

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX**  
**VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilwoman Hotard led the Pledge.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES**

There were no businesses for introduction.

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary, stated, *"For a period of fifteen (15) days, beginning August 15, 2014 and ending August 29, 2014, this board of review has been opened to receive any written or oral complaints from taxpayers who wish to protest their assessment as determined by the assessor. Complaining taxpayers must comply with Act 705 of 1976 in order for the board of review to consider any protest. The board of review is now opened to consider any protest."*

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Meeting; Lennix Madere - Appointment of Darnella Steib to the Library Board of Control

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Regular Meeting; Lennix Madere - Appointment of Darnella Steib to the Library Board of Control. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**14-41** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 13-48 relative to the annual Operating budgets for St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and

Parishwide Sewerage Construction fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. (N. Robottom)

Vince Lucia, CFO, stated, *"The 2014 budgets were amended to reflect the 2013 audited fund balances and other amendments to date. Most of the changes reflect recommendations from the parish auditor and legal counsel to have employees assigned to budgets in accordance with their duties. This was also a PAC recommendation. Explanations for all amendments were forwarded to the council on 8/27/2014."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to table ordinance 14-41. The motion passed unanimously.

**14-42** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance No. 03-66 as follows: By adding Section 4 to read as follows: Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions, the fiscal year operating budgets for all Parish Fire Districts shall be consolidated for administrative purposes and shall be administered by the Parish President through the Director of the Parish Department of Public Safety commencing with FY 2015 and continuing each fiscal year thereafter (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"This amendment is based on years of meetings and discussions between the Office of Fire Services and Volunteer Fire Departments and was also recommended by the PAC. It increases efficiencies and reduces redundancies in the fire departments. This amendment was the consensus of everyone involved and would begin with the 2015 budget. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve ordinance 14-42. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 against (Wilson) and 1 absent (Madere).

**14-43** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-20 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to establish and define the St. John the Baptist Parish Precinct Boundaries, Merge Precincts, and establish Precinct Polling Places (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"This merger is required by law and is based on completion of re-districting for both the Parish Council and the School Board. Administration recommends approval."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Snyder moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve ordinance 14-43. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed with 8 yeas and 1 abstaining (Snyder).

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Lennix Madere/Cheryl Millet/Ranney Wilson/Lucien Gauff - Update on the detection of the Naegleria Fowleri Ameba in Water District I**

Councilman Madere stated, "Before we go any further on this, I'd like to make a motion requesting that Administration get back with us by the next Council Meeting to see what we can do in terms of working out some term of reliefs in terms of the water bill with people affected in those areas."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "You heard Mr. Madere's motion? He wants to recommend Administration look into adjusting the water bill of the residents that were affected by the Ameba in District I. Can I get a second? Councilman Wright seconded the motion."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to ask Mr. Madere what kind of adjustment you're talking about, a monthly average?"

Councilman Madere responded, "Well, I think Administration would have to come back with what they think would be the best solution, but I think we need to make some type of adjustments in these areas since it was something that was not a natural disaster. It was something that was caused by something other than that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I thought we would at least wait until they got a bill so that we would know if there was some sort of affect to their bill first. How would we know if there's an effect to the bill, and that would be my only question is if there's no change in the bill we wouldn't have to do anything, but if there is a change I don't think we would know until they got a bill to show some sort of adjustment or if an adjustment is needed that's what I would think. That's my only comment."

Councilman Madere stated, "My comment to that is, it was passed out with flyers from us that says you must run your tap water five minutes or ten minutes. I spoke to Virgil Rayneri and of course you're going to have an adjustment if I run my water five minutes longer every time I attempt to use it of course it's going to be an increased cost. I've never known for us to run your water and not get charged for it. Every time you turn it on, that meter turns so there will be an increase. I don't care how small it is it's still an increase. Some people are on fixed income and they can't afford \$20 or \$10, so when you're on a fixed income your money is already dedicated for something else, and now we're asking them to dedicate it for something else that's not in their budget. I also checked with the Department of Hospital and Health and they recommend that you run your water five minutes each time you attempt to use it."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I was thinking maybe in light of this that affected areas maybe possibly the Parish could do a 3 month average, the last 3 months and break it there. I had spoken with Mr. Goodman last week to figure out how he can do that, but that's what I suggest."

Natalie Robottom stated, "This request came in from a couple of Council members. I've already discussed it with our Manager he's going to be reviewing the billing to see what changes have taken place primarily in the affected area and I've tasked him with figuring out how to make that determination. We have what your average bill is. It is too early

to tell what the changes will be, but he's been tasked with that and we'll definitely take a look at how to make it happen because we clearly don't want to put anybody at a disadvantage because of an emergency. So, if there's no other discussion we're fine with that, that's actually included in my remarks."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You heard Mrs. Robottom with the comment on this, anymore discussion from the Council?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "I agree with Mr. Madere. We should be proactive here and that I wouldn't want to see Administration getting 6000-12,000 phone calls saying my bill went up so being proactive that way will save them a lot of time and effort and we can get this thing rolling, at least people know they don't mind letting their water run for a little while to make sure it's safe."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mrs. Robottom, this thing it happened there was nothing at the point of the time it happened that you can do other than we have a system to warn the public it's tested once a month so I know the system works. It wasn't used when the storm came but in this declaration of emergency the very last sentence declared a serious and imminent danger to the public and I called here three times and I left messages twice with the little girl that answered the phone to get a message to you to blow the siren and warn the people in the affected areas, not everybody sit down watching channel 11 or 12 on television all day long. No matter what station it was on at least the people would have been notified at that time. What we waiting for a nuclear war to press the button? It's no use for it then, but that's the only problem I have right now. I know we can't go into discussion right now with what's going on as far as investigation purposes etc. but you should have pressed that button, that's what we got the system for."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Would you all like to hear the update and then maybe some of your questions would be answered?"

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "I wanted to give the public a chance to respond to come in if they want to come in and make a comment of this issue. I would allow them to come in. Let's finish with Mr. Ranney Wilson's question. Are you complete? Then I'll go to Mr. Madere."

Councilman Madere stated, "One of the concerns, when I went down to Thibodaux and spoke to several individuals that's involved with this process I also made a request that we see about trying to see about getting some bottled water down here in this area because as I read this paper it said a declaration of emergency so I asked the individuals who I was talking to at Louisiana Hospital and Health Department and I asked them several questions. I asked do you work for the state, he said yes we do. I said are you funded by the state, he said yes we are so I said this declaration of emergency was approved through the state for this particular area he said yes it was. I said if the state was funding your department and controlling your department would have a problem if we declare a state of emergency in this affected area, he said without a doubt they should not have a problem so my request is that we do that for this particular area so we can get some assistance from the state for bottled water because also an increased amount of money is being spent on individuals buying bottled water and that was the question I proposed to him so I'm

proposing the same question to Administration did we ever think about or discussing that just for those particular areas trying to get some relief because there's no bottled water left in that area now."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Do I have anybody from Administration want to respond to that?" I'm opening up for the public if the public have any comment want to come in and say something people may be out in the corridor want to come in and say something and Mrs. Robottom is going to give us an update."

Natalie Robottom stated, "With all due respect Mr. Chairperson, the item on the agenda was update on the Ameba and I'm here prepared to provide an update that hopefully will address some of the questions. It seems counterproductive to allow for the questions before the information is provided so I'm going to request as was asked to me to provide an update and hopefully some of the answers to the questions that may come up will be addressed."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You are freely to give your update."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Thank you. Based on advice of legal counsel and ongoing investigations regarding Water District #1, these remarks are for informational purposes only. No questions will be addressed at this time. Water District #1 includes Reserve, Garyville, Mt. Airy and W. 5th Street from Apricot to Acorn and areas west of River Parishes Hospital. St. John Parish remains in response mode as we deal with the Emergency Order in Water District #1. At the same time, our efforts are directed at keeping our entire water system safe. Although there are no known reports of illness associated with the ameba, we are focused on eliminating conditions that breed the ameba and are working to restore water that is safe for all purposes. Once the crisis is under control, then and only then will our attention turn to other matters. As Parish President, I am ultimately responsible for making sure the water is safe and for complying with the Emergency Order. This is and has been my number 1 priority since being notified of the Emergency Order on August 27. I accept that responsibility and I am in constant contact with investigators, DHH staff, consultants, and utility employees and supervisors. A determination must be made as to what led to this emergency and what steps can be taken to prevent it from happening again. Corrective measures will be taken to address all procedural and personnel deficiencies that impact the health and safety of our residents. Timeline of Events - On August 12, representatives from DHH collected 5 samples in Water District #1 to test for the ameba. Although not specifically testing for Chlorine, three samples were found to have less than .5mg/l of Chlorine as required, but the Parish was not notified in a timely manner. On August 21, a DHH employee informed a Parish consultant of Chlorine deficiencies noted during the August 12 sampling. On August 22, Parish staff verified low levels of Chlorine at certain locations in the parish and Chlorine levels at all plants were elevated and additional flushing conducted throughout the system. Both are approved methods for chlorinating the system. Mid-morning on August 25, I was notified by the Utilities Director that the state's samples detected low Chlorine levels. The Utilities staff began working to determine why previous sampling results suggested adequate Chlorine and now it appeared low. On the evening of August 25, DHH was notified that total Chlorine levels at the Lions Water Plant were increased to 1.9 mg/l and additional

sampling would be coordinated between DHH, Utilities staff and the Parish consultant. On August 27 at approximately 3:15 p.m., a conference call was conducted with DHH, Utilities Staff, Public Safety and Communications to discuss Water District #1. We were informed that lab results received THAT DAY, revealed the detection of the Naegleria fowleria ameba in the sample collected near the Noranda Aluminum Plant on August 12. According to DHH, the delay in notification was related to the time required to complete the test. DHH provided specific information about the ameba, associated risks, Chlorine deficiencies, corrective protocol, and public notice requirements. Council members, other parish officials and residents were notified through the mass notification system and precautions were added to all parish communication outlets. Meetings were held with Council members to discuss the emergency and the tentative plan of action. All Council members did not attend and some have still not sought factual information. Information was sent to all media outlets, a press conference held, FAQ sheets distributed informational flyers hand delivered to the impacted areas, as well as churches, schools, libraries and other public buildings. Contact was made with the hospital to determine if any medical reports related to the emergency were made - there were none. Residents in LaPlace and on the West Bank were informed that their water was not affected by the Emergency Order. The EOC was staffed to address questions from residents and a cable override was conducted. On August 28, the Chlorine Burn was initiated at 7:00 a.m. to increase Chlorine levels to 1.0 mg/l throughout the system. Residents were informed that they may notice a change in the taste, smell, and color of the water, but it was safe for consumption. According to information from the Department of Health & Hospitals (DHH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the water remains safe for drinking, bathing and cooking, but residents should avoid getting it deep into the nasal passage. Phone calls and meetings were held with schools and industry to provide additional information regarding risks and precautions. On Tuesday, September 2, I was informed by Dr. Guidry that his office was pleased with the quick actions taken by the parish and committed the assistance of his office throughout the process. He also informed me that State Police would be conducting an investigation into the reporting inconsistencies submitted by Parish employees. On the morning of September 3, interviews began with employees and supervisors responsible for water treatment, water sampling and compliance reporting. State Police are no longer labeling this a "criminal investigation", but are reviewing the information as requested by DHH to determine the cause of the discrepancies. This investigation, as well as an internal investigation are ongoing, but are secondary to correcting the Chlorine deficiency and eliminating all risks to our residents. A corrective action plan has been submitted to DHH for approval and will be implemented at the Department level, with oversight by 3rd party consultants. Despite concerns about increased THMs and other by-products, utilities staff have been directed to increase the Chlorine levels in all systems to meet or exceed the Emergency Rule. The following is a summary of actions taken thus far: Residents initially notified of the emergency and recommended precautions on August 27; Chlorine Burn initiated at 7:00 a.m. on August 28; Daily samples collected and checked by 3rd party - ongoing; Previous samples submitted to DHH reviewed for inconsistencies; State Police investigation initiated on September 3 - ongoing; Internal investigation initiated on September 4 - ongoing; Water lines and fountains at schools flushed and sampled weekly - ongoing; 70 sample

sites identified and submitted to DHH for approval; Training conducted for Utilities staff and Fire Services on Chlorine sampling for additional 70 sites; Flow testing conducted throughout the parish - ongoing; Additional automatic flushers and sample points installed - ongoing; Additional testing initiated by 3rd party for long-term compliance; Chlorine levels increased at Lions Plant - **POE: 3.2, MRT: 1.57**; 60 Day Burn Period anticipated to begin Monday, pending DHH approval; Telephone conversations conducted with Bob Bowcock, Chief Environmental Investigator with Erin Brockovich; Utility Billing Manager reviewing water bills in impacted areas for adjustments related to emergency; These efforts are ongoing and are being directed by me and the Office of Public Safety. We apologize for all actions or inactions that led to this emergency and the resulting precautions, but we are committed to making sure the water is safe now and in the future. Once again, we caution those with little to no factual information about the emergency from providing false or misleading information to the public. More information will be provided as it becomes available and copies of these remarks and Facts about the emergency will continue to be provided through the Communications Department."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mrs. Robottom. Let me ask one question before you leave. One question let's bring the public up to update on it because you have 60 day burn period anticipated beginning Monday, but it's only going to begin after every sample point has been reached at 1.0 correct? And that's when the 60-day will start counting so I just want to bring that up to the public now any comments from the Council or any questions?" I want to open up to the public. Let me caution certain things to the public. We probably won't be able to answer. I have my attorneys here because of the state police investigation but we'll try to do the best we can so anybody want to come up you have 3 minutes. State your name for the records who you are and you have 3 minutes."

Chad Dragon, a resident of affected area, stated, "I'm the president of the ball park around here. I coach little league football. I coach school football. My kids are using the water fountain. We're talking about 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. How are we stopping the water from going up their noses if it's shooting upwards? We're talking about young children. My child is scared to take a shower every night. It's ridiculous. I have to take one with him while he holds his nose so he don't die. One of my biggest questions is how long? If we're only taking a sample once a month how long was it in there before we did not detect it?"

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "I don't have the answer for that. I don't know. I don't sample so I don't have the answer for you and maybe our Director can answer this sampling schedule because I don't know what it is, but let me make one comment and I also have a school board member here too about the schools and I don't want to answer. I think they had taped the fountains up and covered them where the kids couldn't use them and they were furnishing water to the kids at the school and maybe our school board member I thought I saw him he can come and answer that for me because I don't know."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "It's just at the public schools but not at the private schools."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I understand Riverside had water but I don't know what their schedule is but I know the public schools have water issuing out to the kids but I think now they brought in Kentwood water into the five gallons of containers in the little coolers. I think that's what's happening at the schools now."

Chad Dragon stated, "Yes, but it's not in the locker room and I see it was wet today when they were using them, and as far as kids not getting sick I have a child with little asthma but he's been coughing more than ever. We still don't know the full effect of this thing, so it's still too early to make judgment about everything. The sickness is still too early to make judgments also. That's what I have to say, thank you all."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much."

Sandra Remondet, a resident of the affected area, stated, "I live two blocks away from the water treatment plant. I have never got a notice. I have a trach. My doctor told me to stay away from the water. How do I stay away from the water? You all have a nasal. I have a trach. If this gets in my trach, I am gone. If your water's safe Mrs. Robottom, drink it. You said I could drink it. You said I could cook with it. I can't. I can't even use it. I can't afford to buy bottled water. I have a grandson. Before you gave me a notice, was throwing up, headaches, high fever, passing out at school. The school called me. I was sitting in a courtroom, nobody to go get him. You know what he had? Symptoms 1 of Ameba, but nobody notified me that we had this in the water. Look at this, came out of my water. I can't smell this. It's killing me. I'm 22 years cancer free and now I'm dying because of this. What are you all going to do?"

Sandra Trosclair, a resident of the affected area, stated, "I'm her daughter. I just had to take my 5-year old to the doctor today. He has an upper respiratory infection. He has to go tomorrow morning to have blood work done and if it's bad enough, he can be hospitalized, and they said it is caused from the water. That's all I have to say."

Debbie Stricks, a resident of St. John Parish, stated, "First I would like to thank the Council for being so transparent and to have open communication with us at any time and acting quickly, not only in this but in other situations. I would request that when there is an issue such as this or anything to do with health not only the affected areas but if you could notify all areas because I do visit people in the affected areas and they may not have the means to know about this situation so I'd like to know also. We go to restaurants in the affected area and we were told we were not in the affected area. I live in the River Oaks area and even though we were not in the affected area I have a lot of immune disorders. I have very bad health. When I got in the tub this morning as many people are telling you story after story so I will be brief, but before I smelled it my eyes burned and my throat started to close up and it burned. If I could be warned when it's going to be something like that, that would be very helpful because it's dangerous. I got in the tub, that happened, shortly after that the throat hurt, I got nausea, and then a headache. I don't get headaches normally and that all happened so it physically affected me and I think it's physically affecting others. I could have made a choice and that's what I want is a choice. I could have made a choice

not to get in that tub and to make other accommodations for bathing, so please let me know and then also the question in my mind was why am I smelling this much chlorine and why am I being affected this much in a non-affected area? Thank you for your time."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Ms. Stricks."

Bob Bowcock, Chief Environmental Investigator for Erin Brockovich, stated, "Mr. Chairman, members of the Parish Council, I was invited here by the community through Erin Brockovich. We received some 40-50 requests from community members and I just finished speaking to a packed house at an establishment right down the road. I think the most important thing that I can communicate to you here tonight is that the community wants to be engaged. They want to understand what's happening to them. They want to understand the chemistry and the effects on them in various parts of the community. I gave them a lot of information tonight that I couldn't possibly convey to you here, but I will stay through the question and answer period should any of you have any specific questions that I can answer. Your response, I can't get into the local politics of that, but from a science prospective, it is has been appropriate. What I would like to do is cut you to the chase and just tell you something I don't usually do in these situations and I've spoke at hundreds of city Council Meetings across the country. As a matter of fact, this is a marathon week; I spoke at one last night in Malibu about PCB's in a high school. I will be in Laurel Mississippi on practicing tomorrow and I will be at a mine spill in Clover South Carolina on Thursday, so I'm doing 4 City Councils in 4 days in 4 states. So, what I would impart to you here is that you find yourselves in a situation where your water quality has a lot of organic material in it. No two drinking water systems in the United States have the same water quality and how you respond to a rule of a regulation is unique and to yourself your own. Unfortunately, when coming into compliance with the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Rule, here in St. Johns Parish you responded at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, much like many utilities across the country did and you chose the least cost option and that was to add ammonia to your disinfection process to sequester or stop the reaction of the chlorine with the organics. Now last year there was a problem with Ameba in 20 systems in the state of Louisiana. You all went through a chlorine burn process. Then you switched back to your chloramination process. What chloramine is, it's a mixture of ammonia and chlorine. When the chlorine goes through your distribution system it is used up by reacting to the organics and disinfectants and scale and things throughout your water supply. The chlorine is eventually used up and what remains is the ammonia. The ammonia is nitrogen. It feeds or fuels biofilm and slime. The biofilm and slime are the residents for these Ameba and bacteria and other organisms that are causing your community reactions and disease. When you switch from chloramine to free chlorine burns and back to chloramine, it's not unlike what we're hearing in the disinfectant community where people are over using hand sanitizers and creating superbugs, super bacteria. What I would submit to you is you've created super biofilm. You have super nitrification in your distribution system and that no matter how hard you try to chlorine burn those out they're just going to continue to get worse. The Ameba was in your distribution system many months before you detected it. It's there now and it will remain. I am as concerned about the Ameba bacteria or the Ameba being in the distribution system as I am the bacteria. When we're testing water, we

go to the least cost option. We are testing for chloroform bacteria. It's on my hands. It's all over this room. It's easily detected. It's a cheap quick test. You test for presence or absence. The tube is either purple or the tube is clear. There's no question, so what happens is if you have that readily available bacteria that's in your environment then you assume the other bacteria are there. What I am here to tell you is that I am least concerned with the Ameba and far more concerned with other bacteria living in these biofilm colonies at the ends of your distribution system; things like legionella bacteria that causes pneumonia in institutions, retirement communities, things like that. These are not unique to this Parish. They are a problem of the quick cheap easy fix that is chloramination. The EPA says you must remove the pre cursors, the organics, and the dirt. Clean the water. If you clean the water you can use a muriate of disinfectants. You can return to pre-chlorine. What I would ask you to consider here tonight as a Council is to advise the Department of Health and Hospitals that you intend to stay on pre-chlorine in violation of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule. You've been violating it anyway until you have the opportunity to clean up your drinking water system properly. That's what your community wants you to do. They want you to tell the state look EPA you dropped the ball on this one big and hard. I wonder why they haven't been here. Why is CDC coming in and talking about the Safe Drinking Water Act? That is a law that belongs in the Environmental Protection Agency. They have been absent from the state of Louisiana throughout this process and they've been advised by the CDC who frankly I apologize CDC out there and whatever states you might be in you're wrong. You're not equipped to be dealing with the problems that you've inserted yourself into. As a local Parish Council you have the opportunity to do the right thing. Send a message to the State by resolution that you intend to stay on pre-chlorine until you can get the problem fixed and that will be removing the precursors, taking the dirt out of the water. There are a list of treatment technologies that are available that Virgil and I have talked about. I had a full blown presentation. I can't do it tonight it'll take far too long, but I have provided you with a copy of all these slides to let you look at those alternatives to let you evaluate the available technologies. Chloramination is listed as the best available technology. It's used in Denver Colorado there's no dirt in the water. There's a reason Koers Beer says it's better up there, it's because there's nothing in the water to begin with. You are in a organically loaded area. I don't care whether you chloramine or chlorinate, you're going to create a massive disinfection byproducts. You've got to stop and you've got to get your water system back on track. I'll stay and be here for questions. Thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "One question, that packet you have, the young lady behind you, can you give it to her so she can get it to all the Council members please?"

Bob Bowcock responded, "And I was actually loaded up on your computer too, but I want to be mindful of time, but I'll give her the big one because I don't want to take it back, and I'll get cards to the Parish President and circulate them."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Some of the things that I wanted to touch on when I was first notified about the presence of the Ameba in the system, we did have the meeting in the EOC and I did have a

conversation with Mr. Williams at DHH just to give me a little bit of insight as to what was taking place. At that time, it was the Friday after we were notified he informed me that they actually had collected a sample at the St. James water district and also West Jefferson and there were no violations, no Ameba found in their water system so it led me to believe just out of the information that was given to me that undoubtedly our neighboring Parish has figured out a way to keep the Ameba out of their water system so we need to maybe, I know that it's possible then I started to watch some of the press releases where it said we had maybe it was a lack of knowledge this type of information. Then on one of the news press releases from the Administration it said that what could be happening was that the employees were taking the sample getting a low chlorine reading and then putting chlorine into the system and flushing it out and getting the correct reading and only sending in that correct reading to DHH but didn't realize that they had to send in all those other steps and so that really doesn't make a connection either because if we were getting low chlorine samples and putting the proper amounts of chlorine into the system and every sample that we sent to DHH said we had the proper amount of chlorine then how did we end up with Ameba in the system, the two does not make sense, it doesn't add up. So, that's where some of my concern is, are we getting accurate information. We know several months ago that we just were in violation or cited or at least put on notice that the chlorine level was low that something wasn't being done right and this report, this update it says we're committed to water safety. Those are the same words that our Utilities Director spoke at that meeting. The water is safe and will continue to be safe, and had we have had a crystal ball we would know that that's not the case because just two weeks ago we had to notify residents in an emergency notification stop getting the water in your nose so at some point the connection has to be made. There need to be some accountability with people who get up here tell us that the water is going to be safe that it will be safe and that's what I'm tasking this Administration with to make sure that this doesn't happen again whether it was by accident lack of knowledge since it's been quoted to the media or anything like that. It's not, we talk about Isaac that was a natural disaster. That was an act of God, that could not be prevented, but having your water system with zero chlorine or not chlorine to kill an Ameba that could kill us that's man made and I got a problem with that. That's all I have."

Councilman Madere stated, "I agree with what Ms. Hotard said. I just need to get some more clarification on a couple of things that was said in this report. I spoke to, like I said I went down to Thibodaux and spoke to some of the people over there and the only concern I had when I asked them was when were we notified that we had low chlorine in our water, not the presence of the Ameba, just when did we know that we had low chlorine in our water and at that time he told me on the day that they took the samples he said they were notified, so I just want to know if that's the real answer or was it like they had in the report further down the line, because I was told the day that they tested the samples and shared it with Mr. Rayneri they knew that the samples were low at that time, so my comment was they wasn't sure that they had the Ameba in the water but they also knew that the sample was low and according to the State in the emergency order that was sent out to us that with DeSoto Parish and St. Bernard had in common was little to no chlorine and that's how they know that the Ameba may have been present but he still had to take some tests with it so my concern is if we had

that information 10 days prior then that information and alerts should have went out just be precautionary so that's the only concern I have about that exactly when did we know about low chlorine."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And I'd like to echo what Mr. Madere said. I was concerned on those dates also and if it seems to me that if the state took the samples on the 12<sup>th</sup> they did not notify us that we had low chlorine. Did we take samples on the 12<sup>th</sup> that's what I'd like to know and if we did what did the samples come back. Did we have to report that sample. People are asking us these questions out there in the community and I think it's our responsibility to be as candid with them as possible but at the same time not to get them all stirred up and we've all some of us has been involved with sample taking and cleaning up systems and there's a little technique there, but it's not rocket science how to clean up a system, and I'm concerned about that. Are we cleaning up our system right? I didn't get a report. I saw something in the newspaper Sunday saying that our water system was back with chlorine, something to that effect. I asked myself because of testing, is it the whole system or its just at the ends of the headers, and that what gets me because we got a lot of little arteries come off our main headers. Are we alright there and I don't think we are, but the newspaper had reported, the Sunday paper, that it was back on spec with chlorine 1.29 or something like that but I don't know where that's at. That still scares me. I have people asking us these questions. They don't know, so we got to be as transparent with them as possible and not create a panic and I know the water is safe to drink. I drink it, so I know it is safe to drink but we still have people out there that have some concerns and I like to know what's going on with that system and how we're cleaning it up and then only thing I've heard is that we're flushing the system. Where are we flushing the system? You're flushing it at the line with St. James? You're flushing it at the line over here in Milesville? You're flushing it on the north end of Reserve or the South end? Where are we flushing? You have a lot of lines that come off there. Some of these lines start they don't circulate. They're just stagnant at the end of the street and I think that's what scaring people and it scares me because I have grandchildren up there, small grand-children. I have one right now talking about headaches and eyes hurting and nausea and stomach aches and stuff like that and I hear these people, Mr. Dragon got up here and said his child and the lady about her grandchild, so now I'm afraid for my grand-child now, and that's what's happening throughout the Parish. I know Mr. Madere have been doing a lot of investigation, New Orleans, he's been going to Thibodeaux doing things, bringing back information to all of us, and that's because we want to know. We don't want to come here and look stupid because who dealing with us we're not getting all the information we'd like to have because I really found out about this Ameba through the newspaper that we had a problem with Ameba. Were we low on chlorine? If I was low on chlorine on August 12<sup>th</sup>, you know what I would have done, what we should have done? We should have notified the people that we may have Ameba in our water system because the chlorine is the thing that kills it. Am I right? The chlorine is the thing that evacuates it from our system, and if we low we got 0 to minimum chlorine that means we got the possibility to have Ameba in our system, but I know I was at a party up there and they had kids on a water slide between those two days the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> sliding down those water slides and I saw that now I wonder now I hope none of them get sick if we had Ameba and that was in Reserve, but I'd just like the

public to know that we understand your plight and we're doing what we can as a Council and you all know that. We do what we can do. We can't tell Administration how to clean up the system, the State done told them that I imagine, but I know one thing if we got an emergency like that we got to let people know. I was talking to one of the former managers. I think it was Mr. Raydell Morris, he said you know something I leave out my house through my garage. They put a piece of paper on my front door. I never even saw the paper saying there was something, and he said one thing you can do is put a paper on every door and don't just put the paper on one door because some people don't use their front door, they use their garage all the time. Little things like that is important. It might be the reason someone decides to go swimming one day in the swimming pool in the yard and not, so Mr. Madere I know you did a lot of work on this stuff and I appreciate him running around the country trying to figure out something and get the good information. I just think we need a little bit more. I hear some snickering out there but I found out about the Ameba in the newspaper and if you sent it to me I didn't read my mail then, but that's the way I found out about it."

Councilman Wilson stated, "That's precisely why I said that the siren should have been put on and the people notified of that problem in those particular areas because you can't reach them any faster than that siren. It goes into every channel on the television and that's one of the serious problems I have. There was somebody that asked about the samples? Where's Mr. Rayneri? How often is the samples taken and at what point so they'd understand."

Virgil Rayneri, Director of Utilities, responded, "Chlorine residuals at the point of entry and the MRT once per day."

Councilman Wilson asked, "On the system towards the end of the line of the systems, how often are those tested?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "That is the MRT Sir."

Councilman Wilson asked, "They do that every day?"

Virgil Rayneri responded, "Yes Sir."

Councilman Wilson stated, "We didn't find out sooner than that we had a problem?"

Councilman Perrilloux responded, "Some of those questions we won't be able to answer Mr. Ranney because of the investigation so we got to be on a caution to let the investigation play itself out with the state police so some of those things we won't be able to answer."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I asked to be put on this agenda item so that I can get an update for the public so that we know where we are today, just so happen we got a chronological order of what's happened from the time of the incident to today so thank you for that. I think one of the most important things is that we keep talking about the past. The most important thing should be the future. Where do we go from here correcting this, I think Ms. Hotard hit it in where she was trying to say this shouldn't happen again. Let's do whatever it takes so that it don't happen again. I've heard Administration say they're working on

that, that's their main focus is to make sure this does not happen again. Today was at a 1.57 on the MRT, which is supposed to be the end of the line. That was in the report. That was just what was given. I'm only saying a fact on today that what was given. That's where we are from today, so that's what I was trying to give to the public to say where we are today because we need to move forward. The most important thing is to get our water system back to where we were in compliance and even above. The one thing that troubles me is that we're guided by DHH standards. DHH tells us we need to do a chlorine burn. In doing a chlorine burn we have to inject chlorine into the system. There are guidelines that tell us don't put too much chlorine in the system, so there's got to be a fine line between not enough and too much and I know that's what we're working towards but to me some of the regulations and some of the guidelines don't comply with what we're tasked to do, and I know we're under investigation so there's not a whole lot that can be said and can be discussed, but it just seems like the system itself we do have to come up with a better system, one that takes our residents safety and health into consideration and I know that's what we've been trying to do as a Council as Administration that's the most important thing and I think from this point forward that's what we need to be concentrating on. The investigation that the State Police does that DHH does all that'll come out on who they think is at fault where the fault is that's not for us to do. I think it's for the investigators for the professionals to do and we should be moving forward on whatever it takes to get our water system in compliance for our residents."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "Thank you Mr. Gauff that was very well stated. My concern is has always been for water quality for the residents of St. John the Baptist Parish. We have been fighting for years. We have directed Administration to do things that we think would be worthwhile for our residents. We always need to make sure as Council Members our job is to provide safe clean drinking water to our residents. That is our job. That's why we were elected to take care of our residents and I think we need to focus all our attention on making sure we do not have to go through this ever again that our residents can continue to have confidence in the people that they elected into office all of us. At the same time, I'm a little bit concerned about the kids in school right now. I know that they are drinking with bottled water. Are we going to offer any assistance to the school system? That's costing them a great deal of money to add that additional expense of drinking water to these kids in the classroom. Are we as a Council going to offer any assistance to them? They need help as well. This burn is going to last a very long time. It's going to take a lot of money from a lot of people. It's up to our Council it is our job to make sure we take care of all our residents and all the businesses and all the people that are affected by this, so I want to make sure we take all of these things into consideration along with the fact that we are going through the measures that we're going through now."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just wanted to touch on one thing Councilman Gauff said and I agree. The one thing with the DHH and I understand the chlorine the burn we put too much and then it's not enough, we also have to remember we are doing this chlorine burn now and the only reason why we're burning our water system with chlorine is because we failed to maintain a proper chlorine level and our water

tested positive for Ameba that's it. So yes, right now we are chasing our tails and we will continue to chase our tails until we get from under this Executive Administrative order. Right now, we're not even in control. DHH is in control, but if we had been doing what we were supposed to be doing from the beginning we would not be chasing our tails with DHH we would be in control. Every time this happens we're under an Administrative order. We get a certified letter. You all got one. We're all named in it. We're responsible, but we know that we don't hire nor fire. We were just instructed a few weeks ago reminded again that we are not allowed to give directives to employees so we know that all we can do right here is talk about it and we have to hope that the Administration is going to go out there and be about it to keep the water safe, but this whole chlorine burn and all that its a result of us not doing something that we were supposed to do, not that they just came and said now you need to burn your water with chlorine. Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand and agree with mostly everything that Mr. Gauff said except for one thing. You have to learn from your past mistakes. If you've made mistakes you've learned from them. You don't want to go back and do them again and according to this system, the history of this system prior to Mrs. Robottom taking this position have had problems in the past and we've had problems during this Administration and we've also had 3 meetings where we talked about the quality of the water and at those 3 meetings it was brought up and we was assured 3 times that we wouldn't have this problem and the fact I know Mr. Perrilloux pressing the issue are you sure and they said we are sure and if we have a directive that says it's supposed to be .5 or above I went down there like I said and I didn't see a problem in testing. I said it and I'll say it again, I learned it in 10 seconds how to do it. It's not very hard. It's a matter of filling out papers and putting the information down and then I even called the guy again today and he told me if I find a low level I walk it down and what he mean about walking it down, I go down those streets until I find that chlorine and then I initiate my process then I go back and get my information and everything, so it was a lot of things and he told me every system is different. He also said that you'd have to know your system. No one else knows your system better than you, so you know where the bad spots are you know where the good spots are and you take it from there. You have to know your system and down in Thibodaux the drinking water at the fountain that's the one I tested 2.06 and they are miles away from the distribution center because they make sure they put enough in so whatever the problem is the State Police or the internal investigation is going to find out what it is, but you must learn from your mistakes and move forward so you make sure you don't make those same mistakes in the past and I think we have to learn from whatever the problem is we need to learn from it. I agree with Mrs. Millet concerning the school systems. I spoke to the superintendent last Thursday at a football game and we were just talking and right now he have a bill for \$17,000.00 for water in the school system. That's why I made the comment earlier about declaring some type of emergency so we can get assistance not only for ourselves but for the school systems to help them out because this burn is not simply 60 days as Mr. Perrilloux said. The 60 days doesn't start until all 70 of the locations register what the state is requiring so we can't say its 60 days. We can't say it's 65, so when we give out the information make sure that we explain it to everyone and I would like to know exactly

when that 60 day start. If its tomorrow then I want to know so I can start counting 60 and not guessing when 60 start."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Let me just respond because if I don't have any more public comments then I'm going to close the comments to the public. We had somebody from the public wanted to speak? If not I'm going to close it and we'll move on."

Kevin Vancamp, a resident of the affected area, stated, "As it was stated before we have a problem with bacteria it's not just this Ameba we got a bacteria problem. I don't know of any other states that have their water facility sitting in between two major grain elevators. These grain elevators are dropping major amounts of dust into the River where that water Lyons plant is in taking this water. Last year when they had an Ameba problem in Plaquemines Parish, our fire hydrants was opened every night and every day they were running for four days straight. I didn't know why but I saw a Parish truck pull up. I went outside and I asked this Parish official why are you opening these fountains up? He told me he couldn't tell me why they were opening them. He said you need to call the Council and talk to them and ask them why we're running them. I took it upon myself to say apparently they must be doing some kind of flush. The chlorine was high at that point. A few days later there was a test conducted on the water system to see if it was in compliance. Now we're having this issue again. The public is now paying for the flush because these fire hydrants are not open. If these fire hydrants were even cracked at the slightest it would not cost us. It would cost the Parish to clean up this problem that they created. Chlorine has been under purchased in this Parish for a year and half now and this is a fact, so like they were saying, we can't even brush our teeth with this water. We can't put our face in this water in the shower because we were told don't get it in our nasal passages, and when you wash your face its going in your nose in your nasal passages, so like they were saying we need a state of emergency. We need water. We need to open up stations and have spots where people can go get water simply like you said to brush their teeth. That is a major problem. So now were being stuck with the bill instead of the Parish opening these places up for us to get water to have access to. That's what I have to say."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you."

Ria Hilken, a resident of the affected area, stated, "We're speaking about a lot of issues and things and my concern is for years and years St. Charles had air quality problems and they were told there was no problem. So now here I am with a water problem in St. John and might trust is not there anymore right now it's not I'm sorry but that's the way I feel but my concern is right now not concerned but I want to find out they have a bucket brigade in St. Charles where they do their own in groups they do their own testing. I would like to find a way where individual citizens can test their own water so we know as individuals what is going on. I don't trust this anymore. I don't, I'm sorry, but I want to find out a way where there is some way where different groups of different areas and different districts can get a system where we ourselves can test the water and then maybe report back to an agency or something, but something needs to be done. I don't trust you all anymore. I'm not talking to the Council. I'm just saying St. John water system whatever they're doing I don't trust them. I'm sorry, but thank

you for listening. That's my concern and I hope I hear from someone if this can be done and thank you very much for listening."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you."

Fred Cook, a resident of the affected area, stated, "I think you all are doing a great job. I think we can do something better. Just like the young man said earlier, it's an emergency. Put a water station in Garyville. We have to go to the Fire Department and pick up water. Put one in Reserve. Put one in LaPlace. We're only talking about 12,000 to 14,000 people is affected by this here. Let's not sit here and play with people's lives saying we hoping this is going to happen. We're hoping this don't happen, because let me tell you something, a lot of people is affected by this here and when you talk about peoples kids, people take their kids serious. Let me tell you all something right now at the present time we're playing with fire, and let me tell you something I don't want to see nobody get hurt by this here, but if we don't start doing a better job than what we're doing some people are going to go off the handle if their child get sick and their child pass away, ain't nobody gonna be able to go to these people and tell these people say let me tell you something pat them on the back oh it's going to be alright. It ain't going to be alright. Let's set up some water stations. This is an emergency. Let's get some bottled water. If the National Guards got to pass them out and let me tell you all something else; right now everybody affected by this here shouldn't have a water bill. Why we paying the water bill and let me tell you something it's a problem. We can sit here and say it ain't a problem, but it's a problem and it's a serious problem. What we're talking about right now done took a lot of people's lives. Don't let it happen to nobody in St. John Parish. Council Board, I'm begging you all, don't let it happen. That's all I can do. Thank you all for your time."

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

Anthony Marino, a resident of the affected area, stated, "I'm a resident of St. John Parish for the last 31 years. I always paid attention to what's going on and the reality of this is this is serious. This takes one try. The word is do not get this in your nose. Do not drink the water. You can drink it but try one time to put this in your nose and you got a problem because it takes one shot and then you're in the hospital. This is a brain eating Ameba. It can eat your brain. This was never my intentions to come speak about a problem that we're having. I would have loved to spoke about the positive but I'm sorry but this ain't nothing to play with. This could be affected in so many ways. You all are watching District I like its white on rice right now because I have seen this and I have to watch this but it takes one good trial for you all to stop watching District I guess I'm in, is District II Michael Wright? I'm sure you know who I am but so I'm in District V so it takes one shot for you all to stop watching me so good or my water district and then it travels to me so then what are we going to do? Then we're going to jump to by District V and we're going to be on a 60-day burn for on District V and for the whole like Ruddock area then Garyville is safe and clear now so we're just going to leave them alone right? Now, its .5, we need to stay at .5. There's a fine line it. There's a fine line to .5. We're playing with people's lives here. I got to say I think it was Mr. Snyder I think he said his grandchildren is at risk, they are. Do I think that's funny, not at

all. That's a very scary situation. I really think though, with all due respect to this Council because I have a great respect for you all. I can't call you all by name because I don't all of you, but for the crew of you all I know and I think this is respectful for you all. I think you all are doing a great job, but I'm sorry but it falls on the Administration, not to try and put anyone down but the reality of it is right is right and wrong is wrong, and right now we're in wrong. Can we fix it? Yes we can fix it, but this shouldn't have never happened. I hope you all agree to it. If you all don't, I'm sorry, but I don't want to see anybody die from this or anybody get sick from this, but this can cause some serious health issues and we do have people up in this room right now that are sick up in this Parish right now that are sick."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Marino, not cutting you off because I know you have a lot to say but we have to move on and give somebody else a turn if they want to speak. Thank you so much."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Just a last thing short because I hope I didn't give the impression that I didn't want to learn from the past. Mr. Madere said he was disagreeing with me. I just thought what was more important at this stage was to get it right, get us up to compliance levels so that we can address the health issue of our community and of the water issues and Ms. Hotard said that she found it more important or found that we were chasing our tails but I know that on the West bank our THM levels were high so we were also chasing our tails once again in lowering the chlorine that we were putting in the water so that's why I said there has to be a fine line between the two so I mean if you all are going to quote what I said or direct some rebuttal to what I say then you need to say it correctly because what I was saying was that there is a fine line we're adding chlorine under DHH's Administration or their guidance which as you were saying we're chasing our tails right, because there was a problem but then again on the West bank there was also a problem where there was too much chlorine, so we had to limit the amount because the THM levels were high and that's my comment. There has to be a fine line between the two. That's all I was saying. I hope I didn't misrepresent that and that's why I asked to change. I wasn't saying don't learn from the past or don't do what DHH says to do."

Councilman Madere stated, "The final comment I want to make concerning the amount of chlorine that was ordered by the state to maintain a .5. when I talked to them I also voiced concerned about the THM in our water system is going to go up and best way he explained it to me was the state is well aware of that. They are more concerned in controlling this Ameba than the THM and the way he explained it to me at that time when I spoke to him about it because I said it's putting all of us in a bind when we're trying to balance the two. So after we talked, he explained it to me like this, what it is, the state knows that the THM and he said it twice it's something that may cause cancer 20 or 30 years from now and he said it again, it may cause cancer, it have not been proven, but he told me the reason why they raised that level of chlorine in the water system because they know this Ameba will kill you right now, not a few years from now. So basically he told me, forget about the THM's and worry about the Ameba so that's what he told me because I wanted to make sure I understood this how you're going to silence the THM because you had put chlorine. He said we're doing this

he said because we know the THM is going to go up said it may be 20-30 years you may get those little citations you're going to survive that, but the Ameba is something that is going to happen now so you make sure you maintain that and worry about the THM so the best way I told him if you're going to kill me today, and somebody say they're going to kill me 10 years from now I'm worrying about the guy that's coming get me today. I'll see you later in 10 years."

Natalie Robottom stated, "This is just a final comment. We want to thank Bob for coming obviously I think he presented some very interesting information and some options that probably were not on the table before and we look forward to continuing those discussions, but we've also had discussions with DHH and Dr. Guidry. Staff who attended the meeting earlier took a list of all the questions you had. They've agreed to work with us to set up a meeting in St. John in a venue that we think we would be able to hold them to address some of the questions that were asked and we're going to send them and some of the health questions that have come up and they will provide staff to assist us with addressing some of the questions. So once that time is definitely set and a venue is set, we'll let everybody know but that's something we are working on. We're in daily contact with DHH as well as all the other entities that I referenced and we are continuing to try and get the questions that we're being asked by residents whether it's through social media or not and we do want to remind everyone that our means of communication depends on you. We advise you and recommend that you get connected to our Parish system. You can receive text messages, emails, and phone messages at your house, on your cell phone, Facebook, twitter, and we also still use the government access channels which are channel 15 and channel 99. Mr. Snyder did recommend that we put more than one flyer on the doors at people's houses, obviously if we could get to peoples back doors we would but we're going to continue to put out as much information as possible and we're telling you where it is and how to access it. We're also putting information at public facilities and libraries but the best way for you to get information immediately is to sign up for the emergency alerts that come through our system and they will find you wherever you are. You don't have to be in front of your TV. They will go directly to your phone, so again, we encourage you to do that and we'll continue to put out information about this. I want to apologize for leaving I think my staff has the rest of the meeting, but I need to get my daughter at the airport, but I definitely wanted to be here for the water issue, and please not that this is something that we are living and breathing every day in the evenings after work on the weekends and we're getting updates throughout the day providing that information to DHH and I understand fully what Mr. Bowcock said but right now they are the compliance officers in this state and until something changes we're having to follow their direction and that's what we're doing, so thank you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you Mrs. Robottom."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Just to go along with some of the other Council members on the water issue in this area that's affected Mt. Airy, Garyville, and Reserve, we have a lot of senior citizens a lot of elderly people in those Districts and I'm sure helping them with water would be a big plus and if we can accommodate that lets please do so. Also, one of the problems is we need to clean this water up before it gets in the system and if it's going to take reverse osmosis filters we

may have to get with the Engineer but one of the problems is the condition of the water before its treated."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just wanted to address Councilman Gauff. I didn't say that you said not to do what DHH said or anything like that. I was more speaking specifically to this water system the problem that we have here. I do know right with the higher chlorination you run into the THM's but Councilman Madere and I had previous conversation about like right now we're trying to kill the Ameba so we have to do the chlorine burn and the THM's and the acids, the byproducts of that chlorine burn really are coming secondary but that the reason why we are having to increase that and kind of forgo the THM's and those other things are because the Ameba was into the system, but I didn't suggest you said anything about not doing something that DHH said and we actually had a violation even on the West bank about low chlorine and it is a balance but we do know that other Parishes are finding the balance so we need to find that balance too high too low you need to be right in the right area but other Parishes are finding the balance when need to find it too or we need to change what we're doing."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Thank you so much. I appreciate the residents coming out expressing their concerns and I assure you we're going to try to keep all information everything you need to know about this problem until we solve it and we will get down to the bottom of this to see what happened and hope it doesn't happen again and the Council members I appreciate the dialogue and information and Mr. Bowcock thank you for coming out I appreciate it so we'll move on."

**Ranney Wilson - Andrew Sterling - (Carry Over 7-22-14) drainage issues Stout St.**

Councilman Wilson asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

**Ranney Wilson - Karen Gossett - (Carry Over 7-22-14) drainage issues Garyville Northern**

Councilman Wilson asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

**Larry Snyder/Lennix Madere - Appointment of 2014 Bond Manager**

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be carried over.

**Larry Snyder - Parish Vehicle Policy**

Councilman Snyder asked that this item be carried over.

**Lennix Madere - Update on the Recreation Director position**

Councilman Madere asked that this item be carried over.

**Lennix Madere - Railroad concerns Garyville area**

Councilman Madere asked that this item be carried over.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

There was no discussion on the above item.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jobe' Boucvalt - LNO - Cypress Gas Pipeline, L.L.C. - Deep Hole Anode Bed and electrical cable - Wallace**

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "This item has been reviewed by the Public Safety Director and Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to grant a LNO to Cypress Gas Pipeline, L.L.C. - Deep Hole Anode Bed and electrical cable - Wallace. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues

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

Lennix Madere - Code Enforcement

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**14-44** An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Praise Place Subdivision, Lots 27 through 83 and parcels V-1, V-2 and V-3, on East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, situated in Section 46 and 47, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

**14-45** An ordinance granting approval to further extend the valid period of time of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Coles Landing Subdivision, Phase IV, lots 148 through 208, and Parcels D, F, G & H, situated in Section 91, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

**PRESIDENT REMARKS**

Paige Falgoust, Public Information Officer, stated, "Good evening - As a reminder, please stay tuned to the parish website at [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com), the government access channels - 15 & 99, the Parish Facebook Page, Churches & Public Buildings and media outlets for current information and updates regarding the Emergency Order in Water District #1. For additional information or questions, please contact the Communications Department at 652-9569. We are currently working with DHH on date and time to address any additional health or safety concerns regarding the water and to gather responses to some of the questions raised earlier today. Next week, a team from Louisiana will be making a presentation before the Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Review Board in Washington D.C. in support of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Risk Reduction System. Once the project is approved, there will be a 30-day public comment period. Updates will be provided as they become available. A series of public meetings are being scheduled to release information about the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program funded through a portion of the \$32 million CDBG grant allocated following Hurricane Isaac (other programs included in the Housing portion of the CDBG grant are the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, Homebuyer Assistance program, Demolition and Clearance, and a Small Rental Rehabilitation Program). Public Meetings are: Wednesday, September 17, REGALA Gym @ 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 18, St. John Community Center @ 6:00 p.m.; Monday, September 22, WB Community Center @ 6:00 p.m."

**CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

/s/Marvin Perrilloux  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary