

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2016
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 Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remondet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Raj Pannu, Councilwoman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

ABSENT: None

Councilman Madere led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green, Jr. and Geoffrey Michel were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (2 minutes per citizen)

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

New Business - Zora Christine Catering - LaPlace

The above item will be carried over to the next meeting.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - National Health Center Week August 7th through August 13th

Natalie Robottom introduced representatives from the Teche Action Clinic and read the proclamation for National Health Center Week August 7th through August 13th, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Pannu seconded the motion to amend the consent agenda item: Councilwoman Pannu - Appointment of David Ratliff to the Planning & Zoning Board to read Councilwoman Pannu - Appointment of David Ratliff to the Utility Board. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - July 26th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Godchaux/Reserve House Historical Society one day Festival - Sunday, 9/25/16 - 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Permit Approval - "Krabbing for Kenny's Kure Fundraiser" - Golf Cart Poker Run - Sunday, 8/14/16 - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM; Councilwoman Pannu - Appointment of David Ratliff to the Utility Board.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - July 26th, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Godchaux/Reserve House Historical Society one day Festival - Sunday, 9/25/16 - 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Permit Approval - "Krabbing for Kenny's Kure Fundraiser" - Golf Cart Poker Run - Sunday, 8/14/16 - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM; Councilwoman Pannu - Appointment of David Ratliff to the Utility Board. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

16-34 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance requesting approval to further extend the valid Period of time for an additional twelve (12) months for Preliminary Planned Unit Development (PUD) as per SJB Code Sec. 113-289, including amending the zoning map from the Residential One (R-1) to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district and re-subdividing four undesignated lots of record into lots A and B, Square 11, Lot C, Square 20, and Lot D, of the Glencoe Plantation, commonly referred to as the Garyville Parish Housing Authority (PHA) site, which is bounded by South Fig Street, Museum Street, Historic Main Street, and Blue Bell Street in Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZR-15-1041)

Carl Monica, 425 Historic Main Street, Garyville, LA stated, "November of last year we had a meeting in Garyville regarding the Public Housing and many of you were there at the time, some of you were there at that time. And I voiced my objection then and my objection still not changed. I have lived next to that project been 150 feet for the last 35 years or more of my life. And being next to the Historic District, the museum were also working on we finally got back from the state it's in very bad condition, trying to fix it up, the new trail there's some good positive things happening there. And I feel strongly with my background in real estate and having lived there, that I'm well qualified to speak on this subject. I think the housing project and I brought this up to the people in the past that were dealing with it, has a good chance of being, why can't we move it down to the place where the parish owns about 10 acres of land and the school board owns it's about another 10 in the area near the levee. It's much less congested, it would be much easier to put to build that project, the whole concept that you all have right there. The place it's located right now it's close to the railroad track, I lived there for a long, long time and it's all very congested and it's like in a little section there that people, I was told that they're trying to get mixed income of people to lease there. Well mixed income is not going to lease there, you're only going to have the lower, nothing wrong with lower people, I'm just saying that you're not going to have the income mixed that you're shooting for if that's the goal. If you compare the two, I don't think there's any question, that the location is owned by the parish already and is also the school board, I think that would work a lot better and I know they said they wanted to go forward with this plan because they thought they wanted to at least get the parish, the government to get the money to that project and they will lose a certain date or something like that. Well I'm sorry about that, but I don't feel like this does Garyville any good whatsoever. I don't think, it's good planning the way that they're trying to plan it and I think I got a background on Planning & Zoning and being in Commercial Real Estate for a long time plus I've lived there, I think I'd know I'm right there. So I'm asking the Council not to extend it, to at least look at this thing differently and I do believe you will not have to pay for the property, it's all clean, high and dry and near the levee, it's only three quarters of a mile further and the fact that I live right there. The least

you could do, is try and compromise by taking from Anthony Monica Street to the railroad track and leaving that be a nice park that would be compatible to other things we have there. The other part I would maybe put part of it in the other section you have, which is near my house and then put the rest of it near river road. Appreciate it if you would think about that very, very carefully. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Monica."

Alexandra Carter stated, "This request aims to extend Preliminary PUD approval in preparation for the next tax credit application cycle. Administration recommends approval."

Trina Henderson, Executive Director - St. John Parish Housing Authority stated, "Good evening Council Members, President Robottom, while I hear Mr. Monica's concerns, I want to ensure everyone the face of Public Housing is changing, it is no longer considered Low Income Housing it's Affordable Housing. Basically I think everyone has in their mind of the old concept of Public Housing that is no longer. I applaud the parish, the parish has been very supportive by allocating \$3.2 Million Dollars towards the project. Right now we're in the delay of that, we had hoped the Louisiana Housing Cooperation would have had their tax credits applications for 2016 spray. But I just want to assure that basically in talking about Public Housing is no longer is Public Housing it's Affordable Housing and we're talking about market rate units, we're talking about tax credit units, we're talking about project based units, we're talking about very little public housing units. Actually it will be a developer managing that property, it will no longer be at the hands of the Housing Authority for at least 15 years. So basically what I'm saying to you, I can only see that what we're proposing will only enhance what is being done in Garyville. Thank you."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-34 for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, Mrs. Carter and after hearing some of the concerns, has the administration looked into you know, any of the concerns that were presented tonight on whether or not this extension of the preliminary approval?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "None of these concerns are new concerns, they were considered when they was originally looked into in 2015 and approved on December 9th. This isn't a motion to approve it, this is a motion to extend an approval. So we didn't have to re-evaluate the request, it hasn't expired at this point. They're just preparing for the next test application cycle, so they can apply for tax credits to do this project that's already been approved."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "And was the concern considered about having the site moved to a place that would be less congested and those type of things?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "The concern to..."

Trina Henderson stated, "Currently the Garyville Housing Development is considered our Phase I Project. In that, not only are we currently there's 54 units, we're proposing 73 units. In addition to that, we're also looking for other properties in the parish for acquisition and redevelopment of other

phases. So we're listening to everything community, we've had community meetings, we've taken input and all of that has put into our planning."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and I do appreciate your work on this, I know you spend a lot of time on it and just from the council perspective, we want the public to know that we're doing our diligence and asking the questions. That's it for me."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Ms. Henderson."

Trina Henderson stated, "And one of the things in speaking of other properties, the agency would have to purchase that property or negotiate. Currently what we are now, we own that property, so there's no funding other than basically demolitions, seeking funding for demolition and redevelopment. So basically there would be no need to at this point purchase additional property."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok thank you very good."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Yes Ms. Henderson, how many people you have on a waiting list at this time for housing?"

Trina Henderson stated, "Currently we have about 1200 families on our Public Housing waiting list. As well as, last check we had about 4,000 on our Section 8 waiting list and keep in mind that just shows the need for affordable housing in this community. Our Section 8 waiting list we opened that 2 years ago, 4,000 families on a Section 8 waiting list with a base line of 260 Section 8 Vouchers, that's all we have. So that just shows right there our waiting list for Affordable Housing in St. John the Baptist Parish."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-34. The motion passed unanimously.

16-35 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to grant preliminary approval and conditional subdivision approval of an undesignated tract measuring approximately one (1) arpent by eighty (80) arpents into Tract A, Lots 1-3, 5 and 7, Block 1; Lots 4 and 6, Block 2; Lots 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, and 23, Block 3; and Lots 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22, Block 4 Tiger Landing Subdivision and the dedication of Jes Drive and Breeze Way Street; in the area generally bounded by LA Highway 18, Sammy Court, East 9th Street, and the Texas & Pacific Railway; Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana and to authorize St. John the Baptist Parish, through the Office of the Parish President and Council Chairman, to execute a Construction Agreement with J.E.S. Construction, Inc. for the installment of all associated improvements (PZS-16-1146)

Alexandra Carter stated, "This request received approval from the Departments of Planning, Utilities, Public Works and Public Safety and the Parish Engineer. Plans were unanimously approved by the Planning Commission on July 18, 2016 and the Utility Board on July 19, 2016. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-35. The motion passed unanimously.

16-36 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 1-B and an undesignated lot, Reserve Industrial Park Subdivision; in the area generally bounded by Power Boulevard, the L&A/Kansas City Southern Railway, West 10th Street, and Rosenwald Street; Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from the Industrial District Two (I-2) to the Industrial District Three (I-3) zoning District (PZR-16-1051)

MOTION: Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to TABLE Ordinance 16-36. The motion passed unanimously.

16-37 An ordinance to amend Section 40-27(5) (b) and 40-27 (5) (c) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances relative to Speed Bumps as follows: By adding the following to each of the above Referenced paragraphs after the word "owners": "Or tenants if property is a rental" (L. Snyder)

Alexandra Carter stated, "Planning, Public Safety, and the traffic safety committee finds that the proposed changes will adversely impact Administration's ability to verify compliance with the Speed Bump Ordinance and will result in approval of speed bumps without the authorization of the property owner. Administration recommends review of the proposed changes by Legal Counsel."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Just looking at the ordinance and I understand where you're coming from Mr. Snyder and I do think it's something we do need to address because we do have individuals who find themselves where they want to place speed bumps on the street, but they may not own the home, I don't know what the compromise is, I would like to have legal review it because I wouldn't want to also put us in a situation where a renter maybe who was in a home for 6 months, you know petitions and gets a speed placed in front of the home and then the homeowner you know, for whatever reason is not you know is not in agreement with it and we run into something. I would like for legal to review it, I do believe it's something though that we need to address because I know there have been people who are renting a home and there are some traffic concerns. I personally just to say, I know speed bumps they're very controversial you know, we've had to put them down, pick them back up that kind of thing. I just would like to proceed with caution, that's just my position on it but I did want to state that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well legal is the one that wrote this thing up so I guess it's alright. I don't see why we need to wait on it any further, we been putting speed bumps down for years and we never had this issue come up before, I don't know why it's like that. Right now they having people living in other parts of the world that can't get here to sign the petition. But the people living there been living there a long time and this is an old neighborhood up there, a lot of older people live in there and they got some young people live in there. Now you see we do everything, it seems like administration do everything from the office, go out there and see what's going on in the neighborhood and then you'll see what's happening. This is a feeble attempt this is a feeble attempt."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Snyder just on our end..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Wait hold on Ms. Robottom..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm not finished..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Go ahead."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We been putting speed bumps down for years we have never had an issue, never! But this the second time, we got 2 speed bump permits right now sitting on somebody's desk, one on Plymouth and this one here is on Yorktowne in the front. I haven't heard nothing from what's going on with these speed bumps, but people back there have gotten hit, cars have run into their homes, cars have run into their house because these clowns back there don't care about the streets and they put speed bumps back there, they'll slow down. And I know up front there you need to get out those offices and go up there and check those people on Yorktowne in front there to see what they got up there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I just would like to add what you're saying. I don't think anybody is questioning the need for speed bumps, obviously it's a concerted effort which is why we send it to the Public Safety Department, because the Sheriff's Office plays a role in speeding, actually it their responsibility. However our only concern is, that when you're allowing permission for something that is not being given by the property owner, the impact and again you're referring to a specific neighborhood and obviously that's a concern for you, but if this changes it will apply to everyone, not just one neighbor and so for example as Ms. Hotard mentioned and we didn't speak about this, but theirs also could be an economic impact. For example; you're the renter you want them there, when you leave some people don't want to live with speed bumps in front of their home, so that may result in the property owner not being able to rent their property now because there's a deterred by having a speed bump. Again we're not saying NO, we just ask that legal take a look at it, it's kind of like putting trailers on people's property without their permission. You know that's how we're looking at it as making sure that the person whose granting us or requesting this actually has the authority with regard to that property."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well tell me this. What is more authority than for safety of your children, them playing in the streets? Have any of you been on that street up there lately? Any of you been up there? You do it from a computer, that's what you do and you do it from a computer. Go see what's going on up there in that area up there and you could see the traffic and you could see it's a small community and most of the people own their homes up there, might have a few renting, but even though they're renting. I turned the permit in, I turned the application in and they had scratched off a guy name who own property and I know he own property, he and I married sisters and he own the property, they say he wasn't qualified. You see because they do everything from a computer instead of going out there and look to see what's going on with people's lives. But this isn't about that speed bump."

Natalie Robottom asked, "It's not?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No it's not about that speed bump."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I mean our legal people, didn't our legal people do this?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't know where it came from."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's where it came from our legal people. Jeff Perilloux did this. That's right! Jeff Perilloux. He's the one that worked on this for me and I'm sure he looked at things like that. So you sending it back to Jeff Perilloux?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "So that's our concern. If you guys are fine with that, than that was our request."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm fine with it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No I meant we're talking to our legal counsel that was our recommendation. We had no idea who wrote it, we got an ordinance nobody spoke to us with the change. And we just thought that in the office when you're talking about permissions for property, I fully, I live on a street where they speed, so I understand speeding and that it's a problem. We really don't want anybody to be injured, so please don't take us to mean that. But when we're talking about having someone sign giving permission on something on somebody else's property that is our concern."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It's not on their property it's on the parish property. But they live on somebody's property."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, it's in front of their home."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And some of these people been living there for 20 years, 30 years."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me interject some to. Even by amending this ordinance and putting this verbiage in it, still doesn't guarantee the way our speed bump is put down, you still have to check the signatures. You still have to go through and check the signatures on each side, so that still amending it still not guaranteed they're going to have speed bumps there. But at least we can ask the tenant or the renter who stays there have 3 or 4 kids, looking out for the safety of their kids, it still have to go through process. So it's still not guaranteed, so I'm with it as it is because it still have to go through the process of getting the names who signed the permit and if this not verified, then it still won't go down but I understand what he's saying, I'm for the safety of the neighborhood."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And so are we."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have a question and maybe to Mr. Larry: On the street where we want to put the speed bump and I actually ran into a situation like this many years ago, where it was a renter and what we did was I think it was a neighbor two doors down, you know we had them submit the application and then everybody signed it. Is that something that we can approach the neighbors and ask them instead of..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "They already sign the thing."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well no I mean the person who's submitting the application get the owner of one of the houses in the area to have them submit the application. Instead of changing the ordinance, to say that the person renting can submit it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We change ordinances all the time. We went from 12

inches to 10 inches on the grass."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well I understand that but..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well I'm just letting you know again we change ordinances all the time. And the only thing this is saying is that; if you live there and you can prove you live there you got a right to sign that petition. And that a light bill, water bill, gas bill can easily do that. The person who own that property because I've looked at the assessors reports and who owned property, they got people in Texas own property over here, in Cambridge back there. This is a feeble attempt trust me on this, this hasn't just started this hasn't just start."

Councilman Madere stated, "I agree with Mr. Perrilloux with the comment he made just a few minutes ago. People who renting they pay water bill, light bill, garbage collection, they do everything that a homeowner would do, ok but we're not allowing them to determine the safety of their street or their kids. I think what Mr. Snyder is putting as giving them the opportunity to determine the safety of their neighborhood, they renting there. They pay everything that homeowner's pay but they can't sign for a speed bump? Ok I think they should have that right to do that and it still doesn't mean like Mr. Perrilloux said, they're going to receive speed bumps. And also, it seems as though we have a problem verifying who sign, because you said one name was scratched off, it probably would have given them enough to put the speed bump down and we probably wouldn't be to this point here, if they would have evaluated that address right, because he said that guy own that property and he was removed. So there seem to be a problem verifying who really own properties, because if that guy name was removed and that was a key signature. In my area we have one speed bump on one street and the street is 31st Street, there's one speed bump to the front, the first guy wanted the speed bump, its 150 feet to the river road there's no house, he had to go back 150 feet for his house and he got a speed bump and everybody back there have to cross that speed bump. Okay so I understand where Mr. Snyder is coming from, I understand what Mr. Perrilloux said, but look at the fact they pay water bill, light bill, everything trash but they can't sign for a speed bump. I think they should have that right."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Can I get some clarification on that, maybe I'm confused?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I'm confused too about what you said. Can they sign because I thought, I thought that..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Snyder said he had a signature that was removed on a petition."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay so I guess there's where I was confused. I thought that if you were a renter you could sign you just couldn't submit the petition in your name."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's what I thought."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So that's why I'm saying what I'm saying but if it's the fact the person is renting can't actually sign for it, then yes, absolutely we need to change that. I was thinking from the perspective of the person initiating the application, going get the signatures and turning it in on behalf of them, that had to be the homeowner. But what I'm hearing from Councilman Madere that I didn't know totally was that, every signature on the

petition has to be a homeowner."

Alexandra Carter stated, "And you're correct in that. Every signature according to the code, it doesn't matter who the applicant is, you can have a renter apply for a speed bump or a homeowner, you're just required to get 75% of the signatures within 300 feet either direction of the speed bump. Planning & Zoning, you know we don't approve the speed bumps, we just make sure the application complies with the requirements of the code and the way that we verify the code is being enforced correctly is to use the Assessor's Website to establish who the property owner is. So when we look at each signature we go to the Assessor's site and we see who owns the property. And so if someone was crossed out, it was because it wasn't listed as the current owner of the property. With a resident or with a renter, the issue becomes how do we verify that they're a renter and not just a random signature, because there's no means for us to go to a website and find out who is renting from who and I don't think we can ask and this is where the legal opinion comes in, I don't think we can ask an applicant to go door to door and ask each person for a water bill, an electrical bill when they sign, I think that there's privacy issues there. And so that's where our concern is, it's more about, it's a legal concern and we also you know we have a lot of times where people want to pull up speed bumps and they pull these applications and they say; well what was verified, we want to see the records and we reference the Assessor's records when we verify that these were done accurately. And so it will put us in a position of how did we verify them if somebody is making a claim of, how were these approved, who approved them, what signatures were deemed and you know what authority those signatures have and with the property owner I think you could make the case that we can legitimately defend the recommendation or the placement of these speed bumps as the code has written. But with a renter it presents it unusual circumstance where we would be sort of placing the owners on the applicant, I think we would have to have some kind of disclaimer and this is where we're unsure, you know how we would handle that, how would we verify who is a renter, it's nothing you know for or against renters or for against homeowners, it's about legal issues or speed bumps. You know it's about privacy you know and what we can expect applicant to bring in to verify that these need the code."

Councilman Snyder stated, "If it's against some speed bumps, put it down and you won't have the speeding on the streets. If this is all about speed bumps, put it down. The applicant they have enough signatures on there, they have two pages of signatures and half of them they scratched out."

Alexandra Carter stated, "And I would say that it's not always about putting them down sometimes, it's about pulling them up."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well we're not going to pull them up, we're not going to pull them up, if you have to go through the same process to pull them up. That's the same process, you know how long it take to get one of them up? 5 minutes, you can scrape one up in 5 minutes if you know what you're doing. But it can save a life and right now this thing going through this place right here, one child get hit by a car right there, we're in trouble. Because of this role we're talking about here right now, from this administration."

Councilman Madere stated, "You said the way to verify, you go to the Assessor's office to see who own the property?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "We use their website."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so when you see an address and they have the wrong name, in the case of a renter, we have records besides the assessor's office, we have records who paying that water bill at that address, they have a name, we can verify that simply by going to that utility bill and verify that name that's on that. There's other means of verifying who's living in that house. Like I say, we're collecting their money for utilities and everything else but we're not allowing them to sign to protect their children on the street that they've been living and some people been living there 10 years, 15 years renting or 5. So we have other means of finding out who's in that house because we just have to do it, we can't just rely on the assessor's office, we just have to do it. Call utility, give the address and they'll give you a name and it's verified on that. So we can do it like that, so there's no such thing as you can't do it, we can do it. So I don't have any problem with supporting what Mr. Snyder said because that does not guarantee the speed bumps are going to go down like Mr. Perrilloux said, it's still a process. And I think those people deserve a voice on their street and they're paying all these bills to the parish."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-37. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "At this time I would ask that the council accept the recommendations of the finance committee."

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - Disposal of car gas tanks

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Based on information obtained from DEQ, gas tanks should be disposed of at Type 1 facilities, i.e. River Birch or recycled for metal, i.e. Southern Scrap. However, tanks must be clear of residual gasoline and cut before bringing to disposal companies. Hopefully that is somewhat of what you were looking for. I know you were having some conversation with Mr. Perrilloux, Assistant Director."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well tell me this. How do we clear them? What's the most effective way of clearing a gas tank?"

Travis Perrilloux, Assistant Director of Public Safety stated, "The most effective way is to gas free them. That's an expensive process as far as bringing them to a company and have them do it. There is some other ways of getting them, as you probably know as we spoke on. But then putting water inside the tank filling the tank with water and then cutting them with a water

inside the tank to make it a safer process. However, looking at the storage of the gas tanks before we get to that process, that's something we would have to look at."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, how you cut it?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "With a regular torch, settling torch."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Hah?"

Travis Perrilloux stated, "With a torch."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I wouldn't recommend that."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "That is the process that they currently do, it's not as we've seen that's the process what they do to cut them and that's what gives a person heartburn especially a person in safety looking at it. However, it's a ways they could do it with hydraulic tools as well. There's quite a few different methods they can do to utilize to cut the tanks."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And actually this is another project that we need to look out for our people and our community. We see gas tanks all along the highway, everywhere you see it we can't just put our head in the sand and say well we can't do nothing about that. And I think that's a good first step in getting this done and I think that should be publicized somewhere, if it's in our journal, somewhere it's got to be publicized, I don't know where you got to do it at. But what would be the most logical place to put something like that, you know put in the crime section of the L'Observateur, I bet everybody could read it there. And that way we can get some people, because there's going to be some people trying stuff you know, and they got a lot of people out there that does this. And I hate to be wasting all this time but this is a good first step. But I think we should take it a step further and put something like that in our journal and see what's happening, if we can get the people some help. I think we have gone as far as we can go."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Absolutely and we've looked at all sorts of alternatives, other jurisdictions that they do it, as well as other companies the way that they do it. Our primary focus is looking at the safety of this for our employees."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's right, that's right and the community help the community out."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Absolutely!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Because I know Brian won't clean any more of the cans out of those canals. Ok, thank you appreciate it."

Travis Perrilloux stated, "Thank you!"

Lennix Madere - Code Enforcement issues District III - inoperable vehicles and high grass

Alexandra Carter stated, "Administration recommends scheduling a meeting with Councilman Madere and Code Enforcement to discuss a path forward to address

concerns from residents, Council members and Administration."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay that's not going to work I'm not scheduling any more meetings. I had a meeting about a month ago, I'm tired meeting. I just need answers and results, no more meetings, meetings are over with as far as I'm concerned. I just have a couple of questions but first I want to make a statement. One thing is, when I know I'm right then you have a problem, ok if I think I'm right you have trouble, ok but if I know I'm right we have a real, real problem. Because I'm not going to back down on anything if I know I'm right ok and that's just how it is. Now, when it comes down to abandoned vehicles since I've been in office, we have heard things that the Code Enforcement Officer can't go on the property, you can't tag them, don't tag them unless somebody complain, then we going tag them, then we not going to tag them. I just need some solid answers, are we working abandoned vehicles or are we going by somebody complaint or we going by the fact that they're all over the place? And start in my yard, I have one in my yard and I'm pulling out of there and you see I don't assist tell them do it and I don't do it, I have said that before with the parish. If we have property, we should make sure we cut the parish property. Okay I'm not going to get up here and say move that vehicle and move that vehicle and I have one sitting in my yard. It's sitting there waiting for it to be tagged, I want it to be tagged. I want to see how long the process takes. Okay but I can't wait on it, 2 weeks from now it's going to be gone because I just sold it. But it got to go, it have to go and if we have just Reserve won award, I think it was a year ago for the cleanest city, I don't know ok but they said Reserve, they said Reserve, we're not a candidate okay, we're not a candidate for that alright. Now those vehicles have to be tagged, I want mine tagged, they have to be tagged and they have to move. But I just want to know, are we moving vehicles...wait a minute we got sides..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Hold on, wait a minute. Hold on Ms. Carter focus on his what he's saying here."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's right, for you to give your answer. What I'm saying is I just want to know tonight, are we tagging them or we waiting for someone to complain?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "We are tagging them we are tagging them."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok well from 19th Street to 23rd Street we're 52 tags behind, because I count them, 52 tags behind. Just from my street to Martin Luther King Boulevard, 52 tags behind. So if we're going to tag them, then we need to get to tagging because we're behind, okay?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "I'll discuss with your assigned Code Officer for your area."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay because I had mentioned before, when we have these Clean Sweeps, we should have a week where all the Code Enforcement Officers a month where all the Code Enforcement Officers get together and hit each district for a solid month, all of them together. Okay, next time we have Clean Sweep, all the Code Enforcement Officers start in each district, one week in District I, one in two, three, four, five that whole month, okay we need to do that, alright! So if we been tagging like I said, we're 52 tags behind within 3 streets, that's what I want to know and mine's make it number one, tag it and I'm going to move it. Now with the grass issue."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Alright we got that solved. High grass we got the code..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Once again, we have a discrepancy as what we are going to enforce. Now you had an opinion on an ordinance that reads: Any property owner within 300 feet of a building must maintain their grass. Ms. Robottom passed a law on this I think no it was Jaclyn Hotard passed a law on this to reduce it from 12 to 10 and then Ms. Robottom passed an ordinance to reduce the time on the repeat offenders. Okay so that tell you we have a concern about grass in St. John the Baptist Parish, and I'm getting phone calls on repeat offenders and that was put in place to make sure we don't have that problem. And repeat offender grass is as high as this counter here, in some cases even higher and that's on the repeat offender list. It was put in place to solve those type of problems, you have individuals living next door to houses that have snakes and rats and everything else and they shouldn't have to live like that. And that's what that was put in place, Ms. Robottom recognized the need for that, Ms. Hotard recognized the need and we also mentioned during those summer months we need more workers, you the one that have to decide what you need, you know with the budget that's coming up. If you need..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Mr. Madere let's stick with the high grass not what's in the office. Let's stick with the high grass."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I'm just giving her some information."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "We have to stick on the high grass though."

Councilman Madere stated, "Alright well let's continue. Now the other day you said you disagreed or you didn't interpret that ordinance that way, the way I read it. What is your interpretation and what is your means of enforcing it?"

Alexandra Carter stated, "As I said at that meeting, every site is different. Every site should be looked at and that code that section of the code that you're referring to needs to be applied to that site. And so, there isn't just one interpretation, it's a site by site interpretation. So I'd have to have a piece of property in order to say how it would be treated."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well you see that's where we disagree at. Because the ordinance clearly says; any property owner by a building. Now, if you have something you would like to think we should change, now hey I don't mind if it say; a house. Because a building could be a dog house, could be a chicken coop okay but I don't remember any chickens writing any complaints out. Okay but what I do know the complaints I have are two individuals who live by those type of properties and that's what that law says. They have the right to complain and based upon the ordinance the way it is written, our job is to write it up and send a notice to the property owner, now it's up to them if they cut it or not, then we take the next step. So all I'm saying is, the law is on the book, it said what it said and we have to interpret it that way and we have to follow the law. I can't go by a stop sign and say I'm take a stop sign by stop sign, I have to stop at all of them. Until that ordinance is changed, now we can sit down and talk about how we might change it to make it better, but as it stands right now we have to enforce it. Legal, I'd legal to refer legal then on that."

Keith Green Jr., District Attorney's Office stated, "Our office actually sent an email to the administration just basically letting them know that from we saw with the respect from the last council meeting, that apparently this issue had been resolved two years ago between the administration (I'm sorry), between the District Attorney's Office and Planning & Zoning. And from what I've gathered the results of that meeting if you will, was that the ordinance was supposed to be enforced by Planning & Zoning just as it was written. Of course you know there was some expression of potential enforcement issues as Mr. Madere explained with respect to no definition of the word building, however; none the less, Planning & Zoning and the District Attorney's Office again two years ago had agreed that the ordinance would be enforced just as it is written. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Green."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Where was the email sent?"

Keith Green Jr. stated, "To Alex actually and I think Ms. LaVerne was cc'd on the email."

Alexandra Carter stated, "Be made aware of that decision, we were not provided the opinion. I'm not saying that the code needs to be changed, I just think we're reading it differently we've been applying it differently. Anytime you change a behavior, an enforcement behavior you should acknowledge that with a change of the code that reflects the behavior. I understand you position on this, I think you're really passionate about it and I believe you think that you're working in the right place. And so that's why we're recommending to meet because I think we have to find a way to move forward with this. I would love to see the opinion, I have not been provided that opinion, I don't have any materials from that meeting, this news was brought to me within the last, I want to say 48 hours maybe of last week in preparation for this meeting. So if we're talking about a change in interpretation I would love to see that material, so that we can as an administration we can make an inform decision about how to move forward."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well I would say, since you just getting an opinion we carry this over to the next meeting. Because we're not going to solve it here right now. We can carry it over, leave it on have Ms. Carter to review it with Ms. Robottom, Ms. Saulny and Mr. Green and we have it at the next meeting. Because we're not going to solve it here."

Councilman Madere stated, "I know we not going to solve it but I just want to make this comment."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well he had and I'm going to let him come to the podium, Mr. Green."

Keith Green Jr. stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman and I explained to Ms. Carter, I think it was last week, in that email that the opinion that's she's referencing that was based on a comment that Mr. Perilloux made at the meeting. Now if there is an opinion, I'm not sure if it was written or not, the current District Attorney's Office did not issue an opinion on this matter and we actually looked in the office, previous files and we didn't see a written opinion, so I'm not sure if one was actually provided, but I did suggest that she get with the council secretary to get a copy of the tapes and or the transcripts from that particular meeting because I was made aware that

it was an actual council meeting, that that conversation was had between the DA's Office then and Planning & Zoning. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Alright I'll give you a final comment Mr. Madere, then we'll move on."

Councilman Madere stated, "Final comment is this. There was a resolution came to an understanding at a meeting, Mr. Carl Butler stood right there, in fact he sent me a certified letter and he said that St. John the Baptist, Reserve was rural area and I told him at the meeting he had a problem if he called Reserve that type of area. I said and in that statement in that ordinance, it doesn't refer to city or rural area, it just simply says what it says. Now all I'm saying is, Ms. Carter would like to see some changes, we can sit down and talk about that, some changes could, but as the ordinance says what it says, until that happen then her department under order of this parish, by the code she have to enforce it until that time some changes are made. Because I have some individuals, two of them that have complained, now we can't wait until we work them out, there's a law on the book, it was approved by a council and for anyone to stand up there and say they are going to interpret it a different way you have that right, you have to follow the law. Now if you want sit and talk about changing something we can do that, but in the meantime you do your job and that is to enforce it the way it is written. And not to interpret it in any other way but how it is written."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Madere is right. It says what it says and if we open all of our ordinances up to interpretation we could be in many of these meetings like this and it seems that's where we're going. We made a mistake with that Planning & Zoning Department, we gave them the authority to look at some of these minor things and make decisions on them. We did that, can't remember exactly when it was but we gave them that authority, a few little minor things, you know like if somebody put a building up 5 x 5 building and they didn't get a permit, well you know they needed to put their lawn mower in, call them let them come on in. But that's illegal you're supposed to make them tear it down. But we made that mistake not very long ago, giving it to the Planning & Zoning Department the authority to look at some of those things and do some of that. And I think that was a mistake and I agree with you, it says what it says, stop sign was a good example; it said: STOP, STOP! It didn't say slow down, it said STOP, so STOP!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Jackie we'll just carry that over until they get the rolling on that and read it."

Lennix Madere - Zika Virus - Administrations plan of action

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Parish Council thank you, Mr. Chair, Mr. Perrilloux. We have Dr. Chip Riggins with LDH and representatives from St. John Mosquito Control will provide an update on the Zika Virus and their recommended plan of action."

Dr. Chip Riggins, Regional Medical Director for the Office of Public Health with the Louisiana Department of Health also present the Medical Entomologist, Mr. Kyle Mocker who assisted the Mosquito Control Contractor to answer any questions, provide updates and to make sure that everyone expectations were met and the sort of level interest everyone have regarding the Zika Virus."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I put this on the agenda after watching the

news and seeing how this have become a concern but now it's a serious epidemic you can say that's happening now. That's I put it on there, I know we had a presentation a few months ago but I thought it was important that you come back and we find out exactly what it is that we're doing now. I'm pretty sure we stepped up to process because after watching it in Florida, how they're doing 24 hours spraying and everything like that, I just wanted to make sure that the residents of St. John the Baptist Parish is as safe as possible and that we're doing as much as we can to make sure that they are safe. Okay that's I why I brought everyone here to this meeting tonight."

Kyle Mocker, Medical Entomologist, Office of Public Health stated, "I think I'd like to spend about 3 minutes to just give a quick synopsis of Zika. Zika was first found in 1947 in Africa in a Sentinel Monkey, that's important. And it's moved around the world basically it came into Brazil and we all know what's happened with the micron syphilitic babies. We've never had an Arbovirus, that's a virus spreaded by Orthopox. We never had an Arbovirus that did anything like this to infants and so that's where we are. This virus is a Flavivirus which are spread by mosquitos. He also discussed the different type of mosquitos which spread diseases to include West Nile and Zika which are all closely related viruses."

Councilwoman Hotard excused herself from the meeting at 7:45PM.

Julia Remondet - Burt Cashio - Drainage issues Anthony F. Monica Street - Garyville

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Thank you Mr. Perrilloux. Mr. Cashio had requested that he have the chance to address the council. Thank you."

Burt Cashio stated, "My name is Andrew Cashio, most of you know me as Burt. I lived in Garyville for over 50 years in the same house. My house flooded for the first time during Hurricane Isaac, thousands of dollars in damages. I live exactly one mile from the river road, in other words between the river road and airline highway, I'm up here. I cancelled my insurance this year because it went up \$2,200.00 a year, I can't afford the hike. A month ago we had a heavy rain and the water was 1" from coming to my house, thank god I did have some sandbags ready and thanks to some great neighbors that came to my assistance, they hauled the sandbags for me. I can't do it anymore due to sickness and being 77 years old. Thanks to the ditches for being over grown, I now live in a bowl, with all the water coming straight at me. As you can see in the first seven pictures the water rolling toward my house. All these years of living here, I have never had the problems I am having now. I've lived through countless hurricanes and hard rains, never a problem. On page eight there's a small ditch that drains all the water in front of me and my neighbors, it goes to the railroad track, the ditches overgrown in plowed, the parish got permission from all the land owners to dig the ditch until the job was done. The ditch was lower in front than in the back, we have Foreman's that over see these jobs, if they can't do the jobs correctly fire them, at least dig the ditches all the way to the track before we get the hurricane please. We're getting ready for maybe 8-10 inches of rain, what do we do? Flood? I cannot carry these bags, I'm very, very sorry. I wish I could, I pray I could, I can't carry these heavy bags of sand at both my doors, both my entrances. The next four pictures are at the end of Anthony F. and Monica Street and on Joe Lyn Johnson's property, the canal is overgrown, next picture is in front of my house about 200 yards up, as you can see it's totally overgrown, this is a drain that's going to the canal along Hwy. 54, the parish

cut the trees down in this ditch, that's actually a canal but they left the stumps, therefore it's all plugged up again. About 400 yards in front of me is a main canal draining the field, into the canal on Hwy. 54, it's overgrown and choked off of Hwy. 54. The drain under the road is blocked by ICI the drain is blocked, the rest of the pictures speak for themselves. We need help, my neighbors and I have going through trying times when it rains. Why does the parish refuse to help us and yes refuse to help us? My neighbor across the street just bought 2.5 more acres of land from the Monica's, this squeezes even more into a bowl. We need our ditches and canals cleaned, the drains underneath the roads, the state has to come clean the canals along Hwy. 54. Please I cannot afford another flood, neither can my neighbor Allan Rome, Herman Toups and all my neighbors around. All of you who ran for public office saying; you would work for the people, so would you please do it? Thank you!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Cashio. Ms. Remondet."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I know Mr. Nunes sent out Dwight Perrilloux with me last week and we looked over the area again and they said recently they had cleaned some of these drainage ditches, but it look like it could be passed again to clean that out because it is just pulling all in his yard across from his house, it's just not moving to the back at all. I know Dwight looked at it with me like I said last week and I think Mr. Nunes was going to try and go out again this week and take a look at it and see what we can do. I mean once we have more rain like they're expecting, they're going to be in bad shape on that street that's..."

Burt Cashio interrupting asked, "What do I do if we're getting all this rain coming up right now. I can't put these bags, I kept I have the bags there I can't haul them, my body won't let me haul them. Who do I ask for help to haul these bags by my doorways? Do I have to go beg my neighbors like they did in that heavy rain? Please come help put those things there?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "We need to see what we can do to solve this situation. I don't know if Brian has had a chance to go over with Dwight and look at it at all. Could you come, you're going to take a look tomorrow you said? We really need to see what we can do to get him some help. I mean it's not the first time he complained and they've had some digging done in that area but it's not enough, it's not enough to help him out. I mean this is to an excess I wouldn't want to have to deal with it on a regular basis and then as you said, you're ill you're not in the position to be able to do that yourself."

Burt Cashio stated, "No I've been before the council 3 or 4 times before. Julia thank you very much for giving the chance to come before the council again."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mr. Cashio. You have a comment Mr. Sorapuru?"

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Yes I was going to ask, how long was is that work order put in to do any digging in his area?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "When did they come in and dig that ditch?"

Burt Cashio stated, "It was the last summer and they went and they shot it, and Allan told them when they were doing it, he says the back is higher than

the front, they said no, no we could see what we doing, no they can't see what they're doing, the back was higher in the ditch by his house. And it will not flow that away. They have one of the people has a piece of fence underneath the ditch by the ditch, well it's caught every bit of the trash. That's has to be, I'm sure the parish can come there, I'm sure they can go on that property they've got permission already to get on these properties and I'm sure they can come all the way to the railroad track and do something about it. Please!"

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Ms. Remondet you'll follow up with that tomorrow with Mr. Nunes?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I'll follow up with Mr. Nunes and see what we can come up with because this is just too much for him to deal with on a regular basis."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And also if you could get I guess Snake with DOTD who is local, get him involved to."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "It does run into state highway and everything."

Burt Cashio stated, "I'll call Clay, Clay is a good friend of mine. Last time I called him he did come dig by the railroad track, he sure did."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "We'll talk to Mr. Nunes first thing in the morning and we'll arrange that to come together."

Burt Cashio stated, "I'm sure you've heard my complaints, I just retired from the Assessor's Office, my two brothers, Whitney and Bruno and yes and I worked with the parish for a long time."

Councilman Perrilloux stated "Thank you Mr. Cashio."

Councilman Madere stated, "This sort of problem have been one of my passions since I've been on the council concerning drainage, it's been several times. This here to me is something that have to be handled quickly as soon as we can, Mr. Cashio I understand what you're saying because Mr. Perrilloux and myself and Mr. Lucien Gauff, when we had the last storm we helped a guy that was, I'm not saying you're 90 years old but we helped a guy that was 90 years old stack some sandbags by his house because he wouldn't be able to do it. And tomorrow we're supposed to have a lot of rain and I know that's your concern about tomorrow, understand that we're going to look at doing something down the road but we have to do something tomorrow and if I can lend my hand any kind of way to you, you know to come and extend myself doing that for you. And the next thing is you know when you said we're elected officials and we're supposed to help, I take that very seriously you know and I want you to know I'm more than sure most of these council people up here do take that very seriously and I felt your pain when you were talking up here and asked for help and it's our duty as councilman to respond to you, each and everyone else. Whatever it is that's our duty and I will be there tomorrow to help stack some sandbags for you until the Public Works can get there and look, evaluate the problem the best they can to clean that out. That's our duty that's our job."

Julia Remondet - Toni Drive drainage - Reserve

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes thank you, I know the parish is out around

West 4th Street which is right next to Toni Drive, but Mr. Nunes do you have an update for me?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes I do. Actually you said we were out on West 4th today because after you sent the emails, yesterday we went and looked at West 4th and looked at Toni, we think we know what the problems are. Today did West 4th and then we had to move over to do some stuff on Airline that was bad from the last storm, tomorrow morning that same culvert truck will be on Toni Drive, that's going to blow out that entire Westside of the road which we think is where the problem is. We're also putting a crew in that small servitude between the fences that's all over grown, we're going to get in there and cut that by hand and get that right."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I have Mr. Stevens here that he's mostly affected by that. You feel that will be enough relief for him? On Toni Drive with the culverts."

Brian Nunes stated, "I think with the culverts and doing that ditch in the back of the homes, that's going to provide a lot of relief right now and I think that will help until we can get the new culvert system in."

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "It's not long term but it's something for now?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right and I think that's going to help us out. And if we're still having problems, you know we still have the truck we can always go revisit but I'd like to see what this does and if we can get it knocked out before the rain comes."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "I know it is part of our project to for drainage and that's been delayed, I understand."

Brian Nunes stated, "Unfortunately yes."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "He's in another position as well, each rain he floods and it's decide be in my house or out my house with the rain. There's no in and out, you're stuck in one place or the other so."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well we'll be on Toni in the front and in the back of the lots tomorrow, you'll see us first thing in the morning."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Alright, thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Brian, I just want to ask administration, now that budget time is coming up, I would like the administration and I won't put it in a form of a motion because of the agenda item. But I want to see a recommendation on how we can improve the structure in this department with drainage. As individual council members we should not have a resident come talk and complain about their drainage issue year after year after year. We need a recommendation on how to improve the structure of that department and the drainage areas specifically and that's my official request."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I second that."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "You got a motion? Put it in a motion, that's what you're doing?"

Councilman Wright stated, "I will hold off because it is not proper agenda

item, but I would like to at the next meeting."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok thank you."

Kurt Becnel/Larry Sorapuru - Noranda Alumina - Red dust issues

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Thank you Councilman Perrilloux. Administration is attempting to arrange a meeting with the Noranda Plant Manager and Councilman Sorapuru to discuss in detail citizens' concerns."

Councilman Becnel asked, "Have you made that arrangement?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Yes, just when yawl are available to meet, give me some dates and the plant managers are more than happy to meet with yawl. He's ready to go."

Councilman Becnel asked, "Okay, but can I address what the citizens are concerned with, my constituents?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Sure."

Councilman Becnel asked, "Even though he's not here?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Sure."

Councilman Becnel stated, "You know he or she, listen first of all when I took office a lot of people kept asking me, Councilman Becnel when are you going to address the red dust? Now, I am a person who lives practically across from that plant and this is something that's happening consistently, I'm serious. Red dust, my roof is red now, my house I give up on washing and painting it. So basically and some of the constituents and the dust just doesn't affect Wallace, it goes as far as Edgard and it's nothing nice. Sometimes Noranda may say; well I haven't been getting any reports and I haven't been seeing any red dust, but let me say this to you; when it returns it returns with a vengeance. We go out there my windshield, tennis shoes, landscape, vegetation, everything, it's just red it's seriously red. And this is what disturbs me. When a couple of my constituents, I wrote down what they said; a couple of them came up to me and they said; they were given a number to call and this is what I didn't like they said; they called that numbers and they didn't get a response, they even texted that number and they still didn't get no response. Now I think that's very disrespectful because what I think they're doing, they're giving you a number and those people are frustrated because when they call they're calling with some serious issues. So I would appreciate it, if these people do a better job of effective communication. Give us a number that somebody is going to answer. That's one of my complaints and like about 2 to 3 weeks ago, I just want it for the records to say; I was on my way to work and I said, well I don't see too much red dust, but what happened a lighter version of it fell, it came out and it released and I started picking it up almost toward Old Second Ward High School, so basically the dust still does exist. I mean like I said earlier, it may seem like it might be a month that is doesn't appear but it does, it does. So I'm going to say this and closing out Councilman Sorapuru comment. What I hope to see happen is this; through all automation, engineering and modern technology that a system is put in place where this red dust could be immediately stopped, okay and that's all I have to say."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes Jobe' I did get an email form Ms. LaVerne and yourself about trying to have a meeting with Noranda. I did make a phone call to him on yesterday and he was in a meeting and he called me back and I was in a meeting. But as Mr. Becnel said, this problem has been going on since 1956, Norandas' been in the St. James Parish since 1956, I understand that they could be filing bankruptcy at some point, I don't know exactly what the legal ramification is right now, but the people in the Wallace community and on the Westbank of Edgard have been breathing this dust since 1956, it's bauxite. I did have an opportunity to talk with one of the plant managers, I don't know if that's the same guy I spoke about a year ago, there was a meeting that was held with DEQ in St. James Parish, I had an opportunity to talk with him outside after the meeting and the reason I want him here tonight, if that was the same one, he assured me one year that they were putting an application of some type of dust collector that would be in place to eliminate a lot of the dust. And they unload it from the barges and when you cross the bridge you can really see what's going on, I mean it's a cloud that's constantly coming out, it's getting into the river and it's getting into our drinking water, it's getting on people's homes, people are breathing this, like Mr. Becnel said the technology, we have technology today to put something in place to stop this and since 1956 this plants been here, I know we have local people working in this facility, I'm going to recommend that he idle this plant completely until we solve this dust problem. And we're not, we take this very serious, we have a lot of people with respiratory illnesses that's in the community right now and this is a very old settled community and it's a shame that people have to live in those conditions. So he's not here tonight, he was supposed to send a representative here, I realize this is a plant that's not totally in St. John Parish, but we have to take responsibility for the health of the people who live in this community. Public Health and I think that's part of your responsibility, part of my responsibility and everybody around this community. So whatever needs to be done, we need to get to the table and we just solve this problem. That's all I'm asking."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Yes sir and as stated, Plant Manager another commitment he was not able to attend, he did send a representative but I think that meeting with the Plant Manager is warranted and why don't we try and schedule that and talk with the Plant Manager."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well we're going to have a conversation, but that Plant Manager needs to sit down and talk with this community, not just Mr. Becnel and myself."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Sure, sure."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "He needs to talk to this whole community, but I wanted the council members to see here and understand what we've been facing since 1956 in this community here. And we have a lot of good industries along the river, so it's not fair to let one company to just railroad this whole community. Thank you."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Yes sir, we'll schedule a meeting."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Evette Lacarbo Anderson vs. The Hartford Casualty Insurance Company, Et als - 40th JDC Parish of St. John Docket #52225

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

Any and all pending legal matters

Notice of Public Meeting

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Joel McTopy Chambers, 1801 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Parish of St. John the Baptist to authorize the rededication of an ad valorem tax."

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-38 An ordinance amending Ordinance 15-57 relative to the annual operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I'd like to thank Eliza Eugene with Blessed to be a Blessing, Marathon - the title sponsor, Omega Psi Phi and all of the other sponsors for assisting with the Back Pack Extravaganza. More than 700 Parish youth received school bags, hygiene kits and school supplies to start the new school year. The event was a coordinated effort between many elected officials, groups and local organizations and a host of volunteers. Everyone's time and support is appreciated thank you. On the West Bank, the Community Action Panel hosted the second annual West St. John Festival and school supply give away. The festival included music, food, a health fair and an overall good time. I had the privilege of presenting proclamations for Rudolph Coach George Dinvaut and Hillary Matthew Bossier for their roles in education and sports at WSJ High/St. John Parish School Systems. Thank you to the residents of District 3 who attended last week's town hall meeting. Thanks also goes to Pastor Donald August and his team for hosting the quarterly Rising Star meeting. Both were very informative and much needed meetings. Pastor August and Mr. Carl Butler did a great job of managing the Rising Star meeting. Congratulations to Raising Cane's in LaPlace on their 10 year anniversary remodeling project. Raising Cane's is a true community partner and we encourage everyone to check out their new look. We celebrated the completion of the Foxwood Levee and Drainage Project Friday and appreciate all who joined us for the ceremony. We are pleased that this much needed and long-awaited project is finally completed, protecting the residents of this neighborhood from storm water and backwater flooding. On Friday, August 12, weather permitting, we will break ground on the new Eastbank Government Complex at 2pm. All officials and the public are invited us to join us for this monumental groundbreaking to commemorate the start of the new 44,130 square foot building. We are monitoring weather conditions for Friday and will send out information if this changes. On Wednesday, August 17th at 9:00 am, we will break ground and take a photo to commemorate the start and breaking ground of the Mississippi River Trail near E 29th St. in Reserve. Shortly thereafter at 9:30 am, we will break ground and take a photo to commemorate

the start and breaking ground of the Garyville Timbermill Trail in front of the Timbermill Museum in Garyville. At 10:30 am, we will break ground in Edgard at the new WB Senior Center. Please join us if your schedule allots. The grants office held a very successful contractor meeting on Friday. Interested contractors for the CDBG housing programs can call the Grants Office at 985-359-0555 to obtain more information on how to get involved. LSU and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will start reaching out to residents this month to conduct a hurricane preparedness survey. The phone survey, which comes through LSU, will consist of questions about individual preparedness plans and will be conducted in the months of August, September and October. Feedback from the survey will be used to gauge whether residents are taking the correct protective measures in preparation for a storm and will be used to help officials better coordinate preparedness activities so please take the opportunity to answer the questions if you get called. The Road Improvement Program has begun and we are asking motorists and residents for their patience. The list of streets can be found on sjbparish.com and photos will be added to the website and social media. More than \$800,000 will be spent on the road improvement program this year. Metro Service Group has started the new garbage collection contract and we ask residents to be patient as we work through the transition and assessment of the current routes. At this time, no route changes have been made and the company and contact information for Metro has been posted on the St. John website and TV. They can be reached at 985-359-2116. For those who use email, their email is stjohn@metroservicegroup.com. The Communications Department is working on an informative flyer that will be distributed in all water bills with the contact information included. Reminder to residents that it is hurricane season and we are expecting heavy rainfall this week as well some days so to always have a game plan in place. Remember to sign up for Parish emergency alerts by visiting our website at sjbparish.com or calling Communications at (985) 652-2222. These alerts are customizable and are very important in the event of emergencies such as what happened last week. THANK YOU!

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:31 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY