

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 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 23rd, 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 Remonet, 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 Sorapuru led the Prayer. Councilman Madere led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Geoffrey Michel and Leandre Millet was present.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

New Business - (Carry Over 8-9-16) ZoraChristina Catering - LaPlace

Michael & Monique McGee-Duronslet introduced themselves as the owners of ZoraChristina Catering, LLC. and are located at 2003 W. Airline Hwy. next to New Wine Christian Fellowship and are open for lunch 11:00am - 3:00pm. The restaurant offers freshly prepared daily lunches, healthy meal preps for a healthier lifestyle. The menu is available on Facebook and Instagram or you may call at (985) 359-3673. The Council and President Robottom welcomed and wished them great success.

Phillip Rebowe - 2015 Audit Presentation

Ross Gonzales stated, "Good afternoon Council. Mr. Rebowe is not able to join us tonight, he is a little bit under the weather. So one of his partners Ms. Becky Hammond from Carl Riggs is going to present the report."

Becky Hammond was present and gave a brief presentation and highlighted some of the findings on the December 31, 2015 Annual Audit for the parish. (Presentation booklet attached to minutes)

CONSENT AGENDA:

ITEMS: Approval of Minutes - August 9th, 2016, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - August 9th, 2016, Regular Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

16-36 (Public Hearing Held) (Tabled 08-09-16) 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: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 16-36 from the table. The motion passed unanimously.

16-38 (Public Hearing Held) 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 Capita Project Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. (N. Robottom)

Ross Gonzales stated, *"A copy of the Budget Amendment Explanations corresponding with the amendments was sent to the Council last week. The amendments reconcile fund balances with the audit and address changes to the original budget based on actual revenues and expenditures to date. Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-38. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Thank you, I'd like to offer a motion that the council accepts the recommendation 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:

Jaclyn Hotard/Michael Wright - Resolution - R16-44 - A Resolution to instruct administration to subdivide and create a drainage unit within the public works department

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Resolution R16-44. A resolution to instruct administration to subdivide and create a drainage unit within the public works department. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to suspend the rules to move item Larry Snyder - Electrical outages in District VI up. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Snyder - Electrical outages in District VI

Kerry Jones, Entergy of Louisiana stated, "I represent District, well St. John the Baptist Parish and St. James Parish as a Customer Service Rep for the area. Here on the request of Councilman Snyder in reference to the outage that occurred on August 8th, 2016 at 4:02 AM. Basically after further investigation we found equipment failure at a cross arm at Moller Furniture Store and we were able to determine that the outage lasted 82 minutes, obviously again it was at 4:00 in the morning, so we had to wait until personnel arrived on the scene to investigate and prepare the cross arm. Affected customers were 4,596 customers and again the outage lasted 82 minutes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "My concerns were and this time is that they just mentioned before is that, have we found out the reason for those happening? Because it happened the first time and I was told that there was nothing wrong, they checked for water, they checked for animals, they checked for this we checked for that and it came from our department, then I talked you and you told me the exact same thing. And yawl reset it, where yawl had to reset it and the power came back on. And my concern then is that, this can happen at any time, you know and we have people that rely on A/C you know, not air condition I mean rely on that power for survival in some cases. And here we're having this again, was it a breakdown in equipment?"

Kerry Jones stated, "A broken cross arm."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Oh a cross arm that broke?"

Kerry Jones stated, "Correct."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is there any possibility that could have been part of this problem before? Cause I think it was in that same area."

Kerry Jones stated, "The outage that happened before was near the pump near East St. John in the rear. We did research that, we found no faults near or on our equipment, but I'm going to actually defer a little bit more to Aaron Harris our Network Supervisor, he can give you more details on that on that outage."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And let me ask. I think that outage was caused by the snake in the system? That's not it?"

Kerry Jones stated, "No."

Aaron Harris stated, "I'm the Network Supervisor for the Reserve area in St. John Parish. The 2 outages that you mentioned prior to this outage on the 8th, we did have 2 other outages that affected those customers, one was on June 8th, the other one was on July 29th and what we found with that outage, the June 6th outage happened, we patrolled the line and we did not find anything. Because line primarily runs straight down Airline Highway, it's a pretty clean route but what we found after we patrolled it and after we closed the line back in, there is a re-closer, which is an isolated device right there by East St. John High School that goes to the back and feed the pump and also feed

part of Belle Terre. So after we got the feeder back in we noticed that that device was still out. We patrolled the line behind that device and put the line back in, the line stayed in. And then when the July 29th incident happened it was the same thing, where we patrolled the line didn't find anything, again we found that re-closer had operated along with the feeder, so what we've done now, we've taken that re-closer offline. So we think that the re-closer at East St. John looking at the pump and looking at part of Belle Terre that that might have been the cause for the June outage the June 8th outage, so we did take that piece of equipment offline and unfortunately the last one we had was actually a cross arm, so it something that we can patrol the line, the arm is broken we know we've got to replace it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we think we have found part of the problem?"

Aaron Harris stated, "I think we resolved what we consider to be a nuisance outage. Because you know we go out there and patrol and we don't find anything, but I must tell you this that this circuit out of Belle Pointe Substation which is our Circuit 846 is probably one of our most populated circuit, I mean we've got 4,500 customers on this circuit, so it's the biggest one we have in the area."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah I think my house is on it too."

Aaron Harris stated, "Yeah it affects a lot of people when it goes out and we are looking to see if there's any way that we can break this thing down a little bit, to where we wouldn't have as many customers affected when we do have an outage."

Councilman Snyder asked "So in analysis we think that maybe that one re-closer that kicked open?"

Aaron Harris stated, "We believe that that caused the June and the July outage."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok alright, so let's hope for the best then."

Aaron Harris stated, "Yeah and we're always looking for ways to improve and like I said, we don't like to have anybody out for more than they like to be out. So the meters' not turning we're not making any money, so we don't like the meters to stop turning."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's not nice to say!"

Councilwoman Pannu asked, "I have a question. How long does it take for you all to inform the residents that there's an outage, because those who have already signed up, usually we get a text message that there's an outage in your area or at your home or sometimes you do give us the address. How long does that usually take?"

Aaron Harris stated, "Well the information, if you look at view outage, now I don't know how long it takes for the text message come out, but we have an app on view outage, where you can go on and you can see the outage, see what areas affected, it gives you a map, you can see what lines you can almost zoom in to where you can see your street to kind of know and it highlights the outage in

red so you can kind of see where it is. But as far as text messaging and all, I mean that probably take maybe a half an hour or whatever and then again it just tells you that have an outage it doesn't give you any information, but as we get information we put it in so the customer gets the latest and greatest as far as what's happening with the outage."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Yeah you should be doing that text message announcing that there's an outage and then get another one saying that it's restored. That's good, we like it."

Aaron Harris stated, "Right, right. But sometimes it depends on the outages to because what we try is, as things happen we try to update, but we try to always I guess air so we won't have to keep calling you back telling you something changed."

Kerry Jones stated, "And just to kind of elaborate a little bit on that, the message that it sounds like that you're looking for would be updated in view outage, we won't send you a text telling you what the cause was. It would be incumbent on the customer to back into the outage into the app and click on that area and see what the updated cause was. But we're not going to keep sending a text on what the cause was, we'll send you one to let you know that it's out and one to let you know that it's back on now. You know if that's something that you know the customers feel like they want, that's something Entergy can explore a little bit more on."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Very good. Yeah if you could let the residents know there's an opportunity for them to put that app on their cell phones or you know or to the email, however you want them to know."

Aaron Harris stated, "You can put it on your computer, you can put it on your iPad, on the phone whatever. And it's a pretty good app, it's not just about outages, it give you a whole lot of information about the company, about energy efficiency and a whole lot of other stuff. So it's a real good app."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Especially for businesses that are on the same grid like you know, someone who owns a restaurant and they can make sure they don't open their freezers because otherwise their food is going to go real bad and we really don't know how long it takes. So it's very important for small businesses especially and homes also."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much, thank you all."

Larry Snyder - Vicknair Canal cleaning issues

Brian Nunes stated, "Good evening, Mr. Snyder as you are aware, we're out there cleaning Vicknair Canal currently with our machine now and our force, I don't know what your concerns are but I can address them."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I really don't have any concerns. I'm kind of surprise to see it's on here myself. Cause I know you and I talked, yeah we talked and you told me what was going on with that big machine."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "It's probably cause after you had talked, she had sent it to the paper already, that's why."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh maybe that's what happened."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok thank you."

Larry Snyder - Civic Center future use

Councilman Snyder stated, "I want to get this thorn out my side right quick."

Jerry Jones stated, "Ok, Councilman Snyder, the Administration, The Economic Development has requested a copy of the schedule for future events from the Communications Manager, Joe Banner and so we received that documentation earlier today and it outlined what the events were. Did you want to receive a copy of what events were taking place at the Community Center?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well it's just in general, not necessarily that. I put it that way because I know that we can have our Andouille Festival every year, I think I talked to someone about that and then that's 2 weeks where ever that can take us. But we can't put another 2 weeks nowhere aside for the high school graduations and stuff like that, I was concerned about that, future uses and that's still a thorn in my side."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Snyder it's not locked up..."

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

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Because I remember voting on this thing and we haven't used it at all. And I read the promo on it and it doesn't say anything about the use on it just says everything about Sound Stage, that's all it is now Sound Stage, even in the promo on the internet it's Sound Stage nothing about we using it for our public and things like that. And that kind, and when I hear St. Charles is using theirs for big meetings or they're going to having this and that there. It just rubbing me the wrong way, that's why I just brought it up again."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well I agree with you and we just actually signed a 4 year agreement from one of the organizations. We're not, we've spoken with Ms. Banner on that, we never did agree to lock it up just for movies, we have been keeping it open and have asked her to negotiate with them around the schedule that we have. And if there are things again that need to be scheduled, we'd like to know those in advance, we actually have some events already scheduled through next year. We can get you as well a list of all the events not just, not just the paid ones but we have been utilizing the center for a lot of parish events, as well as movies and there's weddings, there's meetings, there's balls, there's parties, so we can provide that list to you, but we've made a conscious decision not to just lock it up with moves, but we do need to have some conversation with the Tourist Commission and Ms. Banner, because we do think it could be marketed more and we're not just going to lock it up for movie productions. But I can tell you there's some misunderstanding out there about what could be done, I spoke with one of the clubs that actually moved one of their event to the Boat Club, not realizing that they can get an alcohol permit and actually have alcohol. So I think there's some misinformation out there as well about what our rentals will allow."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I agree with all of that to just say; why can't we lock it up for 2 weeks in May?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We can."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We can?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah, if a school wants it."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would love to comment on that because I attempted..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Wait hold on let Mr. Snyder finish and then I'll get to you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's what I'm talking about there. Lock it up in October, why can't we do it for 2 weeks? We have 4 high schools in this parish, they can use that building instead of driving down to New Orleans down there some place and use that building."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually they could if they chose to, but we've never, I know we discuss this every year, we've never received a request from any of those schools, three of them have them, one's is church, one's in their own gym, the largest one I'm not sure about capacity but we did bring it up for East St. John and West St. John host theirs on the Westbank. So if any of those schools are interested in utilizing the building, then they just have to put in that request. But we are not locking it up and just holding it for movie productions."

Councilman Snyder asked, "When the movie does contact us about coming in here, how much time you would give us? Say well we'll be here next week?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No, no most of the time like right now Queen Sugar finished filming. They took down their set, I think they're looking at whether they want to come back but because we locked it up for DuMonde, their option is to come in March through whatever. So if it's locked up, the negotiation has to be within the timeframe that's available."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok!"

Natalie Robottom stated, "But again we're not going to lock it without having an agreement in place, not just because you asked for it, we'll just hole the date for you but if you go through..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Not because I asked for it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Not you, if whoever, like if you just if I say: I'd like to use but if you go through the process and complete the paperwork and put down your deposit or whatever it is, well then we'll lock it up. But Ms. Banner was more functioning on the movie production but we again, had conversations with her that's not our focus just have movies. Now keep in mind that's what generates the revenue and allows us to fund the building. Clearly that combination of both is what allows us not to run it a deficit in the building."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes ma'am."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But we can get yawl that information. I think they put together the movie productions, the other rentals and then of course the parish events that were held that actually don't generate revenue."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and Councilman Snyder I appreciate you putting that on the agenda, I know I've had it on the agenda, I want to go on the record again just expressing my frustration with how the Civic Center is marketed, how it's booked, it's not a perception that the building is not available, it's a reality. I actually contacted the Civic Center a few weeks ago, I emailed them on behalf of Riverside because they have one of the largest graduating classes and they need to use the building and I was told that they were renewing with Queen Sugar and the building was going to be locked up for like 6 months, that's what Joe told me. I said, so do you have a signed contract? I've worked in that business, I said if you don't have a signed contract I mean you're just holding these things tentatively? She the contract is in negotiation so that date wasn't available so could I look at another date? So obviously no, they can't look at another date. So...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And we don't have that locked up. We have on the form that we have, potentially again they had to, once we committed to DuMonde, then it wasn't available January through so they started looking in March. So I've not received a document to sign that says it's locked up."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I spoke, I spoke with her on August 16th and that was the information that I gave because actually Kimmy she emailed me and Joe was out of town, I guess at a conference and then Joe called me and stated that the contract was pretty much going to be handled and I expressed to her my frustration at that time, I know I've brought motions before the council that we bring in companies who this is what they do...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And we may want to revisit that. I agree..."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Just like you know the Pontchartrain Center and those places, I think I think at the time all I was asking from the council, let's seek proposals, let's see what's out there. It cost us nothing to say hey; let everybody put their cards on the table and tell me what you could do for the center. Because like I said, it's not a perception that the center is pretty much on locking key. It is reality, you know and I experienced it myself, if I have to I will bring that back before the council in 2 weeks that we look and see what's available."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I think it's a good idea."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We don't need to kick them out, I think that's what the concern was at the time that there was an attempt on my behalf, they even brought their Executive Director here and asked not to be thrown out of the building. I think it was political grandstanding at its best, but there is no attempt to get the Civic Center or whatever you call them, the Tourist Commission out of the building but there is an attempt on my part and I would say my fellow Council Members sharing that to get the residents in. And they've have not been able to find a way to get into the building and I haven't been able to find a way to get into the building as a Council Member on behalf a high school in St. John Parish. So the frustration is beyond level 10, Jerry I know you kind of walked into this disaster on 51, but it's something we need to revisit."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't think we're disagreeing with you. Because we

had that conversation today and I think I had to actually override Joe."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And at the time, there was a disagreement you know I know that was the past but at the time, it was met with a lot of obstruction just to see what's out there. But what we have isn't working, it wasn't working then and it's not working now and can guarantee you, it's not going to be working in the future. So..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "So obviously something we can talk about and put together a plan, I think Jerry was in contact with Mr. Aucoin today, with our disappointment not being able to get his information that we've been requesting for 2 weeks. And again making some decisions about the building, I think we experienced some of it with the backpack giveaway without any kind of communication with our office. So I think we're on the same page it's where we want to be with the building, but keep in mind there are a couple of things to be fiscally responsible, we have to find a mechanism that allows for both. I think that it's doable, but just we'll share the information with you on what we're getting when we utilize it or allow it to be utilized for parish sponsored events, what we get when we do rentals versus what we rent it out to movies and that I think is good information to go into the decision."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And would I'd like to ask, Jerry if you can come back to the council in 2 weeks and even reach out to Jefferson or whatever language they use for RFP's and put together something and ask this council to authorize us to just seek proposals and let those companies that do this, put together their packages, you know this is what they do, it's not something that you will have to reinvent. So if you have to put that in a form of a motion, I will, I think it's going to happen though, but please come back to the council at the next council meeting expecting us to authorize request for proposal process to get proposals from other companies on what they can bring to the center."

Jerry Jones stated, "And we'll forward you guys the upcoming events that will be taking place over the next couple of months also."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and I'll forward you this date as well, because I already told Riverside it was booked based on the communication from the civic center."

Jerry Jones asked, "And you said what date was it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "You said the date on there is covered but I haven't seen a contract."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No there isn't one."

Jerry Jones stated, "I haven't seen a contract either. It hasn't come to our office either."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Yes Jerry are yawl advertising on the website, the parishes website the use of the building cost and everything, is that on the website?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Jerry Jones stated, "That's also on there. It also explains the layout of the

facility of the sound stage."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Not to add fuel to the fire or anything, but one thing I had noticed in the last 3 years, is other facilities have decided to use movies as a way of getting around deficits. But one thing that I did notice a few times there were a couple of commercials filmed. They're in and out in 2 or 3 days, we could maybe form a niche and make that as a niche for ours, cause you can get them out before the weekend. Just a thought to add to it."

Jerry Jones stated, "And we can definitely look into that..."

Councilwoman Remondet interrupting stated, "It's just a thought to get the best of both worlds. Something short and sweet and small and in and out in a few days then the rest of the time it's available."

Jerry Jones stated, "Cause we do have to find a balance like the President said, when you look at what we do with movies and then what we have to do without movies, we're talking about significant difference as far as what we see as a deficit versus what we see as a profit. Not necessarily profit, but what we see as making our numbers hold on that side."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much and I want to add because I have had that conversation with Ms. Banner about that facility myself, like we going to lock this up for movies. Thank you Mr. Snyder for putting it on and Ms. Hotard yes, I think it's time to move on with that building and I am in support of moving on with that building because I have had enough myself. It's time to move on."

Larry Snyder - Andouille Festival vendors/booths selection

Jerry Jones stated, "A copy of the application process is attached and was posted on the Parish website until it closed on July 31, 2016. The process is managed by a committee and is on a first come basis. The goal of the selection process is to secure a variety of food and craft vendors. Drinks are managed by the Parish and help to offset festival expenses."

Councilman Snyder asked, "This has changed, am I right? 3 years, this year, from last year the year before and all the other years as far as; how we select the vendors? It haven't changed?"

Jerry Jones stated, "No and we've had conversation about it. We put out information that showed the deadline and as we received the applications, we dated them, the date they were received and we placed them on a sheet in order according to the time in which they were received. And as we did that we went through there, we made that those folks received their vendor spot. If you came in after the deadline, the only way you could get on the list is if someone from the list that made it actually opted out from doing so. And we've only had maybe two people that opted out form doing so."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is to any of you recollection that's the way it always been?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Pretty much we had. At one time we did, if you participated the year before, you were given first option for the next year. Anyone who dropped out they couldn't hand their booth to someone else. Other

people were able to get an opportunity to get in as a vendor and you try not to duplicate foods either."

Jerry Jones stated, "And this year we had 37 applications, and we actually had to extend our lot area as far as laying down for the food vendors, so we've taken in more people this year because of the applications that were submitted."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I'm not sure Julia if you remember how many you've had, but we keep reconfiguring the site. How many?"

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "We had about 16 at one time that was the max."

Natalie Robottom stated, "16 right! So we actually expanded the number by reconfiguring the site and now we're up to thirty some, again trying to give more people opportunity. When we do expand though, we have to have you know the installation of water and power to those booths and of course the parish actually provides the tents and booth space and the label. So we gradually try to increase that and we keep trying to, but we do try and get a variety because the vendors themselves don't want somebody selling what they're selling, so you know its competition so we do try you know manage a variety so we go over what they're selling. And I think we talked about this, we did have people that complained about other people supposedly selling one thing and then bringing in some other things as well and the committee, there's actually a monitor, I think it was Raj!"

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Yes."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Raj is the food vendor monitor, she goes around and make sure that you know that they're wearing their gloves, that they're doing what they're supposed, they're functioning in their booth, the right number of people are there, so it is a committee decision that reviews it, but we did try to expand it as much as we can based on the property that we have, because people want to be able to see the band, you know they don't want to be isolated, so just trying to configure it so that they could has been a challenge but each year we've added a few booths."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So it's first come first serve? The vendors?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "That's what we're saying now? First come first serve now, regardless what you're selling? Yes, I mean if I'm the first on the list and I'm selling red beans and fried chicken and the next guy can't sell red beans and fried chicken?"

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "Exactly, exactly, I think that's..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Hold up hold up one at a time. Mr. Snyder you have the floor and I'll go to Ms. Pannu after."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Right, right so I understand that part of it, but that's what I'm talking about, first come first serve. And if I come there first, it doesn't matter who sold red beans and chicken last year, I want it this year. I just want to make sure we understand that because I don't know if that message got out except on the application themselves because as long as I

have been living in this parish, it's always been, this one got this you can't sell that, what else you want? And this year it seems to have changed and that's my concern right there, so there's going to be a next year or a next year, god spare our lives you know, I just you know make sure it's done fair and equitable every time."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Mr. Larry I agree with you..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Hold on Ms. Hotard, Ms. Pannu had the floor after she was asking. Go ahead Ms. Pannu. Mr. Snyder is finished Ms. Pannu go ahead."

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "What I remember doing is, we had to go through the applications and make sure that 2 applicants do not sell the same stuff because it's you know it defeats the purpose. So we had gone through that and of course I was very concerned about the health aspects, because I host an Asian Heritage Festival every year at the zoo. I think I've done that for 18 years already, so I really wanted to bring it here also, so that we can become bigger and better because god forbid somebody eats some which is contaminated or it's not cooked properly or a child is running around and get burnt, so that was what I was trying to help out with. But the selection, they do have a committee I do remember sitting on the committee and we go through a ton of you know review of all the items that are submitted in them, some of them did have duplicates but we told them that either if you want to sell, you cannot sell this but you have to come up with something else otherwise we may not be able to allow you to be on the list, on the final list. So it's a very fare process, but like you said its first come first serve, it doesn't matter even if you are last year and I agree I think we have to do away with giving preference if someone is a vendor last year, if that person has not submitted his or her application within that time span, I don't think they should be given the first preference. First preference should be given to the person who comes in first and then we go with the next one."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And I guess we need clarity because I guess we always understood it was that, if you did you know make paper let's say last year, as long as you got your application in for paper before the deadline, then you were the one who you were going to sell paper again. But it sounds like what you're saying is something different that if it opens on July 1st it didn't matter if you sold paper last year, if I bring my application for paper in first, now all of a sudden they're not selling paper I am. But it doesn't seem like that's the way it's been handled in the past, it seems like if you sold that item one year, you were like given the first right of refusal."

Jerry Jones stated, "The only preferential treatment that occurs is for local vendors. Because we want, this is a local event, we want to keep the heritage and the customs and traditions intact. So that's the only preference that we give is to local vendors, but even in that, as it says here; in keeping with the event's mission, local vendors will receive first consideration, but all are encouraged to apply. In order to maintain a variety of different menu options, duplicate menu items are not allowed. First choice is given to vendors in the order that the applications are received. All applications are date and time stamped. And that was completely done. We complied with that. This is actually from last year but this is this year's application, so all we did was changed the date from 2015 to 2016."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm glad to hear that is that, you and I have talked about that before and I want to be sure it gets to the public on what's going on here and so now its first come first serve. Ok, am I right there?"

Jerry Jones stated, "Yes sir correct."

Councilman Snyder asked, "I can sell whatever, if I'm first I sell whatever I want to sell, as long as I pay that four hundred something dollars vendor's fee?"

Jerry Jones stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay and with the Arts and Crafts?"

Jerry Jones stated, "Same thing."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Same thing? What about the services that parish put on? Services the parish put on services too, don't they? Don't they sell drinks, parking and drinks and parking I think! I think that's all."

Jerry Jones stated, "Well I know that we handle the drinks but we have like non-profit organizations like the schools, the local high schools, they actually serve the drinks and they get a donation from the festival of a nominal fee to those companies."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is that rotated?"

Jerry Jones stated, "That is rotated. Actually the high schools, we had this discussion today in fact, there's some high schools that have received the opportunity to do it last year, we tried to not have them come in, we try to allow the other high schools to come in and be able to get those funds. So we do try to rotate that portion of the operation around."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You do! And you do that because I know our school is one of those that don't get it every year, but they do it one or two years. What about the parking?"

Jerry Jones stated, "Parking is done, I think the parish, Sheriff's Department and Rollo."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is that rotated?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "The parking?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah."

Jerry Jones asked, "You're talking about security?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think parking is just, you know the only people who get VIP parking are the vendors and that section is separated and there's security in the parking lot that steers you where to park. Everybody else there's a handicap parking spot by the library, because our first year had a problem with that people trying to push wheelchairs through rocks, but you know that section is now by the library. But parking is just..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think he means the gate."

Councilman Madere stated, "The gate where they park. Where they all come in and park, if they pay to park."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yeah they, no they don't pay to park, they pay to come into the festival."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think Mr. Snyder mean who do we rotate at the gate, who's at the gate collecting the funds?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Ok yeah, historically the Lions Club has collected, Rotary has sold daiquiris. I'm not sure Julia do you remember those are the..."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Those are the two."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And the schools, actually it's more than just high schools."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is that rotated also?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "To my knowledge that has been consistent."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Will we rotate it?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We hadn't in the past. Obviously it's something that we can discuss but..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "You know they have a lot of non-profit organizations would like to get part of that also. Some don't get anything now."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again, that's something we can discuss that's how it's been, it's worked and you know it's open to discussion but the festival is already moving forward for this year, but it's clearly something we can visit."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah I understand what Mr. Snyder is talking about because that was a concern of mine for the last couple of years, we rotate everything else. The Lions Club or whoever it is that handle the parking they do it every year and they get a portion."

Natalie Robottom stated, "There's no parking, it's not about parking it's just the gate."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "The gate the gate."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's the gate. So let's make sure we're clear on the gate."

Councilman Madere stated, "It's about dollars, that's all I'm talking about. Okay its dollars they're collecting. Ok whether it's parking or the gate it's dollars. So what I'm saying is they get a portion of that, how much does the parish get from that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually limited, they used to get 50%, but we've

done a lot of marketing that's costing us, so we limited the amount that they would get for working the 3 nights, to a set fee and the rest of that the parish gets."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay but the only thing I think Mr. Snyder is saying is the same thing I believe that, that should be rotated just like we rotate everything else to the individual non-profit organization. They should have a chance and you know they should have a chance, okay it should be rotated. One group should not have it all the time."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks and just to add with Lions Club, as a member of the Lions Club not that yawl can't look at rotating it, but it does take a lot of people. I know usually we have about 60 or 70 people that actually takes to man the gates both gates, I don't know about Daiquiris and things like that and things, but it might be a little different. But it definitely takes an organization and I think Julia maybe can tell you, I've only worked the gate a few times, but even from the Andouille Festival just how you know much organization it takes going into doing those gates not that anybody else can't do it. But like I said, I know it takes about 70 people over the weekend with all those different shifts, not sure about the other things, it's something to look into though. But it would definitely take somebody who we know who is going to be able to man those gates."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "And since its set this year, we can look at it for 2017 and see about changing it again. We can revisit that again. Thank you."

Larry Snyder - Tall grass in District VI

Alexandra Carter stated, "Good evening council. As a result of the recent sweep in District VI, 9 properties have been cut. Repeat offenders have been checked. Three (3) have been written up for high grass. Details regarding the current status have been provided to District VI Councilman."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well since all this has been done, I don't have high grass in District VI anymore."

Alexandra Carter stated, "That's what I want to hear."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I don't have high grass in District VI so I'm satisfied. Now I'm trying to figure out a way where we can get some of that money back quicker. And I'm looking at, one thought that passed through my head was putting it on water bills. I don't know how legal that is, we may have to talk to legal on that some time. I'll probably give Keith or one of them a call and talk to them about that. But I know we spend a lot of money on this and we don't get it back until the end of the year, but if we put it on as taxes, we suppose to get it back and we were supposed to put on as taxes that was supposed to start about 2 years ago if I'm not mistaken."

Alexandra Carter stated, "We do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah right I understand that but it's better to wait until the end of the year. And in the meantime, we're burning up our budget to take care of some of these people grass."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me just caution you because we don't have

that on the agenda to talk about how we collect it, I think we need to do that off the line, not at this meeting. We were talking about tall grass in District VI and we can talk about collections...

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's public talk, grass issues."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "They didn't have it in hear so we have to talk to collections and get with the attorneys."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah ok, alright."

Larry Snyder/Lennix Madere - Water bill issues - discussion

Ross Gonzales stated, "A memo regarding the increased number of days in this billing cycle and the plan to address the issue moving forward was provided to Council members. Individuals with questions about their bills should contact Curtis Young or myself."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah so since both of you are here I'm going to contact both of you. I have an issue with my water bill, it's more than 40 days and I know that mean I'm being retired, I'm on a set salary, so that mean I've got to a, I got to pay a lot more extra money for sewage and water, what else goes, mosquitos, that'll probably being going up soon. So what are we doing to get this thing to come back in line, my understanding that may be bills higher than 40 days coming up pretty soon?"

Ross Gonzales stated, "It could be and let me just give you some of the generalities. Ten years ago the parish installed Wi-Fi or meet me, transmittal readers, register readers throughout the parish. As a general rule, no parish should ever install them parish wide because they have a 10 year battery life and they're geared to fail in 10 years, our 10 year mark is August 31st this year. So we're starting to see more and more batteries die and I'm going to let Curtis chime in on that, but it's a lot bigger problem, it could potentially be a lot bigger problem than it is today. Once out of a 40 or 42 billing cycle is you only get 9 bills in a year not 12. So it should average out to about the same dollars, but I know when you're on a fixed budget with a fixed income, it's not always easy to pay, but that is an upside to it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right that's right. Oh I understand I understand exactly what's happening here now. But moving forward, what do we have to look forward to and people are complaining about these water bills you know anything, we've got plans yet?"

Curtis Young stated, "Well first all to address that issue I know you were saying..."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Just state you name for the record."

Curtis Young stated, "I'm Curtis Young I'm the Utilities Billing Manager for St. John Parish. To address that matter you were saying as far as the bills going out to 40 and 50 days, we have taken that into consideration and in these particular cycles that are extended in this particular matter, we are not charging any additional late fees and we are giving additional time to make those payments."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's, that's nice."

Curtis Young stated, "Other efforts that we're doing to kind of repair this matter is the additional hiring of new employees and we've also added another electronic meter reader system to go along with the one we already have in place to actually go along to read the meters faster and actually get back to the billing cycles that we're currently at. "

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand very clear what you're saying, we had these electronic readers on the meter and it was a 10 year life expectancy on it. Okay I know you just came aboard, this is not your problem and it's not your problem, that's a problem of the individual who was there before. Okay you know if that this was about ready to die in 10 years and it died in 10 years, that's why we have this problem where individuals having 45/59 days on their bill. And the problem is like Mr. Snyder said, I have a lot of individuals in my district that's on strict fixed incomes, so if their water bill is forty dollars (\$40.00) a month and all of a sudden they have to pay sixty (\$60.00) or eighty (\$80.00), that's something that's out their budget, they can't handle it. You know so that's the problem I think Mr. Snyder had, that's the problem I had. And I understand tonight, that you know you're working with them, okay but that's information that was given out too late. The minute we knew we had that problem, we should have a solution and we should have contacted the individuals and explain that to them, because they're calling us complaining to us and that information what you said tonight is good, but that should have been out before those bills went out. Okay because some people have paid those bills, how long that's been going on?"

Curtis Young stated, "I'm not necessarily sure how long that's been going on, but to address that matter, we've already been working on this matter months ago. We've already changed over about 1800 of the registers."

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh I understand that okay I'm not questioning that. I'm questioning the individuals didn't know what was available for them when they got those big bills, so they've been paying those bills struggling to pay those bills."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No it just happened."

Councilman Madere stated, "At least a couple of months."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And I think again, we apologize for that and we're not aware that that's how it would come out, but once it did we didn't have it on the bill. So I think they worked on revising the bill to let people know on the next cycles because we bill by cycles, so one or two of those cycles went out before we realized what was happening, so on the next set of bills we started putting it on there. So again, you know we appreciate yawl discussing this at a public meeting so our residents can hear, but Curtis has been doing an excellent job I think he said he has worked with at least 60 customers already. We did anticipate the problem, Ross and I have met with him, so we had a plan to help them especially considering those on a fixed income and we also developed a plan and we have some of our workers here who are actually doing these readings to try and expedite and provide additional assistance to try and get caught up on the ones that they were reading manually and then to continue changing them out. So, you know that's already underway, we do encourage you if, it's not for everybody cause you know we do have people calling that it doesn't even affect, okay just letting yawl know, who didn't

get a 42 day bill who would like to be part of this. But again, if you're fitting this situation, we're encouraging you to contact, mostly Curtis is handling it, but Ross is his supervisor. So we do want to work with them and we do have a plan not to have this to continue and the bills that are going out that maybe more than their 30 days now have that on there."

Councilman Madere asked, "Ok so we are changing out those batteries?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes and that's some of the overtime I think yawl got a report from us, we had people working after hours and weekends trying to get those changed out. I think we explained to yawl in the Utilities Meter Reading, that was that group and that's what they've been working on."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay so that's what I'm saying, some of the things that's being done is: they're changing out those meters, they're going to hire some more individuals to read until we get all those meters changed?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They're actually interviewing for it, yeas. And we added another electronic device in the vehicles. So we've done several things already to try and catch that up."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay now I'm glad we got that straight, but nothing beat a pencil, that last a longer than 10 years."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well we also just you know putting everybody on notice, it's a 10 year cycle so, although we're changing them out there's a huge cost to that, so Ross and Curtis have been looking at ways to make this change moving forward to where we're not stuck in 10 more years with everything failing at one time. So we'll probably coming back to you guys with a proposal."

Councilman Madere asked, "Is there any warranty on those batteries?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's running out. The 10 year warranty is running out."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "Okay so we..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "So we actually were getting replacements under warranty yes."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay so that's what I'm saying. So I mean we know the warranty runs out in 10 years, then you know number nine we should be kicking in that warranty. Would that reduce some of the cost?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't think we could just that like that without them working we can't turn them in working to just try and beat the warranty system. But! I don't want to say that on TV..."

Councilman Madere stated, "I hear you!"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yeah, yeah."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But we are, we do have a plan, we'll come back to you, please if any of your constituents call you, without knowing the details of their bill, Curtis has been working very closely with them, we encourage

yawl to have them call him."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you, and thanks Curtis for excellent explaining what was going on. I guess my request would be, once you all got notification that this was taking place, just send us a communication, either directly from you through Bailey, through Communication Department. Because I found out about it on Social Media, and that's always last place as a council member where you want to find out about something like this. And then of course, once I sent the email over to administration I did get the answer, but it was something we were already aware of. So, just to kind of give us all that benefit so when someone ask yawl can immediately respond to it and say hey, this is what's taking place, call Ross call Curtis, you know that kind of thing, it would just help us put those lil fires out."

Curtis Young stated, "Yes ma'am."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Yes I just need a little bit clarification, this battery which yawl keep talking about. When it was going out, when did you'll notice it was weakening, was someone from administration warned that this battery was going out and question #2; when you say you're going to give the constituents extra time, please be more specific with the number of days. If a bill is due on the 31st; how do they have to pay it?"

Curtis Young stated, "Actually right now, there's no specific time frame. I'm working with them as much as they need to get this paid. I'm not putting a rush on them and saying; well you have exactly 2 weeks to pay that or anything like that, because it's not their fault. So since the fault is on us, I'm giving them a longer time frame and like I said there's not exact number on that but depending on the customer, I'm working with them to actually get that resolved."

Councilman Becnel stated, "It seems to me that was a self-inflicted womb by the parish on this one. That's my opinion."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It's was the batteries."

Councilman Becnel stated, "It was the batteries, but what I'm saying is; if the batteries were going out, nobody didn't..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "We had to change them."

Councilman Becnel stated, "I understand that Ms. Robottom, but somebody could have said the batteries weakening, yawl could have got in contact with the manufacturer or whoever yawl bought this system from. That's what I'm saying."

Ross Gonzales stated, "And that has been going on Councilman. The problem really started about 2 years ago, but the failure rate was much smaller. The batteries are in a sealed register, you can't take it apart, its moisture sensitive, so within a 10 year period if we sent one back and it had to be failed, they would not change it on a weak battery, they would exchange it. Well now we're hitting that deadline, and those registers cost about a hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165.00) each, we've got over 16,000 of them out there. Right now we got about 2600 of them that are having to be manually read. It was 2300 back in April, we changed 1500, got it down to about 800, it's back up to 2600. So we think the failure rate is about 3 or 400 a month going forward, so potentially in a year we could have 6 or 7,000 non-readables'."

Councilman Becnel stated, "And please let my constituents know and all the citizens in St. John, when do you all anticipate that we're going to be back on a 30 day billing cycle? Yawl have an estimated date?"

Curtis Young stated, "Right ok. Currently all my personnel right now are devoted to this particular matter. So these billing cycles that went out this current month here, we expected that will be the last one. The next one's going forward, should be back to normal."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok thank you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Are we changing those registers in the parish ourselves or is that by a contractor?"

Curtis Young stated, "We're actually doing it ourselves, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We're actually doing it ourselves? And how many people we got working on that?"

Curtis Young stated, "Right now my entire staff, except four of the ladies that work the office. The entire field staff is dedicated to actually changing these registers at the moment."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh ok, ok alright, alright."

Curtis Young stated, "We also are borrowing personnel from other sources of the Utilities Department."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you guys."

Lennix Madere - Tall grass in District III

Alexandra Carter stated, "Twenty-nine grass violations were written up from July 18, 2016 to August 18, 2016. Repeat offenders and other violations are being processed. Details regarding the current status will be provided shortly to District III Councilman. Based on concerns expressed by Council members, proposed updates to improve enforcement operations are being drafted to ordinance's involving nuisance violations."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I didn't get a chance to look at those, that information but I will tonight. I think my biggest concern is the repeat offenders, to make sure that we get that done in a timely manner, because the whole process was done that we don't end up with the repeat offenders having to be an individual that we have to complain about because that should be almost be automatic with the repeat offenders. Okay I understand about the new ones that's come onboard but the repeat offender ones we definitely should be on top of that because that's what those ordinances were put in place for, to make sure we stay on top of those."

Alexandra Carter stated, "And each Code Officer should have a list of their repeat offenders to regularly check those, but I'll make sure that your Code Officer in particular has hers and is maintaining it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok thank you."

Lennix Madere - Recreation Park upkeep/equipment

Kerry Watkins stated, "There is a surplus of soft tiles on hand to address areas of concern in Belle Pointe Park. Dyna Play will be contacted to submit a proposal to install the tiles under the swing set."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay that was my concern several months ago, that the grass was coming through and those rubber chips that they put underneath the swing sets just basically cause a lot of problems because I saw the employee sweep them up and put them all back in place. And those rubber tiles underneath there would be the best thing, you know for the kids, also for the maintenance of the park. So that's something you know and when I passed by the park the other day and I saw that grass coming up between that you know that triggered me to put this on there. But the explanation that you gave in the process that you're about ready to go through I think is going to solve that problem. So I'm ok with that."

Lennix Madere - Update on drainage/drainage project in District III

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay but before Mr. Nunes start with that, I just want to say; I want to thank Ms. Robottom because I went to her yesterday concerning an issue that ties in with this drainage project and she agreed with me that that wasn't the very best location that we had. And we're in the process right now finding a location, I think we may have found one but I want to thank Ms. Robottom for seeing exactly what I saw, you know as a problem, so that's being taken care of. Okay thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So that's all you have on that item?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No, no, no, no. Oh no, we're not finished."

Brian Nunes stated, "Well as you know we did met this afternoon and I appreciate your time, we met with both the engineer and the contractor to resolve that initial problem. But as far as specifics for this project, I brought the design engineer here as well. He can answer any questions you have in a public forum."

Mira Para with Buchart-Horn introduced himself to discuss updates on the subject.

Councilman Madere stated, "The reason why I put this on the agenda, it was 2 weeks ago I think it was down East Street taking pictures of whatever, I don't know what the guy was doing and that's when he told me, I mentioned to him how far they were going with the piping and up to Sweet Lorraine and he told me no, we wasn't going that far. Alright and then I think I expressed that in the meeting today, the council was informed that we was going from the railroad track all the way to Sweet Lorraine, which is halfway down those streets. And then I found out that we're not going all the way to Sweet Lorraine, okay not going all the way to Sweet Lorraine and those are some of the things that I think need to be communicated through the council. Okay if anything change in the scope of work, we should know about it because when we voted on all this, it was going from the railroad track up to Sweet Lorraine. And I think after meeting with yawl this afternoon, I think we come to an agreement that we're going to end up at Sweet Lorraine because I think I said when the council vote on Sweet Lorraine and then I find out we're getting Mary Jane, then I have a problem you know with that, so I just want to make sure that we understand exactly what this project entails and how far we're going."

Brian Nunes stated, "And I do agree with you, when we initially started talking about this project, conceptually we were going to take it from Perrilloux Drive to just Sweet Lorraine, which is the cross street. Once we get into design, we decide on pipes and then we used basically (I don't want to speak for him) but normally we use like a DOTD weighted average to come up with a construction cost estimate. So we backed off to where we thought it would fit in our budget and then once we got to the bidding process, this one actually came in below that estimated budget, so there is room to move forward with extending a few of those streets to get to the original intentions of Sweet Lorraine."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right but I'm just saying is you know when those type of situation change, that information should be given to the council. I think Ms. Hotard used the word COMMUNICATION, so when those things were not communicated to the council, the council would be thinking that this project was going all the way to Sweet Lorraine, which was mentioned to them and then like I say, they find out it doesn't go quite all the way to Sweet Lorraine, so all I'm saying is; communication is the key! When anything change, you know the council has a whole should be informed about it, even the slightest possible change to it because when we voted, we voted on a certain distance."

Brian Nunes stated, "I agree with you. I'll take the blame for not communicating that because, we need you guys to have the most up to date information because you relate it to the constituents, so I apologize for that. You're right, we should have communicated that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right and the only other thing I want to mention on communication and not just your department but any department. Whenever we have any major project in any Councilman District, they should be informed or maybe invited to that last meeting when you're getting ready to make those little decisions that may affect something in their district. Because like I said over the weekend when I found out what was happening in this laydown, where this laydown yard was being placed, people asking me questions and as a Councilman I couldn't give them an answer on Sunday. It was until Monday I found out what the problem was. I even called Reed on a Sunday and interrupted his Sunday and asked if he had put that pipe there, and he didn't have answer for me, I asked, called Verdell on a Sunday, he didn't have an answer. An individual called me I'm their Councilman, so when they call me I should have the answer, okay so what I mean about communicating that's any department. Now I don't want you communicating when they're going do a pot hole or something like that but any big project, I think the council's individual in that district should know. And that's all I'm saying on that, on that issue right there. I need to know so I can give them a reasonable answer when I receive a phone call."

Brian Nunes stated, "Moving forward we can always include the Council members in that district or in that at-large district on both the pre-bid meeting and the preconstruction meeting and that would be most of the information you will need."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yes and Brian, Mr. Madere, myself rode down several streets in Reserve, I think its Chad Baker, 27th and 25th Mr. Madere? Several of the streets when you get to the railroad track, I know we can't blow the culvert but there's debris built up at that culvert at the entrance. Can we get those cleaned out along the railroad tracks? Chad Baker, 26th and..."

Councilman Madere stated, "Its Chad Baker, 26th, 27th that's all part of that project right now."

Brian Nunes stated, "Those are all going to be replaced as part of this. Well not Chad Baker, I'm sorry."

Councilman Madere stated, "Not Chad Baker but the rest of them."

Brian Nunes stated, "26th, 27th, 24th."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But where they go at the railroad track, going into the railroad track."

Brian Nunes asked, "Under the railroad track? Under Perrilloux Drive."

Councilman Madere stated, "No not under the railroad track, under the road."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I mean when you get to the railroad track at the end of the street, some of the culverts are caved in, and there's trash and debris."

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh that's the one that's going to be changed."

Brian Nunes stated, "We're changing out and we're going to clean that ditch."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "On the railroad tracks?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Northside of Perrilloux Drive between Perrilloux and the railroad tracks."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "No I'm talking about the one that goes under the railroad tracks."

Brian Nunes stated, "No."

Councilman Madere stated, "No we can't mess with that one."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But you can take some trash and debris from around it at the culvert. Should be able to do that. You don't have to go on the track, you can just take a rake and pull the trash away."

Brian Nunes stated, "We can probably send somebody out there. I'll take a look at it."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'll send you some pictures."

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

Councilman Wright stated, "And Mr. Nunes I would suggest at least just contacting the railroad, at least just to try to request permission to blow out the culverts, just to try it."

Brian Nunes stated, "Especially with coordination with this project, we're in contact with the railroad so it would be great to get it all done make it work as one."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I was reading *St. Charles*, I think it was in *St. Charles Parish* they got an article that covers that and a grass also. You might want to look at that thing and we need to look at it and a they sent the railroad a letter and they had so many days to get back with them, not that they're going to do it, that's what the article said...

Councilman Wright interrupting stated, "Thank you Mr. Snyder we will look into that. Jaclyn thanks for letting us know. Jackie is going to pull it for us."

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

16-39 A millage ordinance - levy millage 2016 - (N. Robottom)

16-40 An Ordinance instructing administration to subdivide and create a drainage maintenance and monitoring unit within the Department of Public Works (J. Hotard)

16-41 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Parcel B-2 of Parcel B, River Glen Subdivision; in the area generally bounded by Stebbins St., LA Hwy. 44, Stout St., and Historic Main St., Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from Residential District One (R-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 - Petitioned Zoning Change, attached herein (PZR-16-1050) (N. Robottom)

16-42 An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 1; in the area generally bounded by East 14th, St., Sorapura Ct., LA Hwy. 18, and Goldmine Plantation Rd.; Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, from the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 - Petitioned Zoning Change, attached herein (PZR-16-1052) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I want to thank all residents for their assistance with flood preparations this week and for heeding precautions and preparing their homes and businesses for possible backwater flooding. As a historical event, one without data to track or information to reference, we were unsure of the impact we would face here in St. John. Thankfully, we did not receive the historical flooding our neighbors to the north and west did, however it does not hurt to be prepared as we continue to monitor. Some parts

of the parish still remain saturated but water is slowly draining and canals and water levels are dropping. We are monitoring Ascension Parish Alligator Bayou Road Levee Breach closely - which is expected to take place sometime this week once water levels drop below flood stage. Authorities are telling us it will have minimal impact to Parish and we remain in contact with them. A big thank you to all of the Parish crews and staff who worked tirelessly around the clock over the week and weekend to ensure the Parish was prepared as best as possible for potential flooding including the Emergency Operations, Fire and Communications staff who worked hand in hand with Public Works, Utilities, Recreation and all other supporting departments. I'd also like to thank the Sheriff's Office, National Guard and neighboring parishes of St. Charles, St. Bernard and Plaquemines for assisting. We are asking residents to hold on to sandbags for the next few weeks as we enter the peak of hurricane season and continue to monitor weather and news outlets. Sand and bags are located at Captain G. Bourgeois, Railroad Avenue, Garyville, Wallace and Pleasure Bend Fire Stations. Stay connected by signing up for Parish alerts on the website at sjbparish.com or contacting Communications at 652-9569. Residents can also stay connected with us on the St. John Parish website, Facebook and Twitter. The inundated parishes and all those affected by the flooding are in our thoughts and prayers and drop off centers have been established by our Faith-Based Community at New Wine Christian Fellowship Church and Celebration Church in LaPlace. We encourage our community to give if they can - even the smallest token goes a long way and anyone wishing to volunteer can do register by visiting www.volunteerlouisiana.gov and clicking "Volunteer now." On another note - Congratulations to former teen Andouille Queen Heather Roussel for capturing the title of 2016 St. John Sugar Queen and congratulations to Ali Vicknair on winning Teen Queen. We wish you the best of luck this year and look forward to your reign. The new garbage contract with Metro Service Group is in place and we continue to ask for resident's patience as we work through the transition. 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 government access channel. They can be reached at (985)359-2116. For those who use email, their email is stjohn@metroservicegroup.com and website to request new cans, etc. is metroservicegroup.com. The Second Annual "Makin It Do What It Do" Motorcycle Ride & Car Show in memory of Fallen St. John Deputy Brandon Nielson will be held on Saturday, September 24th at the St. John Community Center. The event, which will include an escorted motorcycle ride, a car show and reception, will benefit the Concerns of Police Survivors Louisiana Chapter. Advanced registration is \$30. Registration forms can be picked up the St. John Sheriff's Office and found on our website, government access channel and Facebook page. Reminder - that the asphalt road program is underway and Barriere Construction is working on E 13th, Duet St, Jacques St, East 3rd and East 1st. Other projects underway include: Phase III of the MS River Trail, Phase II of the Garyville Timbermill Trail, The New Eastbank Government Complex, Hemlock St. Improvements, W. 10th St. Project, Phase III of the Reserve Drainage Project and Belle Terre Drainage Improvements will be beginning. We want to thank residents in the construction areas for their patience as we work to make these improvements. Reminder - please dial 911 for weather emergencies or issues or concerns with drainage and wastewater. This allows for proper dispatch and documentation. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT :

At 8:25 PM, Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY