requests? Because, we right up work orders, we go to the computer and write up work orders. I do it all the time. Do you get a list of those things if I say I need a bedroom set picked up at this

address? Do you get that list? Do you get that part of it?"

Mr. Davis asked, "Are you speaking of the Public Works website work request? Those get forwarded to me when it's not a Public Works request. Public Works will get requests that say I have a mattress out or I have a refrigerator out, and they do forward that on to me. I get an email with the work order whatever is filled out online."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm not going to sugar-coat this thing. I'm not satisfied, because I see things like that happen all the time, and I know for sure I've written work requests and I was told yesterday, "you know they never picked up that sofa and thing, that toilet over there by the apartment building back on Woodland back there. I know wrote that thing over a month ago, that's why I'm asking do you get that work request. I don't believe we pick those things up. I think that's part of your responsibility, and you have one truck you say work in our Parish?"

Mr. Davis responded, "If you're talking about Woodland, Metro would be handling that area. I believe you and the Metro supervisor communicate." We had that conversation again in trying to get updates, what's going on in his part of the Parish."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do you know whether or not to communicate with him?"

Mr. Davis responded, "Yes we do communicate."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know you two do, but how does he get the work requests that I wrote up? That's what I'm saying. I think part of the Parish, I don't think it's all of Progressive part or Metro part. I think its part with the Parish also."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Brian, those work orders what Mr. Snyder is talking about, do you forward that, those work orders for those pick-ups?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "We get a lot of calls for debris that's not vegetative, but the secretary in Public Works filter those. We don't even take those and put in our system. We automatically give them the number to Progressive and the resident calls Progressive directly."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I did it and I haven't gotten any calls, and I wrote one up myself. I wrote some other ones up. I don't know how we're handling this business, but it's a break-down somewhere, it's a break-down. I don't know if why there's a break-down or what's happening with it, but there is a break-down. I wrote up 20 things this past week, just trees and vegetation. I wrote them up and I'm watching them. They have turned yellow."

Mr. Nunes stated, "We have a back log right now on the trees and vegetation. We have one truck down and one truck running, and right now we have a list that's about 8 pages long. It's a popular time to be trimming trees."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I am definitely not satisfied with that part of it. The people's grasses are turning yellow."



Councilman Madere stated, "I think the indication is, you say the drivers pass and they see these things, so what Mr. Snyder is saying if that sofa and toilet been out there for several months that's a lot of trips they've passed and seen that and no one reported it, so I think that maybe you need to check on that in that particular area. I don't know if that's your truck or Sweedee's in that area, it might be Sweedee, so you probably need to contact George and just ask that driver has he seen this stuff, because he had to have seen it, and if it's been there a couple of weeks, they're doing their part, which is to notify the other guy with the truck to go and pick this up, so that's part of the break-down right there too. I think what he said right there indicates that. That's basically what I was saying too in my area."

Mr. Davis stated, "I'll check with Metro. That's actually Metro, we work for Sweedee just for the record, keep the record straight. I will get with George at Metro and see what his communication is with his drivers on those types of furniture and items that could possibly go in the back of the regular collection truck on the second collection day of the week."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much. I appreciate you coming and giving that information."

Mr. Davis stated, "No problem, thank you."

**Larry Snyder - Findings from inspection and cleaning of drainage between Cambridge Dr. and English Colony, west to east, and between Hancock and Woodland Dr., south to north**

Councilman Snyder stated, "We did do some extensive work in that area and I know they took some pictures and they did this they did that. Now, we paid a lot of money to get this done, now what I want to do is find out is what's the just of what we found out, because that area floods all the time, whenever there's a rain, it just stops flowing. Did we find anything? We didn't find anything? Did we find something?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "Absolutely we found stuff. Actually, what happened was we were doing a lot of camera work in Cambridge and Riverlands and everywhere there was flooding, and we were finding debris and blockage everywhere so Fema authorized us to stop all camera work and just go ahead and clean everything, so that's what we did. We just went ahead and cleaned everything, so all of those culverts in the back of Cambridge that are mentioned here, everything was cleaned as part of this contract."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we don't have any collapsed culverts, they're just small and they were dirty?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "There were a few. We did a list because they did identify point repairs that need to be done and they sent that list to us, so we have a whole list, a spreadsheet, of areas that need to be repaired. I wouldn't say any collapsed. There was one collapsed and we went ahead and fixed immediately because we didn't want it blocked, but there were a few point repairs that needed to be done."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Where was that collapsed?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "I don't have the street number or street name on the top of my head but I can get you that."

**Larry Snyder - Findings from inspection of drainage issue on West Frisco Dr.**

Councilman Snyder asked, "And the Frisco problem? Now, we know we have a problem there, and about 3 or 4 months ago you had a possible scenario where it might help, and where are we on that?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "I'm re-thinking that one."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did we find anything out there? We did. My understanding, the first time we talked or talked to some people, things were draining the wrong way. The next time we talked, it was draining the right way. The lines are just too small. I look at other areas that are set up the same way as West Frisco is set up, but they don't flood like it does right there at West Frisco. You gave me about 3 months ago, you said I might think about doing this or might think about doing that, are we going to try and do anything for those people back there in that area?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "Yes, we're absolutely going to try and help these people, it's just I want to make sure what we do is going to work and we're not just throwing money at the problem, so it's going to take me a little bit of time from an engineering aspect to consider everything. We did clean all those pipes. We did go ahead and have the whole thing surveyed so that we'll know what we're dealing with. Basically, we're at the point where I'm considering a few options. I'm going to get with our Parish Engineer and get his input as well. We are going to move forward. We just want to make sure that we are moving forward in the right direction without just constantly dumping money on something that might work. I'm going to put my head together with his head and just kind of see if we can get something worked out that's going to work, instead of trial and error let's do something right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I fully agree with that, but you know something, those people have investments back there and every time it rains they get worried. Take a ride sometime. It just start to drizzle back there, those people start coming outside looking to see where the water at. I see this because I ride around when it rains, but we need to do something, give them some hope, and we're just not doing it. I'm starting to preach again. We need to do something. I don't know who you converse with. I know that Shred Kurkendall did a lot of work back up in that area. I think we asked for a report for the one they did in Cambridge, we didn't get. They didn't even send us a copy. We didn't get anything with that. We're not engineers but we're not stupid either. I can read. I can write. I can figure things out. These people need some help, and they come to us. We want to spend 180 something thousand dollars 200 something thousand dollars on Recreation people to tell us how to spend our money, coming up pretty soon on Recreation, and we have these people back here that gets on pins and needles every time you have a hard rain, and that's the part I can't see that happening. This is not my first time on this place over here you see, and I get the same thing. We're working on it, we're thinking about it,

*this or that. We should have put a larger culvert there. You told that to me. If we put a larger catch base, might work, might help, who knows? Look like we stagnant, I don't know if we just don't want to do nothing to help that drainage problem out, but we spend money everywhere else though, but we're not doing anything with drainage. Again, we need a drainage department. Somebody can look at just that."*

*Mr. Nunes stated, "A few things I want to clarify, one, with that report about the back of Cambridge, that pump station you were asking about, you mentioned you asked for a report from Shred about that pump station?"*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "We did ask for it. They said they were going to send it to us, but we haven't gotten it yet, but we're going to ask them again."*

*Mr. Nunes stated, "And then the Frisco thing, we did talk about options about putting another catch base and then maybe increasing the pipe sizes. That's kind of a big project we're shutting down the road, if that's going to work."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "It may help a lot of people, not just that corner over there. It may help a lot of people back there."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "I sympathize with Mr. Snyder because I know the people that got wet in Isaac and it's not even the wet in Isaac that's bothering him. It's the rain, and we do get some rain and it's very frustrating to these residents when they see across the street is draining and the water is accumulating. Something's causing it to accumulate. I'm not a rocket science, but I know that if it's draining over here and it's not draining over here, there's a problem. So, when it's raining go out there and find it. When it's dry you can't find it, so when it starts to rain, just go over there with the Public Works department and they can see what the problem is. There was a time years ago that someone who retired from the Parish said every Public Works truck had a rake and a shovel, and every time they went out they all raked and shoveled and it was part of their daily duties to make sure all our drains are clean, now when there's a 20-foot tree growing it because it never got there. I think somewhere along the line this Parish is not remembering that we have a water problem and its getting worst and if we don't start putting a shovel and a rake in the back of the trucks to alleviate the congestion if granted a TV on top of a drain is not the Parish's problem, that's a resident problem. Right now I just saw 5 more shopping carts over there behind Rousell's on Madewood. They soon will be inside the canal again. We need to go ahead and make sure that gets done. These are things our Public Works department with all of the time that we're paying, there's no reason why they can't pick up this basket or go in that canal and clean it up. We don't have to wait until there's a storm and somebody else's house is flooded, and here we are losing another resident because they got wet. People are afraid, they went through some trauma, and it's going to take a long time for them to get confidence in this Parish and in us. So, we need to forget the playgrounds, forget everything else and focus on what the people really care about, staying dry."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "I know one day this meeting was going to get this concerning that. Before we even had that storm Isaac, when I first*

got into office I focused on drainage. I said in this very Council Chamber that we needed a Drainage Department and the response was it wasn't going to happen, but this problem, and it's the biggest problem the Parish have is water. Every time it rains it reports in someone's house, somewhere in St. John the Baptist Parish whether its Laplace, Garyville, Reserve, Mt. Airy, it's the entire Parish, so if this is the biggest problem that's facing us in this Parish we definitely should have a department that face that problem, and like you said, shovels, rakes, I would suggest is getting 20 guys if you hire part time guys and put them out there doing these particular things, cleaning those canals. I said my first year in office it's a three-headed monster that we're dealing with. I can't control and the Council, and Mrs. Robottom or Public Works can't control the individuals who throw a TV, a sofa, or anything else or a gas can in the canals. The Parish can't control the railroad for not cleaning out their covers, but what the Parish can do is do their part which is have a department to go around and pick out some of these things out the canal, we can't wait until it rains and then see that, because what I saw the other day these are things, at least five spots, where you actually just pull up there with a truck a rake and a shovel and clean that particular pipe, and when the rain that came the other day that was drained, but because it was clogged up, it flooded. So, these are things we're talking about. We're never going to stop a flood, but you can keep it from approaching people's homes and that's what our job is, and I do think we need a Drainage Department, and I don't want an arm that has fingers on there that's sometimes dedicated to drainage, you say you have a Drainage Department. I don't see them in my District. I don't think you see them in Garyville every day. I mentioned this perfectly clear, and I'm going to say it again a Drainage Department owns an arm of Public Works. If you have 20 people I don't want see those 20 guys laying cement. I don't want to see those 20 guys patching a hole in the road. I want to see those 20 guys every single morning with a rake and a shovel and their trucks cleaning culverts all throughout this Parish and that's going to make a big improvement."

**Larry Snyder - Drainage Pump operation in District VI - running indication**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Actually this could be a benefit to all of us and that's the reason why I put that on there is because it will go on our notes for this Council Meeting and it maybe some people that's interested in our Council Meeting and watch the television. If I were to walk up to one of those pumps, how do I know its running, the pumps that we have underground the submerged pumps?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "It depends, most of them have a red light that's displayed like the ones in Riverlands or the ones out in Captain Bourgeois. There's a bright red light, it that red light is on, that means that pump is going. It means it has power, its ready to go, it's on. If that light is off, one or two things, the light bulb burned out or something is wrong with the pump, and then the other thing that light blinks sometimes that means its high water in the well. It's a high water alert, but that's the three case that'll let you know, so if that red light stays on, you know you're in operation."

Councilman Snyder asked, "If that light stays on that means that pump is running or you have power there?"

Brian Nunes responded, "It's got power."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We could have a mechanical part of it that's broken."

Brian Nunes stated, "That'll be an indicator. They're all different."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I've dealt with pumps all of my working life, and I've dealt with many kinds and they could be running, that motor can be running but the shaft have not been running, if they have a shaft on it. If it runs oil the oil line could be busted, but the pump can have power to it. What I'm saying is this we have people in the neighborhood, because I've gotten calls. I'm just not throwing this out there. I've gotten calls, "this pump not running over there Larry." I said well is the light on? Yes, the light on, it means has power, but they say it's not running, and they probably was running but there is no way to find out if that pump is running and if you put your hand over the hole all you hear is water moving, now, that could be the water coming in there. It could be the pump running, that's what I'm saying, and they have people in the neighborhood who watch that, and they'll call me or they might call you and say the pump is not running, therefore you don't have to have a man out there all the time."

Mr. Nunes stated, "If the red light is on the pumps going to run. They're controlled by floats they don't run 100% of the time. Auto runs fills up the run wells and gets to a pump on elevation and it just pumps it right down and then it shuts off, it don't run continuously."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You have to go out there and hear it. I should hear it and figure out what it is in other words. Not the power, I know the power is coming to it, but that could be many things, you know that and I know that, that could prevent that pump from running besides having power to it."

Mr. Nunes stated, "These newer pumps are pretty smart. If there's a mechanical problem in there, it'll trip that light out nine times out of ten. If the light is on, you can be sure that those pumps are running."

**Ranney Wilson - Andrew Sterling - drainage issues Stout St.**

Mr. Sterling stated, "My first question is to Mr. Ranney Wilson and Mr. Gauff. We want to find out what the problem down Stout Lane, you all haven't did you all's job yet down Stout Lane, and Mr. Gauff you came to my house and we walked. You told me you were going to present it to Mrs. Robottom, but nothing's getting done. For five years we've been flooding. Everybody come out, but nobody do nothing, so what's the problem? We passed the tax for drainage and recreation and all that, we got money, don't say we don't have no money. We have money. Why don't we use that money toward the people where it's needed at, for drainage? Every time I come in my yard it rain, I can't come by my yard. My neighbor done bought five doors in five years, the water going in her house. Mr. Wilson knows that. Five doors in five years that lady bought. The water goes in her house, all side of her house. I don't think that's right. For five years we've been asking you all and its simple, put pipes down and let the water go out. Mr. Gauff, you walked

with me."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I've walked with. I've written work orders. When the Parish had the town hall meeting in Garyville, Mr. Verdell, the Public Works Department, they stood there and said they'd look at the situation, they were familiar with the situation and something would get done."

Mr. Sterling stated, "Nothing has gotten done yet, and I've been asking for five years."

Councilman Gauff stated, "It's been an issue for a while. Mr. Nunes, I'm pretty sure this is a concern, like I said, the work order, work orders have been written. I know that this came up in the town hall meeting in Garyville. He's looking for answers and I'm looking for answers also, because I know we've written them up. We've written the work orders and we're looking at drainage on Stout Street. Why we're still having the issue?"

Mr. Nunes responded, "I know we have been out on Stout Street. Verdell has been out. Mr. Kindrick's been out there. My drainage team has been out there and they've done a few things. This item right here on the agenda wasn't really clear, so I thought we were just kind of going to let the resident bring up his drainage issues and then I could go look into them."

Councilman Madere stated, "I want to answer that question why. The answer is on this agenda like I said, drainage is the biggest problem in this Parish. We have ten agenda items that talk about drainage, ten on this one Council meeting, ten items that one way or another talk about drainage, either in Laplace, District III, Garyville, or anywhere else. So, you have this many items on the agenda with this many people concerned about the same problem and we don't have a department. I just heard the guy when they got the awards they're so rightly deserving, for the Finance did a great job, the guy recommended the Parish is growing we need to add more people, and more software. So, you have a Parish that's growing, that's outgrown Public Works. This problem is getting worse, it's not getting any better, so the way you attack that problem is you get a department and you put people in that department, you get equipment in that department and you tackle that problem."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I put this on the agenda, and I will tell you I've been out there with Verdell. Mr. Kindrick I see the Administration has evacuated. Mrs. Brenda Lee had to change her door every year because her neighbor next to her has a one-inch or smaller pipe under the driveway. Where the ditch is supposed to be the cinch is built on the servitude that's got a rod iron fence that's on the servitude. I spoke to her about it. She said she would move it as long as we get the rest of the drainage all the way, do all of the drainage, and nothing has been done across the street next to the park, there's a drain, there's a ditch when it hits the cross street by the school the ditch is not there anymore. This water that they're talking about can't go nowhere, except for in people's houses, and this is 2 ½ years now this is been going on, and it's been a long time since I've been out there. For 2 ½ years ago, Mrs. Brenda Lee has talked to me numerous times as yourself. I'm up to here with getting nothing in Garyville and Mt. Airy and Reserve, Administration is not here, but I'm getting

really fed up with it. The Parish is not doing their job. They're not helping the people and every time we have a rain over there we have problems, the people have problems. They didn't have to get sandbags this time for the rain we had the other, but the people did have the water problem and it stayed there for days. I brought you when we had cave-ins on Garyville Northern, you all went and fixed those pretty quick. The first one I ever showed was you and Mr. Vincent. The one in between my driveway and my neighbor's driveway, they never touched that, but that's not the problem. Everybody's talking about canals. I'm just trying to get the water to the canals. Well I have a canal, just get it from the ditch to the canal, or get a ditch, because they don't even have ditches some places. They just filled over years, there's nothing's there, and nobody's going to see nothing if they don't get out the vehicle and go walk and look at it. I'm the same way. I spoke with legal counsel about filing suit with the railroad because they're not doing anything. I get on that four-wheeler and I go look at things. You can see where water is moving and not moving. These people have nothing but water, and Mrs. Brenda's yard fills with water all the time. She gets water inside in her little den outside, but a one inch pipe next door and the lady's putting this fence on the servitude where they are supposed to have a ditch, she'll move it, but she wants us to continue with the drainage so she doesn't get it either, because that's what's stopping most of it on one side of the street, but in that area where we're talking about there is no drainage period, and I don't want to wait another month, another six weeks, I want something done in the next two weeks in that area."

Mr. Nunes stated, "Mr. Wilson, I just made a phone call to get some clarification on the Stout Street issue. I spoke with Mr. Kindrick and he told me that we're actually waiting. I thought you were going to contact the property owner to give us permission to lay some culverts down there. I don't know if that happened yet."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well the problem is the lady built a fence on top of where the ditch is on the servitude."

Mr. Nunes stated, "We were going to culvert it. I think we have the purchase order ready to go, the requisition. We were just waiting for permission. I don't know if you would coordinate that."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me say, because with all this drainage issue I thought and I think Mrs. Robottom should have been here to hear this and I think Mr. Nunes and Mr. Gauff along with Mr. Cook, Mr. Sterling, and Mr. Jones should make an appointment to talk about this, because all these drainage issues on here she should have been here to listen at it. We can't solve it here at this meeting, but at least she should have been here to hear it, so I would say make an appointment, call the office and see what's going on with the drainage on Stout Street and let's get it fixed. It's ridiculous what's going on. Mr. Wilson talked about this every meeting and still is not getting relief in Garyville and I think it's ridiculous, even if you need me to go spear-head it I will because it's time to get something done in the Garyville, Mt. Airy area. We can't do it in the meeting, but we sure can bring it up and say we have to do it."

Mr. Cook stated, "I'm from Garyville, LA. too. Let me tell you all something, Natalie she run, and you know why she runs, because I'm in

here. I've been trying to talk to Natalie for about 14 months, 14 months I've been contacting her. You know what she told her secretary? "You tell him I don't want to talk to him."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Get with your Council members, Mr. Gauff and Mr. Wilson and make an appointment."

Mr. Cook stated, "I've done met with Ranney. Garyville don't exist, you all don't do nothing for Garyville."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Call me. I'll set up an appointment and we'll talk."

Mr. Cook stated, "I'm not calling you. You know who I'm going to call? I will call six on my side. I will get the news people involved. We're sick of this here. We're sick of being left out. You all just now sat here and talked about the \$50, \$60, \$70 million dollars you all have, put some of it in Garyville. You know why the people moving? They don't give the people in the Parish jobs. All of the workers are from other Parishes coming in here making all this big time money. It's not right. We vote for you all. If you all don't stand up for us, who's going to stand up for us? Ezekial Jackson fought for the park in Garyville, fought for this park since I was nine years old, and let me tell you something, since I was nine years old they haven't did nothing to that park. They have a \$1,700,000 in the Recreation budget right now, do something with this park. The kids have to put the lights on their cars to go out there and play basketball, that's not right. Garyville had the first Recreation Park in St. John Parish. I don't know if a lot of you all on this board know this here, Garyville had the first park, but let me tell you something, what you all are doing to the people in Garyville is not right."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I don't want to get off on the park with Recreation and park but I can tell you we have stuff for the park, but let's set up a meeting, and Mr. Gauff, you can spear-head the meeting with the residents, and Mr. Nunes, let's see if we can get this resolved on Stout Street."

Councilman Gauff stated, "That sounds good. I can help that. Not to get off the subject, but Mr. Cook, you and I talked for about two hours. You're saying a lot of things. It sounds like you didn't listen to the meeting about what we're doing in Garyville. There are lights that were put in Garyville. You're saying your side and even then in the conversation we had, you didn't listen to me then when I said Mr. Ranney and I were trying to get that airnasium put. We just approved that tonight to put the airnasium in Garyville. The same things I told you then, and you wouldn't listen to me then, the same things you're telling me I'm not doing now are the same things I told you then we were doing, and it seems like we're passing these things and we're voting on these things to get some things done. You're upset, but even in talking to Mr. Sterling, I've told him before we're working on the drainage over there. It has not happened fast enough for him in that area, and he's correct. It's been more than three years that I've been in office. He said this has been going on for probably ten or twelve years. It's been going on for years, but I've never refused to talk to you. I've never refused to write work orders or do whatever I can to get things done in that area. Things are not getting done fast enough."



*We all are upset about it, but you're humping on Recreation now and that park, I'm telling you there are things done and there's been more things done recently than we've ever had."*

Mr. Cook asked, "Where, in Garyville?"

Councilman Gauff responded, "In Garyville, have we put lights up? Are we putting the airnasium up? Have we gone out there and did things in that park?"

Mr. Cook stated, "I'm dealing with Lucien too. You know what Lucien told me? I go to DuPont every day, this don't mean nothing to me."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Since you're going to take what I said out of context, just like you did before, DuPont is my job, and if you didn't understand it then, maybe you'll understand it now."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to take a recess. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

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

Council Chairman Perrilloux stated, "Since there is no one present from administration to help to assist in resolving these issues we will carry over the items until they can be present to address them."

**Ranney Wilson - Karen Gossett - drainage issues Garyville Northern**

Above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**Larry Snyder - Areas drained by piping under Woodland Dr. at English Colony**

Above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**Larry Snyder - Priority lists of projects for the 2013 bond money and drainage projects priority list**

Above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**Larry Snyder - Lighting on Madewood Drive**

Above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**Lennix Madere - Update on Recreation Director**

Above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues

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

Lennix Madere - Code Enforcement

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**14-37** An ordinance ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, to vote upon the adoption of Amendments to the current St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter for the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (R. Wilson)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:40 PM, Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary