

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**  
**CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT**  
**VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilman Perrilloux led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux present.

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:**

**Natalie Robottom/Torri Buckles - Presentation - Entergy Site Selection**

Torri Buckles introduced a tool that is greatly beneficial to the Economic Development Department and for the Business Development efforts. Torri introduced Melanie Joffrion, Senior Research Analyst and Pam Webster, Site Center Specialist with Entergy, Business Development Department. Melanie presented a brief history to the Council on the Site Selection Center which was developed in 2007 by the State Economic Department as the official Site Selection Portal for the State in 2009. As of right now there are 20 Regional Parishes and Community Economic Development Organizations that have their own Wrappers in the data base and the Wrappers allow the Parishes like St. John, to retain their autonomy while still achieving the important goals of having all of the properties, the buildings and sites for the state that are available in one data base. For more information you may visit the website at: [LouisianaSiteSelection.com](http://LouisianaSiteSelection.com) or call (800)542-2668.

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Art of Respect Days - South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority - Lisa Schilling/Carlos Amos/Lynne Farlough**

Michael Coburn read the proclamation for Art of Respect Days - South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority and was presented to Carlos Amos.

**Phillip Rebowe - Audit Presentation**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEMS:** Approval of Minutes - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 5K Walk/Run - Saturday, 10/10/15 beginning at 8:30 AM - Rotary Club of LaPlace; Permit Approval - 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. John Andouille Festival October 16-18, 2015

**MOTION:** Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 5K Walk/Run - Saturday, 10/10/15 beginning at 8:30 AM - Rotary Club of LaPlace; Permit Approval - 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. John Andouille Festival October 16-18, 2015  
The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

There were no ordinances at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"Yes at this time I ask to make a motion to adopt the items that were approved in the finance committee meeting earlier."*

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There is no new business at this time.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

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

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"Mr. Fogelman, Blake. I have a question for you on this item; Discussion Lions Water Plant Phase VIII design. We've been talking about this for, we had several meeting on it we had a workshop on it, where are we on the design of the filters and when are we going to start that? We went out for bid I think in 2012. We did?"*

Blake Fogelman stated, *"Yeah I think we did a RFQ process on that and I think at that time, I can't answer for why it stalled at that time. My understanding now with the resiliency money and with resiliency competition, we're kind of looking to see where that money can be allocated because we're going to use, what I mean essentially we're leveraging the money that we're putting toward this as part of our competition. So I am working with the state we want to make sure that the money that we are going to spend toward it is at least accounted for before we apply that money. So we're in that 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of that resiliency competition I think that's due in October, so once we get through that we should have, if that's, if the allotment of money is*

*accounted for to help us get more money because we're willing to put money up in to this application then we would move forward with that."*

*Councilman Perrilloux stated, "But we had money for this project in 2012, so it wasn't resilient at that time..."*

*Blake Fogelman interrupting stated, "No, no, no. I'm just speaking for where we are today, like where I am today and where the department is in working with the resiliency competition, my understanding of it is we want to try and use this money to leverage more money from the grant because we're putting in a match insentient, if we say; hey we're putting in, if you know, I think the number was the \$11,000,000.00 mark we were talking about, just the Lions Plant. If we say we have the money to put in this much, how much more can you give us because we're willing to share some of that burden of this cost?"*

*Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Ok I tell you I'll give you a call, I'll sit down and come talk with you on this because we've been talking about this too long and Mr. Snyder been having this at least a year or longer on the agenda and we don't hear anything about it, but I'll give you a call."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "Sure yes sir. Absolutely."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "Yeah Blake, while you're up there you said the application process will be open in October?"*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "Yeah I think the Phase 2 like we would know what would be accounted for and what we applied, meaning we would have our application..."*

*Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "We would have some information come October."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "Right and we would have a little, some kind of feedback as far as what we could at least, is in our package and what we're accounting for and we want part of this money we're talking about to be accounted for in that package before the..."*

*Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "No I understand that. My question is so October, November you'll have a better understanding?"*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "Hopefully by the time we are ready to turn that package in we would have a better understanding of what we can go ahead and I guess utilize now, knowing that the State and the Federal Government who is reviewing our application knows that we're moving forward with our process using that as part of our resiliency, so I mean essentially that's what you guys are doing then before any kind of competition was..."*

*Councilwoman Millet interrupting stated, "No, no I understand that. We're trying to utilize these funds to get more funds, I've got that."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "They were asking us to go back to DHH and that's what I just had a discussion with Vince about that and saying hey I mean, the Parish has a lot of money that we were going to already allocating to do these types of projects, can we use, we need to get a good number of that,*

*put it in to this, you know in to this application and make sure that they're aware that we're making some of these improvements ourselves and were looking and that's what they're, and that also what the Federal Government wanting us to kind of, that's why a lot of these Grants have gone to the match type of hey; if you put in 30% I'll give you the rest you know the arrangement."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "I just don't want to hold off on this process any longer than necessary is my concern."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "No ma'am, no ma'am."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "And if we had like October, November would be more of a clearer picture, is what I'm expecting."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes ma'am, and I'm not certain on the exact date, Mike if you can, on when we got to turn it in."*

*Michael Coburn stated, "We turn it in in October. We turn in the application October."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "No, no, not going to know, but it's going to accounted for in that application in October, so therefore we will be able to utilize any of the funds knowing that it's in our application."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "Ok thank you."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Well the reason why I had it on the agenda for this time and many other times was because of the Design Phase of it and my understanding was that, we were at the bare limits with our supply water through Reserve area up there, which is what right around 3 Million or 4 Million?"*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "2 Million."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "2 Million, so we're there as far as the usage up there and I didn't want this thing falling between the cracks, so and that's one of the reasons why, but my understanding is that this haven't been moved on yet because we're looking at the big picture. Am I right with the whole water system? And it's possible that big picture may not come down for the next 30 years if we can't find the funds to get it in, so this project is depending on that it seems like."*

*Blake Fogelman stated, "It's not depending on it that way, I guess it's depending on the fact that we just need the Federal, we need that in our application. Once it's in our application and they acknowledge that it's in our application, then once we use it, we can say, this is money we had set aside specifically for this project and now it's our match to whatever they're willing to give us in this competition. There's other people that don't have the ability, they're just asking for handouts without the ability to say we're ready to contribute our fair share to make this project happen or a portion of this project, which is something you know you guys have been planning since 2012."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "And I'm questioning, in one year is that, we don't*

want to eat away at this little change we have over there to do this project or to begin the project by doing other little small projects that may arise in emergencies and whatever because and that can easily happen."

Blake Fogelman stated, "And that hasn't happened yet. So since 2012 my understanding that that money hasn't, it's been allocated for that specific project since then."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right alright, thank you sir."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, I heard you say you want to use that money like for our match to get, if we're willing to put up some, but is that resilient grant is it, do you have to have a match?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "No sir, but in our partners at the state, they have recommended that from day one as if it's a financial match or a financial, some kind of a, their initial recommendation was the Parish already has a DHH Loan which we possibly work with the state to try to get more money and so we've actually have. Hey wait a second, we have money allocated to some of these you know types of projects that in our eyes and you know obviously it's not it's a resiliency thing. It's something that we can better that area and we want to better utilize these funds in that way."

Councilman Madere stated, "So there's still a possibility we can get funding or money from this resiliency grant without even having a match right?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "But it's a better chance that they're more willing to give us the money, if they know that we're investing in that project as well."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right ok, thank you."

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

Councilman Madere stated, "I'm reading here it says on September the 7<sup>th</sup>?"

Michael Coburn stated, "A start date is anticipated on September 7 with a 3 week construction timeline, pending weather conditions. We're in close contact with Ms. Rhonda Lemons, we will have to move some equipment around in the place while construction is going on, but she is aware of that and we're going to work well together and make sure this gets done in the next few weeks."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok and this is a welcome to hear a start date, been a long time coming okay, but we knew a change was going to come."

Michael Coburn stated, "I'm glad you're happy Mr. Madere."

Councilman Wright asked, "Mr. Coburn, the contractors will be starting on Labor Day?"

Michael Coburn stated, "That's what they gave us September 7<sup>th</sup>. I don't know if that's Labor Day or not sure."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's the best day to work."

Michael Coburn stated, "Those were the dates they gave us."

Councilman Wright stated, "I'll look forward to that ribbon cutting. Thank you Mr. Coburn."

Councilman Madere stated, "We all do."

**Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 7-14-15) Update on drainage issues Hickory Street and E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street**

Brian Nunes stated, "Mr. Madere that issue on, I'll start with E. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, that culvert issue the one we had looked at. Last week we got some rain I went out there right after the rain and we still do have a problem at that address, so I put a work order in. I had an operator from my truck was out last week he's in this week. I should get that blown out if not tomorrow it will be Thursday."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok."

Brian Nunes stated, "And then the Hickory Street item, it's on our list of drainage projects to be completed, I just don't have a date on when we'll start that yet."

Councilman Madere asked, "Ok, have anyone talked to the land owners yet, so that way we can began digging?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Not yet, no we haven't contacted them yet because I don't have any type of timeline."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok, alright thank you."

**Lucien Gauff - Authorization to add title of Recreation Program Coordinator to Grade 7 of the Civil Service Pay Scale**

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes actually, this position is one that I think with the advancement and the improvements that our Recreation Department has the programs that we're, this department is moving forward quickly and I see a need to add to this department."

Councilman Wright asked, "Would you like to offer a motion?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "Yes, I would like to offer a motion that we accept this as a position, The Recreation Program Coordinator."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Why in step number 7 as far as the Pay Scale is concerned, why not 8 or why not 6, why 7 because there are 8 positions in every Coordinator positions in this Pay Scale?"

Nykya Freemont stated, "Civil Service has approved it at a Grade 7 and that's just where we have 2 other Coordinator Positions on the Scale at a Grade 7."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Right but we have 6 or 7 other positions of Coordinators and that's why I was wondering here, I looked at the job description and the job description is extensive and even though they have no supervisory responsibilities, I'm looking at maybe some issues here because they do have other administrative duties and we have a supervisor in that area. Does this person report to that supervisor?"

Nykya Freemont stated, "That person would report to..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "The Supervisor's Position is a Grade 8."

Nykya Freemont stated, "Yeah so the Coordinator would report to the Supervisor of the..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's what I thought and that's the way Mr. Watkin want this and that's the way it should be? Our Supervisor is more like a Maintenance Supervisor, am I right? And we having an Administrative person you're reporting to you know to that and the issues I have with this. I don't have a problem with this and I know we need, we're trying to build our program up and we're trying to make this thing work. But we have those small issues that we need to work out."

Kerry Watkins stated, "Under the job description that Program Coordinator does not report to the Supervisor, he or she reports directly to me."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok, now the Supervisor's Position is a Grade 8?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "I think yes."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes Supervisor Position down there is a Grade 8. This is a Grade 7 so that's what kind of got me there and much of this work will be done through that Coordinator from what I read in your Job Description, much of that work will be done through the Coordinator and I'm looking at some conflicts here. I'm just wondering have you post those questions to yourself, if this come up, if that happens. Once you have everything figured out then ask the question: Well suppose this happen and then will we be able to handle that without any conflict?"

Kerry Watkins stated, "Yes it's a shared responsibility. I mean the same way you know I do a lot of the Supervisor's job, Maintenance Worker's job, we all share a responsibility and it's up to me when it's all said and done to make sure everything is getting done and I supervise the Coordinator."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And why did we put it at the Grade 7 Level, because there's other positions in there right now?"

Nykya Freemont stated, "That's where the Civil Service Board has decided to put it at a Grade 7."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did they have access to this job description?"

Nykya Freemont stated, "I'm sure they did. This was done in September of 2014, so I wasn't here so I can't tell you but I would imagine they did have

*the job description when they approved it at a Grade 7."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Our Director, did you sign off on this job description?"*

*Nykya Freemont stated, "I didn't..."*

*Kerry Watkins interrupting stated, "It's not officially signed off yet, but I did read and I agree to the terms of it and I agree to everything on it and other duties as assigned, so if there is something we need to add you know I do have the authorities to add other duties to that position."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes because I saw the last line in there say; and other responsibilities somebody may give you. You know, can I give it to them or can you just give it them, can anybody just give them responsibilities?"*

*Kerry Watkins stated, "Well it's me, you know every job description have that, pretty much."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah well, and that's exactly what worries me because this is one of those types of job descriptions that's kind of generic you know, but I don't think that should be like that with all those different jobs because I looked at 7 or 8 positions of Coordinators in our Pay Scale, you see so we decided to go at 7, that's what my concern is about. Why 7 doesn't match the job description you know, should it be an 8 maybe it should be an 8."*

*Nykya Freemont stated, "Civil Service had the job description when they approved the Grade that it would be at, so that was their determination."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Yeah but you, well okay. Civil Service can okay. Alright thank you ma'am, I think we're going to be able to work through it."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "I'm going to support this item because what I've seen it came to us one time before and we sort of rejected it because we wanted to see what was going to happen with the program and I'd like to say that I know he's doing an excellent job right now we've seen the program, the growth of the program in these last few months and the fact that his Assistant is out on medical leave right now. I do believe he needed help you know with the program the way it is moving right now and I am very pleased with the progress I'm seeing you know because I've been out there this summer with some of the activities and it's a lot of people taking part in Recreation now than ever before."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "I just have one final, well not necessary final comment but I think from the conversation we pretty much all agree. You're doing a great job with the Recreation Department and moving it forward and that's the progress we were looking to see. I appreciate the questions that Mr. Snyder brought up, I had spoken with him earlier he had those concerns and all I could say was ask those questions. Let's get the answers out there so that we are moving in the right direction and that everything is open and we understand where we're moving to but I agree Mr. Madere, it's something we need the Recreation Department, the different activities that you're bringing continue success. Let's keep moving!"*

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Gauff and I guess Mr. Watkins; Congratulations...thank you. You are doing a great job you know you've come a long way since you've started in January and you've definitely done a great job so thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to accept the position of Recreation Program Coordinator. The motion passed unanimously.

**Jaclyn Hotard - Update on Canal Clearing in LaPlace Park/Erosion Issues**

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you and I've spoken with Brian about this. Butch and I we've kind of been working on this item, but I've gotten you know just a lot of calls recently about the status of it, I know we were doing sonar testing and all of these things. I just want to know when we're actually doing to do something, the erosion is getting worse it's gotten to the point where some of the people who live on this ditch right here are losing their fences because of the erosion, so I just want to know from you for the record for the residents sake, when are we actually going to start doing something? Even if we are not digging in the ditch right now, replacing some property on the banks, something we can do to provide some relief to these residents with a timeline."

Brian Nunes stated, "As far as the digging, I know you're looking for a date on that one but, I did meet with the surveyors yesterday asking for where our stuff is and they said up there. I'm going to start getting it this week to fill out all the permits, that canal being a little more shallow than like Vicknair Canal won't take as long permitting process is shorter, so I mean that one might be within the next month as far as digging. To shore up some of

the erosion issues, that's going to take me actually going out and looking at the stuff, I have an appointment Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Perrilloux to be out there at 1:30, we're going to look at some other things but while I'm out there I'm going to make a determination of how to fix the problems that we have. So Thursday afternoon I'll have a good timeline for you, I can send you an email as soon as our meeting is over and I'll have a good plan for you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Ok definitely. Jackie leave this item on the agenda so we can get an update in 2 weeks. Do you think that's something we can do in house?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't see why not."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Yeah ok."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll have a better determination Thursday, I don't see a problem with right now."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Once you look at it. Ok thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Brian let's make correction to an appointment that meeting is Thursday at 1:30 not Wednesday. This is a project I have

talked to Ms. Robottom about it also, we are looking for some Grants on shoring up canals and neighborhoods like the Vicknair Canal, Gardenia. I've been looking at Grants, well I'm having Ms. Valentine looking to see if she can find any Grants. I've talked to Rob Delaun, anything we can try to get some Grants to show of this I did meet with Ms. Robottom nor will I talk with her on the phone about it yet. I led the conversation about this particular item so I'm hoping something transpire out of it, we come back we can shore up of these canals in these residential neighborhoods and we'll look at it Thursday when we get out there at 1:30 and we'll just send an email to the Council where we're at on it."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right Thursday, oh I'm sorry. Great!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I know this is becoming a parish wide issue on some of these canals because I have one of the same concerns down in Homewood and I'll try and get back with you and maybe schedule an appointment with you and take a look at that particular canal but I think this is starting to be a parish wide issue right now."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Brian, I think we've had this conversation before, many times before about the erosion and did we ever get a chance or can we get someone to go out and look those canals and get an evaluation of them and what can we do to shore it up besides just putting dirt up there and cement?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's always an option. Erosion is going to happen in a lot of these things, you know you don't want to just throw dirt because it's going to wash away. I mean there's different types of erosion control options, some are cheaper than others obviously just some crushed concrete is a probably the easiest and probably most cost efficient since we already have some, but it's time consuming and it, getting it back there is a little difficult but there's different ways and it's something I need to look into in all the canals. Some have more room for a truck than others so I mean something like Vicknair maybe we can get a truck back there..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Oh it's easy to get a truck back there, get 2 trucks back there."

Brian Nunes stated, "With some concrete and some of the canals we can't, Homewood we can't do that so."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You know you and I talked before about that. It's getting worse and I know it's going to be expensive, Vicknair is two, two and a half miles long and it's going to be expensive on both sides either way, trees are going to start falling, large trees are going to start falling and that's where we are with them right now. We can see eight feet almost eight feet of the root underground and I'm really concerned about that and I think that Ms. Robottom should have some real serious discussions with you guys about what can we do to try and get this thing going and trying to find some money because it's going to be very expensive."

Brian Nunes stated, "I mean in an ideal situation we have this concrete lying in canals as you see in New Orleans and other places. Yeah I mean that's something we'll need a Grant for though to do two and a half miles along on just one canal that's just..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "That's ideal, exactly."

**Lennix Madere - Update on Hurricane Preparedness**

Councilman Madere stated, "Who's going to answer that question?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It depends on the question."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I see what's on the paper I mean but, what is a, it's a coordinated department Public Works and your department to right? My concern is sands bags, how many do we have pre-packed and I read you said we have about 100 pre-packed sandbags?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes we're at 100 right now, yes."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok and this is my opinion. I don't think 100 bags is enough in the area for Hurricane Preparedness, we have enough that I know of location in my mind during Hurricane Season we're starting in June and goes until October I mean early part of November you know I think we should at least 2000 pre-packed, wrapped and ready to go for the citizens because right now we have two storms that could be approaching the Gulf and if they get in the Gulf then all of a sudden we are going to start packing bags? Ok the bags that we do start packing if a storm starts approaching, it's only going to increase the numbers that we already have ready and I don't think an area like St. John the Baptist Parish should have just a 100 bags pre-packed."

Brian Nunes stated, "We all agree 100 is nowhere near enough. The problem with these is we've had over a 1,000 stored back there, but they dry rot after a few months and they just fall apart. So we really can't keep a whole bunch stored up because the bags just don't last that long. So we're kind of waiting until and we might be a little bit behind right now. We actually started hauling sand out to the site yesterday we did all day yesterday and all day today, hauled a bunch of sand there so now we're going to start. We asked for assistance from the Sheriff's Office with the trustees, we're having some community service people help us and then we're having..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Let me ask you a question. I understand all that but...the bags automatically deteriorate in 3 months?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I wouldn't say 3 months but they do deteriorate on their own when they're stacked."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok but I mean they should last from June until October or November you know if we're having bags that's deteriorating in 30 days or 60 days we're obviously using the wrong bags."

Brian Nunes stated, "It's not 30 days or 60. I'm just saying we can't keep thousands back there because they do end up breaking. Not..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well I mean if we put them on a surface and they break then we just reuse, not use the bag but reuse the sand because the sand is not a total lost. Ok I mean just to have 100 bags I mean"

we should at least 2,000 you know I mean we can afford 2,000 bags deteriorating but we can't afford the fact of a storm approaching you know I disagreed the last time when you said; bring a shovel because I'm concerned about the handicap, the elderly and the single female okay and it's still bothers me that we said that; bring a shovel. So the reason why I'm saying that we should have two - three thousand prepacked sandbags, it's for the handicap, it's for the single parent, it's for the elderly. Okay and I, anyone else that's healthy in good shape bring your shovel. But we should have something in place for the citizens in our community that are not capable of using a shovel."

Brian Nunes stated, "No you're right we do, do that. We did that last time as well. We did ask all able body people to bring shovels, but we had the Captain Bourgeois Site for pre-filled the last time."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I'm just saying I think we need to increase from 100 bags to 2,000 and you know we need to increase that number."

Brian Nunes stated, "You're right, that's in the works right now."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I had conversation with the Sheriff last week and this was one of the things that he had people out there to do sand bags but there was no sand. You'll need to have at least 10 loads of sand sitting on that ground and be ready to transport after they get started if we have a situation come, but you'll need to put sand sitting there that will stay there. Just for that reason."

#### **Larry Snyder - Update on the Retention Pond Project**

Councilman Snyder stated, "A lot these that we do put on here is for information or purposes and not only for us but constituents who are concerned about these things. This is an important project and we're all looking forward to getting this project going you know, so I was just wanting to know, what is the update on it and where are we in the design phase of it?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Ok. I actually got an email today that from the Engineer said about September 10<sup>th</sup> would be, they want to sit down and meet for a 100% final design review in house. That's with Rob Delaun, ourselves, Mr. C.J. and all involved to do a final review and then it has to go through a pretty strenuous permitting process with the Corps of Engineers, DHH, DEQ and that is separate from the wetlands portion of this project. That is only for the observation portion, the wetlands is taking kind of a life of its own with the study they have to do on that discharge itself."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Have we started that?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "What's that?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "The wetlands study?"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes, yes it is currently under way right now. They have to go through an entire growing season to do a survey of those wetlands and that

growing season starts in December so that is from December to December. We're looking for deliverables on that in early 2017."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay thank you sir."

#### **Larry Snyder - Discussion - Creation of new position/job description**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes in the past we created positions, somebody created positions and there is nothing as far as an Ordinance what position was created and we see when it comes down to putting people in those positions. Where did we create that position at and that's an issue, because I think Ms. Freemont, you and I had that discussion one time about that and we couldn't find out where an Assistant Director position was created. If it wasn't created through an Ordinance that means it's an illegal position. Am I right with this Legal?"

Councilman Wright stated, "Mr. Perilloux I think stepped out to the back, one second Mr. Snyder."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And it bothers me because we have positions where we couldn't find where it was created at through an Ordinance. So what that mean if we can put people in positions, can we put an Assistant Director II, Assistant Director III or a position like Assistant Director, shouldn't that be created through an Ordinance through this?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I will have to look into it and let you know."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok that's fine. Because it has come up and I was just a little concerned about it. Yes let's carry this over please."

Councilman Wright stated, "Ok we will carry this over Mr. Snyder. Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Jeff just really quickly...when you're looking into that and I know we've talked about this before and kind of might be some of what Larry is talking about; Let's say we created a position or there is a position of a Supervisor on the Pay Scale, is it department's specific or once there's a Supervisor on the equalization chart can you have, can you use that same position to apply to different departments. Whenever we approve a job description for example; tonight we approved one, it's written for that department but we've seen where certain titles I guess in the equalization chart have been used for other departments and maybe that's okay if it's a generic, you know a Supervisor something generic, so maybe if you can look into that and see if we, do we have to create that Supervisor or that Assistant Director or whatever it is for each department or once we create that one position, can it be used for other departments? You know I guess just thinking about it when we do create those positions they are used the job descriptions is usually specific to that department but it seems like there's a little, maybe a little gray I guess, we need to clear that up. Thank you."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Ms. Hotard. We will carry this over."

#### **Larry Snyder - Update on addendum to Code Enforcement - Grass cutting**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes we did pretty good with that I like that Code

we made for that whereas; we can get our grass and we can get people to start cutting their grass a little more often and I wanted to know, how is that going and let me explain this and make sure I'm right and what I'm figuring out here is that; we have 15 days, am I right to get a response back from a property owner that need to get their grass cut or we're going to cut it for them within 5 days of those 15 days, is that correct or and after that I think you said in your Ordinance about a year or is that calendar year or the year from the date of the first violation? Because twice I read this and one place I saw a calendar year and in here tonight we have something about just a year, and I'm thinking was it not, it's the year from the date of violation or calendar year?"

Angelic Keller stated, "Right and I did contact you to clarify and based on your email you said that you wanted a status update on the amendments that we had approved to the tall grass Ordinance. And so, you're right they're actually many different amendments that were done over the past 2 years, so I tried to address them all because I didn't know exactly which one you were referring to, but I think I've answered your questions in my response; On August 26, 2014, Ordinance 14-40 reduced the amount of time provided to property owners after receipt of a violation notice from 15 to 5 days. I think this was actually sponsored by the Council, I think Ms. Hotard. What this modification does is, once you send out the violation for tall grass they used to have 15 days to correct the violation before we go back and re-inspect and send a contractor to do so. Well now that time is 5 days from the time they receive the notice, so this has significantly reduced our processing time by almost 2 weeks. Ordinance 15-32, which was the latest one, the latest amendment, took effect around August 7, 2015 reduces the notice requirement to one notice in a 12 month period for repeat violations. And so this is the 12 month, 1 year, you're referring to. This was the latest amendment that the State Legislature actually put in their statutes for us and so we had to come back and in turn put it in our local Code. Since this does go from January to December a calendar year. It goes for any proceeding 12 month period. So if we issued you a grass violation last September and then now you know you have another violation before the end of this month and I'm using that as an example, we actually didn't start from now, but the way it would work is; In that next 12 months we wouldn't have to send you another violation. We could just automatically go out, do an inspection, if we find that you're in violation we can send a contractor to cut the grass without having to do a whole notice, notice or notification process. There is another Ordinance that is actually on the books I think it was last year, it was another state enabling statute and that one was actually for the calendar year. And that says that: If you have a violation in that calendar year and you receive another violation for repeat violations, you don't have to send a second notice out by certified mail, you only send it out by regular mail. So actually this latest one would take the place of that one, because this one actually allow us to move a lot quicker."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right and that makes sense and I think that's what we to keep what we have. Now, have we used that yet?"

Angelic Keller stated, "We have not because as I said, after the Council passed it after one of their previous meetings it takes 5 days to become effective once it's published in the journal, so right now South Central Planning is in the process of updating our Code Enforcement System. The

*process has to be put in our system so when we inspect it will generate the right type of notice with the right procedure to monitor it."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Time limit? Do you have any idea when you're going to start using that?"*

*Angelic Keller stated, "I mean they're working on it now, I mean it can be any day now."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok. Alright thank you that's what I needed to know, how it was working. I like that, I like that Ordinance that was a good job."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "Ms. Keller just one question I just want to make sure I understand. Once we get that first violation, instead of 15 days it will be 5 days, right?"*

*Angelic Keller stated, "Yes that has been in effect since 2014."*

*Councilman Madere asked, "And this new Ordinance we just passed, that means a second violation wouldn't have to go out they would just go out and inspect it?"*

*Angelic Keller stated, "If we're using the 12 month time frame with the new Ordinance that we... yes, yes."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "Ok and there's no second notice just an inspection?"*

*Angelic Keller stated, "There's no second notice. I would have to get clarification from Legal, but in my mind I would not apply them to, I don't know if we've applied them to violations and we should retroactively or we start with violation issues now. So from the time we start implementing this process, so that would be you know whatever; September of 2015, if you receive your first violation then and you receive another one a 2 months later then you will qualify to use this process."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "Ok!"*

*Angelic Keller stated, "But we wouldn't go back to somebody who we wrote up last year to apply retroactively."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "Right, ok. Thank you."*

#### **Larry Snyder - Update on Greenwood Drive Wastewater Pump Project**

*Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes we're cleaning up right now and trying to open it back up. And like I said we'll get with Communications they do a pretty good job helping us out to communicate with you guys."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "You're going to take care of the grass like we did in the back, back there take care of those people."*

Blake Fogelman stated, "Exactly"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you very much sir appreciate that!"

Blake Fogelman stated, "Yes sir!"

**Larry Snyder - Parish equipment budget - remaining balance to date**

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes as here Mr. Nunes probably can and really I was, I know we had a \$1 million that was dedicated to equipment I was just wondering where were on that and what I see here we spent \$773,000 of it, I was wondering if I can borrow the other \$200,000 of it to do my canals?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Actually we ordered some other stuff. We just haven't paid the money yet that's why it's not read that way, the PO is in process for 2 other pieces of equipment. Once all of that is done, the remaining balance of \$1 million will be about \$221,000."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So what other piece of equipment you are looking at again?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I ordered another excavator and another backhoe."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok. A bucket truck, a bucket truck is a..."

Brian Nunes stated, "The bucket truck was paid through the street light fund and then there is a remaining balance in the Public Works capital outlay budget, that line item has about \$270,000 left in it for equipment. There's a piece of equipment I'm currently looking at and actually September 8<sup>th</sup> I have an appointment to go look at it in person to see how it operates, it's a pricey piece of equipment but I think it will help us. I want to see how it operates before I order it though and that'll probably eat up a good chunk of what's left in my capital outlay line item."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So what are we going to do with a Bobcat? I'm talking to Mr. Madere and I'm sure he's got something he can do with that. No, no I was just wondering where we were if we had any more funds in that particular budget item that maybe we could buy some other things that we need to take care of our drainage."

Brian Nunes stated, "I ordered 2 more pieces of equipment for drainage."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Thank you Mr. Nunes. I just wanted an update."

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Councilman Wilson stated, "Both of us share at the same time but I'm going to mention it. We have problems with both railroads not maintaining their property and I'm going to ask Legal Counsel either we file suit on them or we need to go take care of the business and let them file suit on us one or the

two and then we file suit back, but nothings getting done as far as the drainage and it affects everything South of Airline Highway."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I was just going to point out to the Council that we are actually drafting on behalf of the Council a letter to the Railroad. The draft is actually going to be going out tomorrow for review to the Council Chairman for distribution to the Council and the Administration. And that letter would essentially demand both Railroads on the Eastbank including the other Railroads along the Lakeshore as well. So it's 3 all together on the Eastbank and on the Westbank. It's going to go to all 4 Railroads okay and then we'll see where it goes. We've actually been in contact with part of our Federal Delegation and they will be copied with the correspondence, the Railroad as well, so if the draft is reviewed and everybody is okay with it, it may go out as early as Friday."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Do we have any time limit that we are looking at for them to get out there and start doing something?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Well Mr. Wilson..."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "Well I don't want to give them a year because we can't take another year."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "And all frankness, our options regarding the railroad are limited because of the jurisdiction issues we have to deal with but, we're going to give them basically give them a 20 day period to respond, at least respond to the letter and put our Federal Delegation on notice as well; and seek which we already have talked to them about you know what they could possibly do on their end but seek on them to put as much pressure as possible to handle the things that they need to handling. The problems with the Railroad, I've been doing this work for the Parish now for 15 years and to be frank with you, we've been dealing with problems with the Railroad beyond that even prior to that. We had specific conversations and met with actual members of the different companies that operate the Railroads and each time you meet with them you get a different story quite frankly. Our success rate with them have not been very good."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Well we need to keep all of our information and file it because we need, if they're not going to do it, we need to act and go take care of it and let them worry about it. But I mean I have areas, both of us have areas that don't drain in Reserve, Garyville and Mt. Airy and it's because the lack of cooperation whatsoever from the railroad and if they're not going to do it I want us to do it. And I want this sooner than later. If they want to respond to something, let them sue us because we'll sue back. I mean that's why I want to keep all our information because you know time has come. They can't, they don't flood, our residents flood."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "We'll definitely let you know what all your legal options actually are, but I will tell you regarding the railroad because of the jurisdiction issues our options unfortunately are limited. But having said that we are certainly going to do everything we can on our end to try and make sure the Council and Administration's concerns are met and the residents get the relief that they actually need. Hopefully we'll get the parties involved to put some pressure on them to do that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "No I mean that's the process we have to go through it's just that I don't want to sit here. Is the railroad being subsidized by the Federal Government anymore?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I don't know what all of the specifics..."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Because if they're not we don't have to worry about the Federal Government we just go do what we got to do. But I mean we have right a ways, we have the Attorney General's opinion we can go on private property to take care of things. We're not looking to damage any of their things, that's all I'll want us to do is clear the ditches so the water can get out and clear the culverts."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "The request are reasonable. I don't think there's any question about that, we're not asking and for them to go out of their way to do anything but what they should be doing quite honestly."

Councilman Wilson interrupting stated, "We're over three and a half years and we haven't gotten them to cooperate on anything yet and I mean I had enough of it, enough and I want us to go do it. If we can't something resolved with them in a short period of time, I want us to go out and take care of our business and take care of the residents and the people that pay the taxes here. I could care less about the railroad. I wish they'd move somewhere else myself."

Councilman Madere stated, "I echo everything that Mr. Wilson just said. But when we send that letter okay we should also send pictures of these canals and the condition that they are in because I was told a picture is worth a thousand words. We can send in that letter and everything else but we need to send photographs of exactly what we are talking about. I went down what really spark me about this, Mr. Wilson and I talked about this before I'm ready to see them to. I ready for us to get out there and start tomorrow from St. Charles line to St. James and clean those canals out because that little rain we had the other day, in the back of NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street water was approaching out the ditch towards people's houses and that wasn't even a sample of a rain storm okay, it hadn't rained in months. But the canals back there were so cluttered with trees and debris and underbrush, the water to the front of the street was gone. But all the water to the front was piled up in the back so the people in the back were the ones getting all the water. Now when you send pictures, we need to pressure and doing everything we possibly can and at the last result like he said, if we're not getting any results from them, then file paperwork go do it. Because our responsibility is to take care of the citizens and sometimes we have to step up and make a hard decision. If the Railroad wants to sue us then take us to court. But I'm ready to do what Mr. Wilson said, we'll give them a certain amount of time they don't come back with the proper answer that's going to give our citizens relief, then I say, go in there and clean it out ourselves and tell them take us to court. But when we go to court we're going to bring a bill because we're cleaning your mess that you should be cleaning up. In fact, a gentleman with the Railroad to ask us to pay them a thousand dollars a day while we cut their grass. They're a little bit on the crazy side alright either they pay us now or pay us later. Something has to be done the pictures I have are tremendously, I mean I can't even explain it, I can't even explain the pictures I have from

14<sup>th</sup> Street - 16<sup>th</sup> Street and I took Mr. Verdell with me and saw the back of 17<sup>th</sup> Street where the canal is clear. The guy who lives back there actually cuts the grass for the Railroad, they haven't sued him yet, he cut the grass and the back is open and that water on E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Reserve, after that hard rain there was not a drop of water in that ditch. So if it can drain that fast on E. 17<sup>th</sup> it can do the same thing on 16<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> all the way down the river road, if the railroad would clean up their mess, open it up and that's the bottom line and I mean it was just proven. 17<sup>th</sup> Street the water was gone, 16<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> everywhere else was blocked up. So we need to send pictures everything that we could possible send and we're not going to threaten them but I'm with Mr. Wilson, if they don't respond then we have an obligation to the citizens to respond."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Mr. Perilloux and I'm listening to the frustration of both of these gentlemen and I understand that the railroad has been difficult to deal with. How about word your letter that if we don't hear back from you in 20 days we'll do it ourselves and then leave it at such?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "We'll we're going to discuss our specific options you know and then we'll discuss those prior..."

Councilwoman Miller interrupting stated, "I'm saying this is worded to where if we don't hear from you we're doing it."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Well I think it's fair to say that you know we'll include language that essentially says; if we don't hear from you that some additional action it going to take place but I'll discuss specifics you know in the Executive Session in a couple of weeks regarding recommendations and what not going beyond simply sending a letter. But we have had contact with our Federal Delegation and they have committed to assist us and that's really what we need. This goes beyond just a local level it affects local people but we really need out Federal Delegation our Congressman and our Senators to step up to the plate and help us with this one."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Brian let me ask you this and we have railroads all through our divisions. Have we ever I mean approached them, I know at one time it seemed like we were allowed to clean some of the ditches we had some type of what I would call a working relationship but it was you know a little bit better than what we have now. Have you spoken with them about asking permission to allow us to do some cleaning and we also have some areas even once you get into the crevasse that they have these big drop offs, where it's very close to the road you know, it's kind of posing safety hazards. What communications have you had with the Railroad?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We've had a good dialog with both Railroads on the Eastbank that was a while back. Since then a lot of our conversations have been with CN Railroad. They seem like that they might be willing to allow us to do all the work, but I mean we're doing all that work ourselves. That's taking all of our resources from these other areas and were donating all to the Railroad."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Alright, right right. When it's their responsibility ultimately. It's just getting them to do it and like Jeff said, if you can copy me on the letter, Council on the letter so we can make

contact directly with Garrett and those guys to say; Hey look, you're up there with them in Washington you have the jurisdiction, we need to put a little pressure on them to get them to like take care of their property, because I agree with Brian, if we spend all of our resources taking care of railroad property then we're not going to have those resources to take care of what's ours and I can assure you nobody is going to step in and take care of what's ours like we're going to do with the railroad that's not going to happen. So yes, please copy us on the letter and we can also put some pressure on our Delegation and keep us posted."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Brian I guess my concern as all the other Council persons is that we've had numerous meetings with them. When they wanted to come in and do the project in Mt. Airy and Garyville, they met with us. They obliged, we obliged we got something we compromised we worked things out. The Railroads, they're still here, they're renovating our tracks, they're putting new tracks down, new rail systems throughout the parish making a mess, you know because they're leaving the old rails, putting down new rails you can see the asphalt everything. They're causing problems but they're working, why can't we get a meeting? Why can't we get someone here from the Railroad, we've asked for the last couple of years to get any official to come in here address us and help us and it seems like we can never get anyone here, I know they've come to our parish and they've met with you, they've even met with a couple of us when they wanted something in the Garyville, Mt. Airy area, I remember Mr. Perrilloux, Mr. Madere we all went and met and even Mr. Wilson. But when we want something it seems like they never obliged or they never come to the table they never come to the meetings, it just seems like it's all one sided. We've done the Federal Delegation before, we've sent letters, Federal Delegation have come back and said they would get involved, they're going to put some pressure on them, none of this has worked. So I guess from the legal side that's what we're trying now to get the legal system involved and see if they could put some pressure on them and come. But it just seems like they're bigger than any municipality around and they really don't care. So it's almost like Mr. Wilson and Mr. Madere they have a point don't always agree with how they do it but this time it sounds right. We need to just go and do it and see what happens. I do understand your man power that is another issue so that would take away from the other work load that we have."

Brian Nunes stated, "That letter that's being sent I mean you're looking for, I don't want to say an ultimatum but we can say; if you guys don't do it in a certain amount of time, we'll just hire a contractor and send you the bill. That way it's not our resources and they're still paying for it. I'd be more comfortable with that instead of using the parish resources to do that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "That's sounds like a better option also. I know all of that would have to go through legal and what we can do and giving them enough time period to answer us and getting back with us, but as we all said the disgust with the railroads, we really have to do something. This is going on my entire time that I've been in office that I've tried to culverts unplugged, culverts underneath the railroad that have been collapsed and they've come in and put down new rail system, new crossing but yet the left the culvert plugged. So it really doesn't do us any good when it comes to the drainage issues."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "We actually met with them years ago a couple of times

and frankly I don't remember if it was KCS or CN, I do recall one of the issues was drainage importance at the time involved an area I guess that'll wither be in Mr. Wilson or Mr. Madere's District near Reserve by the switch, you know where I'm talking about, where there were 2 collapsed culverts on that switch and they actually came out and fixed it finally but I recall when we met with them they sent one of the Engineers down to meet with us, this is probably eight or nine years ago maybe more and the guy who came down with them guaranteed us he'd have the watering draining back to the river. So we knew what we were dealing with at that time and it was a problematic, my point is when they do send people it's not always people that know what the hell they're doing frankly okay. So it's important for us to stay on it I will actually pull the old file that I have which had a whole lot of correspondence dealing with the railroads and I would like to have the opportunity to put a report together with a recommendation at the next meeting after the letter goes out, in case what I expect will happen which will be very little, does in fact happen. We'll be able to go with our next option but I'd rather discuss that in an Executive Session because it's going to involve probably some legal, some sort of legal action."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes I hear all you'll frustration because we all have it. I remember we tried that starting that job from 29<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Street and they stopped us from cleaning that area out but yeah I asked Mr. Perilloux to draft the letter because Senator Vitter office has contacted me 4 times for this letter because I have told him the frustration we have with the railroad so on his level he's going to see what he can do in Washington because I understand he has some pretty much voice when it comes to the Railroad so that why the letter was drafted, it will go to the Council the Council can read it make comments but Mr. Perilloux is putting some teeth into the leather and going to give them some ultimatum, so let's just wait for the process and see how that happens in 20 days we'll know something from his level and we could pursue and see what the Parish as a Council and Administration can do."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I believe we shouldn't wait much longer. The next time we make an agreement we will have to get it in writing because the last time they promised us the moon and we didn't get off the ground. They got what they wanted and left and gave us nothing but trouble. So this time any agreement that we make with the railroad we want it down in writing and we want something long term not just a onetime deal when they come in here and sweep the area clean one time this is a yearly thing. It doesn't make sense for us to spend a bit of money on drainage and the projects that we have going on is that when we get to the railroad track we have the same problem and I have seen it on N. W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street the front of the street drained perfectly and when they got to the back by the canal and the railroad the buck stops there. So in order for our drainage projects to be successful the railroad must get on board and clean those canals out. They must do it or like Mr. Wilson said and I am saying it again we need to take action."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Perilloux you drove and you've seen some of the areas with me and we took pictures we need to send them to Washington because we need action more than talk and I don't believe that we should have to use our people. I think that the railroad should take care of the railroad's business. If it is theirs they need to take care of it. I do have

*pictures but something needs to be done sooner than later because enough is enough."*

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Legal Options for possible parish president Charter violations

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

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

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**15-47** An ordinance to adjust the annual salary of St. John the Baptist Parish Council members to \$8,657.59 in accordance with the Procedure outlined in Art. III, Sec. 2 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter. This salary adjustment shall be Effective upon the start date of the next council term of office, And corresponds to the accumulated annual CPI percentages for the Previous three (3) years (L. Gauff)

**15-48** An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, by adding a section to be numbered 1-12 that reads as follows: **Sec. 1-12. - Adjudication of Code Violations** (N. Robottom)

**15-49** An ordinance granting approval to re-subdivide and dedicate lots J-1, J-2, J-3 and J-4 of the Joe Thomas, Jr. Subdivision, Formerly part of the Mildred and Alice Thomas Property, situated In Section 10, T-12-S, R-19-E, on Philip Court and East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZS-15-1122) (N. Robottom)

- 15-50** An ordinance amending Ordinance 15-01 relative to the annual operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish Recreation Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)
- 15-51** An ordinance amending Ordinance 15-02 relative to the annual operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund and Public Works Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)
- 15-52** An ordinance amending Ordinance 14-53 relative to the annual operating budget of the St. John the Baptist Parish Airport Authority, Ambulance, Animal Shelter, ARC Maintenance, Communications District, Community Center, Criminal Court, DHHS, Economic Development, Fire Departments, Health Unit, Gastav/Ike CDBG, Hurricane Isaac, Isaac Recovery CDBG, Juvenile Detention, Parishwide Sewerage, Public Safety, Sales Tax District, Street Lights, Mosquito, Solid Waste, Senior Citizen, Wastewater, and Water System Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)

**PRESIDENT REPORT:**

Good evening. The National Weather Service has named the first hurricane for the 2015 season. Although the activity does not pose a threat to us currently, residents are strongly encouraged to review hurricane preparedness plans and check emergency supply kits. Parish staff are closely monitoring the weather systems and remain in communication with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and the National Weather Center for updates and changes. Residents should also sign up now to receive emergency notifications to your home phone, cell phone, email or SMS text messaging device by visiting the homepage of the Parish's website and clicking on "Stay Connected." Please be advised that due to the recent fire incident at East St. John Elementary, Emergency Responders have made changes to the Point-to-Point evacuation plans. Should a mandatory evacuation be issued, the new evacuation registration site will be Emily C. Watkins Elementary School located at 938 Highway 628 in LaPlace. At this time, I'd like to thank the Fire Dept., Public Safety Dept., Communications Dept. and all who were involved in the East St. John Elementary fire recently. Through teamwork, the school was able to be salvaged and no one was injured. I know the School System recognized your efforts last week and we all sincerely appreciate your dedication. Thank you also to everyone in the community who donated in the aftermath. A rededication of the Reserve Branch Library will take place this Saturday, August 29 at 10 am. The library is located at 170 W 10<sup>th</sup> St. The Louisiana Dental Center, located at 393 Belle Terre Blvd in LaPlace, will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony next Wednesday, September 2 at 2:00 p.m. to commemorate their new location. The public is invited to attend. St. John Parish Officials and the Keep St. John Beautiful Committee are gearing up for the Fall Clean Sweep event to be held Saturday, September 19. Register your group online at [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com) or call our office at 985-652-9569. Please help us commemorate the third anniversary of Hurricane Isaac and tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina on Saturday by pausing to take a moment of silence during the course of that day. We remember the events of both storms, all who

perished, and continue working toward our community and region's full recovery. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:02 PM, Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with 8 yeas with 1 absent (Wilson).

/s/Michael Wright  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary