

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2016
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE-CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Sorapuru Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 13th, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Michael Wright

Councilwoman Hotard led the Prayer. Councilwoman Remondet led the Pledge.

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

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

There were no public comments at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

There was no introduction of businesses.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"For a period of fifteen (15) days, beginning August 15, 2016 and ending August 29, 2016, 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 23rd, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 43rd Annual Andouille Festival - October 14th-16th, 2016; Permit Approval - ESJ Homecoming Parade/Festivities - September 22nd, 2016; Permit Approval - Fun walk/run - Rising Star Baptist Church - October 1st, 2016 beginning at 8:00 AM; Permit Approval - Block Party - East 30th & 31st Street - Reserve - September 17th, 2016 - 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Permit Approval - 3rd Annual "Makin' It Do What It Do" Motorcycle Ride and Car Show - Saturday, 9/24/16 - 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes - August 23rd, 2016, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - 43rd Annual Andouille Festival - October 14th-16th, 2016; Permit Approval - ESJ Homecoming Parade/Festivities - September 22nd, 2016; Permit Approval - Fun walk/run - Rising Star Baptist

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PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

16-39 (Public Hearing Held) A millage ordinance - levy millage 2016 - BE IT ORDAINED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council in a public meeting held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing authority adopt the millage rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016 and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

<u>MILLAGE</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>
General Alimony [OP] (1065007)	4.090 Mills
Courthouse & Jail Maintenance [CM] (1065012)	1.000 Mills
Library [CM] (1065015)	9.940 Mills
Council on Aging [CM] (1065039)	.990 Mills
Road Lighting District No. 1 [MO] (1065019)	3.830 Mills
Juvenile Detention Center [MO] (1065036)	1.000 Mills
Mosquito Abatement District [AM] (1065035)	.480 Mills
Health Unit [MO] (1065016)	.960 Mills
Public Building Men. Retarded [MO] (1065038)	.970 Mills
General Obligation Bonds	12.500 Mills
Animal Control Facilities	.750 Mills
Recreation Facilities	2.250 Mills

(N. Robottom)

Ross Gonzales stated, "The Parish Council is required to adopt the 2016 millage rates based on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll. A copy of the millage rates has been provided to Council for review and Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-39. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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

Councilman Madere asked, "This ordinance is that going to include, I know they said it's going to be like branch of Public Works, I think we wanted to make sure that we understand because I think we already have that sort of type of operation already. I think Ms. Robottom said that before we have a branch..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "This is the exact same resolution that we passed, it's the exact same thing. Two (2) weeks just put it in an ordinance form also, but it's the exact same thing that we passed unanimously at the last meeting."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah but well that's the problem, we have the exact same thing we just put in the form of an ordinance, how is that improving anything?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "No, what we passed at the last meeting was the resolution saying the same thing that the ordinance is saying now. But initially it was done in a resolution form, which we've learned doesn't necessarily have the force of law and so when I introduced the resolution and had that passed, I also introduced the ordinance the very same night. But the language, that was just two (2) weeks ago, the language is the same. It's just reiterating the previous action of the council basically."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right okay, but what I think this whole thing is lacking because the fact, this ordinance doesn't really specifically say; that we want people working drainage every day. All this is really saying is; that we have a branch of the department, this doesn't really tell him..."

Councilwoman Hotard interrupting stated, "No it doesn't. Did you read the entire resolution, because the resolution spells out everything in there and it actually requires the administration to come back and report back to us, at the first meeting in October with exactly who's going to be doing what on a daily basis, they have to report back to us at the first meeting of October. That was the same thing we just voted on two (2) weeks ago."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so, this is basically going to just reinforce it?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Saying the same thing. Yep, the exact same thing."

Councilman Madere stated, "Just wanted to make sure."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes because that's what I got from it too, what Ms. Hotard said that you know it's going to be. This is going to be a branch of that department, but this is going to be strictly for drainage. And I'm sure we're going to have some input on the job scope on what the responsibility is going to be for those people or we have to approve something somehow, as far as that is concerned. Because I think right now, we have people working in drainage but they also work in other departments that's what we don't want, we want this to be done 365 a year."

Councilman Becnel asked, "My question with this is; when you put this drainage department together, will we have permanent people on the Westbank working or how you're going to split it, about how many people?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Well I'm not splitting anything, that would be the administration's job and that's why in here, we requested them to report back to us at the first meeting in October, as to what the maintenance schedule is actually going to be. But I would say that Brian heard your request that we want to make sure we have some people on the Westbank and he is going to make sure that he fulfills them if he wants to keep us all happy."

Councilman Becnel stated, "Ok definitely. Alright!"

Councilwoman Pannu stated, "What I understood was; it's within the same department, it's just that we want to make sure that it's continuous maintenance of the canals and drainage, rather than having send them once a month and then the next month they're put elsewhere. So this would be a continuous maintenance of these projects."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Correct and I don't have the actual long form of the resolution in front of me, but part of the resolution stated that we recognize what happens when we don't have a you know, real drainage maintenance program going on. We can kind of see that and so we've talked about it on the council level for long time and as Councilman Madere said earlier, you know we have to start taking action on things. So this is just one step in saying; ok we've asked to have this sub subset up the department, we've asked for that, no difference from what we have in utilities, we've got water and waste, water in public works, we've got roads and bridges, we have different units but there's not a specific drainage or if there is a specific drainage, it's not functioning that way. We know we're all out in our districts every day, we see the equipment operator cutting grass and so on so forth. So this is saying; we want to know that we've got dedicated people all the time assigned to doing drainage maintenance. We don't want to wait until that there's a problem and we see what the deficiencies are from having the lack of maintenance, you know manifest in the time of a storm when we get a little back up. So, it's just to say okay we got to take some action. And so I introduced the first resolution because we know it doesn't necessarily have the force of the law, even though it's still, especially when it's voted on unanimously by the council, it does let administration know that these are our wishes, I just wanted to follow-up with something a little more concrete, so then we know that we are bound by what is being said in there."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Correct, thank you so much."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-40. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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

Alexander Carter stated, "This request is consistent with the intent of the land development code, the existing character of the area, and the Future Land Use Map. The re-zoning was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at the August 15th meeting and Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Is this a piece of property where that grocery store is up there right now on that piece of property? Do you know off hand?"

Alexander Carter stated, "I'm sorry say that again,"

Councilman Snyder stated, "There's a grocery store up there, a convenient store. Is that that piece of property?"

Alexander Carter stated, "Right, it used to have a convenient store and a gas pump."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right, okay! Next to the recreation field."

Alexander Carter stated, "It's next to the park."

MOTION: Councilwoman Remondet moved and Councilman Sorapura seconded the

motion to accept Ordinance 16-41. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

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

Alexander Carter stated, *"This request is also consistent with the intent of the land development code, the existing character of the area, and the Future Land Use Map. The re-zoning was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission at the August 15th meeting and Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 16-42. The motion passed with Councilman Wright and Councilman Sorapura abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Thank you, I'd like to ask if the council accepts the motion on behalf of the finance committee to accept the recommendations."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS

Jaclyn Hotard - Update on Code Enforcement Violation of Madeline Trailer Court

Councilwoman Hotard stated, *"Thank you. I put this item on the agenda, many of you may have seen the dumpster that is in front of Madeline Court Trailer Park, on most days it's over flowing with garbage, sofas, pallets, mattresses, it's very unsightly, it's right next to one of our you know oldest, I'd say businesses in the parish right next to Wayne Jacob's Smokehouse, not only is it unsightly for the residents but it's unsightly for these business owners who are trying to operate their business and so we kind of been back and forth with you know just sending things maybe to Code Enforcement and sending out citations and stuff. I put this on the agenda because it seems like it's been taking a long time the residents have seen any relief, I know these things do take a long time and so I wanted to just an update from the department. So where we are, what's going on, what can we do, you know and the interim and those types of things."*

Alexander Carter stated, *"Absolutely, right now the Code Enforcement Inspector*

is preparing a violation case for this site, which is scheduled before the Hearing Officer on Friday, October 21st, 2016. So it is scheduled to go to an administrative hearing, we have these once a month so."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Let me ask this. Whenever I first sent over the information, maybe it was in March or April, there was a violation that existed at the time, so at that time, I'd say it was March or April, let's say April, from then to now; what's been the process? Because I think that's where the frustration comes in with the residents is, you put in something that long ago, what's going on? And you know if there's something that we can amend in our ordinances to make this, you know a little bit more user friendly or anything. Right! Expedite anything like this or similar to grass, we still got a violation, you don't remedy it in so many days, we can go out there and cut it. I mean it there anything similar for this because at sometimes it gets so bad where there's rodents and I mean it's just it's beyond just saying; oh that really doesn't look good over there. It is very, very problematic."

Alexander Carter stated, "And I would say if any resident has any specific questions about the case, absolutely direct them to Code Enforcement, we're happy to answer them. It looks like with them it's unique and that they pick up the trash, it's just between pick-ups that we have issues and so when send a violation out, it gets resolved within a couple of days because they pick up the trash. And so then we're back to square one and it's just the time between each pick-up is too long. And so we're processing that violation but it you know we are looking at the code and looking as ways to resolve this long term, so that we don't have like what you're saying, we keep sending out notices, they get resolved, it closes opens, closes opens."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Once we send out a notice that it's, I don't know that it's unsafe or a junk yard, I don't even know. What are we actually siting them for?"

Alexander Carter stated, "In that it's different for every case, it's just depends on how the site is set up. It's very specificate."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "This site. Yes this one."

Alexander Carter stated, "This site right now we're siting for, it's for failure to maintain their property and failure to have the trash picked up twice a week as required by the code. Right now they only have it scheduled for once."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So what's the penalty for them not having the trash picked up for twice per week? Because it seems like they know we're going to issue something and they can wait three (3) more weeks before they can empty the trash before we're going to follow up on it, it's not so much of their actually correcting the situation before we handle it, it's taking so long on our end that after three (3) weeks goes by and they actually do pick it up, then right it's closed. So once we give them notice that you're in violation, how long do they actually have to correct it and what's the penalty if they don't correct it in that time?"

Alexander Carter stated, "And I'll have to get back to you on that. The Hearing Officer ultimately will decide on the penalty appropriate with the case. And so, we'll see that final decision being made on October 21st and so you know the notice procedures are needed for every different type of

violation, I don't have that in front of me."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So do you know how long they have to actually remedy the situation when we issue the violation?"

Alexander Carter stated, "Like I said, for every violation it's different. So..."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "For this one."

Alexander Carter stated, "For this one, I want to say it's five (5) days but I'm not a 100% sure."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and so that would be my next question. If we issue a citation on September 1st and we go out there on September 6th and we know that it hasn't been corrected, then we should start imposing penalties at that time."

Alexander Carter stated, "Well with the problem with the code and you know this might be a conversation we have to have in a separate meeting, because there are specific violation procedures for this particular type of violation. So we might be using some other procedure because it's the only one we have on the books. And so it's not as simple as just, what is the procedure for a dumpster that's overflowing in trash. And so we're looking into that, we were aware of it, it's an issue since you and I have been talking about it since April. It's just these things take time and it is on the hearing, it's on the agenda to be heard by the Hearing Officer and the case includes his whole history of issues. So it won't be I think, you know overlooked."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right, I mean it's so, what's that? More than a month away. So if it happens between now and then, what are we going to do?"

Alexander Carter stated, "I think we have an obligation to continue to write them up. I mean that's what we're doing now, that's what we've done in the pass, but if gets resolved and they pick-up the trash, you know that the garbage pickup comes."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "But if they're not picking up the trash within the time that they're allowed?"

Alexander Carter stated, "It's an inherit issue with our newest procedure."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "And that's what I want to look at. If there's something that we need to change, we need to change it. Because as the property owner, if they know we're going to write them up on the first and technically it says that they have five (5) days but they know we're not going to anything for thirty (30) days, guess what; they're not calling the dumpster company to come pick it up for thirty (30) days because they know they've got some slack. But once they know that they don't have slack, that they're going to fined, even if it's small, even if it's fifty dollars (\$50.00) or whatever we need to do and if it's missing in our code, let me know and I will be happy to introduce it in two (2) weeks. But if they just know there's no really consequence, they won't do anything and I see that parish wide, that there is the perception, I guess that you can just skirt the law a little bit you know and let things kind of go undone because there isn't real enforcement or penalties and those type of things. I don't think it's, I'm not knocking your

office at all, don't take it as that, I know you've got your hands full and you do everything that you can, but whatever we need to do as far as putting rules in place that help you do your job, help us do our jobs and help the constituents get you know some of the relief they need whenever we have you know a problem area, let's do it."

Alexander Carter stated, "We're all on the same page. We're working toward that goal."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, what Ms. Hotard is talking about, this has been going on for four (4) years, before you got here. And I think if you check the complaints, it goes back maybe ever further than that. Because that side, the opposite side of the street is basically my district and the other side is I think Mr. Becnel. And it was just maybe about three (3) months ago that I had Mr. Jobe' Boucvalt, I called him because it was a hazard that trash and stuff was almost on the highway. And at that time he called who was our formal pickup people and it took them two (2) days, when I called them it took them three (3) days, it took him one (1) phone call and got picked up. But the history on that trailer park in that particular spot, is that should be in the back and the excuse they gave was the fact that the truck can't turn around back there. Well that's not an excuse because the truck actually backs down East 19th Street where I live at all the way to the back. And that's a very short trailer park, so that is a very weak excuse for that trash bin being to the front. It should be placed in the back, I've been back there, there's room back there and they can back in there, drive in and back out. Because they back down East 19th Street, Wednesday's and Saturday's every week by my house. So that's no excuse that the lady using like being to the front and I don't know where they get all the sofas from, but there's always a sofa out there by that trash can. You don't have that many trailers back there but every month there's a sofa out there, I don't know if it come from that trailer park or where it come from but every month there's one out there. And another thing too, it's a traffic hazard because that truck is halfway in that street when it's picking up that dumpster."

Alexander Carter stated, "There a number of issues associated with this site and the department is prepared to present those to the Hearing Officer so that she can make conditions, you know if she favors the parish's side that there is a violation."

Councilman Madere stated, "And one other thing, what Ms. Hotard said; we have to get together and we have to take some action, actually put some bite into these rules and things that we have, because as I was told and what I know, when you have a violation it's a hundred dollars (\$100.00) if they're fined, per day per violation. And what we never on those violations, sometimes they take two (2) months before they comply but two (2) months is a lot of money. If it's a hundred dollars a day (\$100.00) per violation and I don't think we do a very good job of collecting the fine. We're just satisfied if they actually do it, then we just go oh well okay, forget about the five (5) days or five (5) weeks that you didn't comply. But you still owe that amount of money. And if we start collecting that amount of money and taking them to court and getting that kind of money, then when you send out a notice to someone and it's a hundred dollars (\$100.00) a day fine, we'll start racking. Because if you're going to fine me five hundred dollars (\$500.00) a day, go ahead fine me a thousand (\$1,000.00), you're not going to collect it. So that don't bother me, so you have to actually start collecting and once the word get out you will be fined and they will collect it from you, then things will

start happening."

Councilman Sorapururu stated, "Yes I just wanted to say, I had a lot of calls on that area also about the dumpsters and I did talk to a number of residents across the street from that trailer park, and all they're asking for is to put that dumpster in the back of that trailer park. And they could care less how much trash goes in that dumpster, all they want to do is not look at it. So it's been a revolving door, I get texted messages all hours of the night and day for the past six (6) months and it's been a revolving door problem and we need to look at it."

Alexander Carter stated, "And I think what we'll windup doing is, what we can do is make sure we attached the minutes of this meeting to that, so that it's very clear that this is a community concern."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Sure, thank you so much."

Lennix Madere - Update on Road/Pot Hole repairs in District III

Brian Nunes stated, "Good evening Council. As far as an update, the Public Works department began repairing potholes in Reserve last week. Repairs will continue based on the work order list, and obviously weather permitting. As far as the road repairs, those are complete after the Barriere's moved out."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well, I was satisfied when you gave me that answer before. But like I always tell someone, when it's on the agenda I'd like for you to come up and to the mic and say it and that way the people who are looking at the meeting, see it and they understand it a lot better than me getting on the phone and trying to you know speed dial everyone and let them know what's happening and we did get several concerns about the potholes on Railroad Avenue and I think those have been repaired, I think those were done at the end of last week or the beginning of this week?"

Brian Nunes stated, "It was last week we did it."

Councilman Madere stated, "At the end of last week. So then you pretty satisfied having received anymore phone calls. But I did receive quite a few phone calls about those holes in there and at that time I tried to explain to them they had this situation with the flooding and everything and that kind of threw everybody back you know. And they basically understood it you know but then we went another week after that and then I started getting the phone calls again and I like I said, last week I think they went out and took care of it."

Brian Nunes stated, "We did, yes!"

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, so thank you on that one."

Lennix Madere - Update on Drainage Project/Chad B. Baker/E. 16th Street in District III

Brian Nunes stated, "The Reserve Drainage Project Phase III has begun, the contractor is out there, estimated construction time is 270 days. Just as a side note, we do have progress meeting once a month with the engineer and the contractor."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's another thing. I'd like to be invited to that progress meeting every month until this project is ended. Because I think it got off to a little rocky start because of some lack of communication or not being aware of those meetings. So I would like to be included on those meetings up until the time that project is finished. Also, well first of all, I want to thank you and the company for relocating that laydown yard from between those resident's home and move it closer to where it work out a lot better for them after you go straight across. Now one other thing I want to make sure I have on record, when we had a meeting two (2) weeks ago with those individuals at 4:00 over at the Council office, I want to make it perfectly understood that this project was presented to the Council that it was going from the Railroad all the way up to Sweet Lorraine on those streets. Okay and then I found out that it was going to stop a couple of hundred feet short of Sweet Lorraine, and when we had that meeting we came to the understanding that it's going to go all the way to Sweet Lorraine. And I'm going to accept anything short of what was told to us when we first started this project. And like I told yawl in the meeting, we said Sweet Lorraine and then when I get to the meeting I found out we're trying to get Mary Jane, and we're not going to Mary Jane we're going all the way to Sweet Lorraine and I think we kind of came to that agreement that we're going to go all the way to Sweet Lorraine. I would want to make sure that that's brought out in the meeting and that is stated and perfectly clear that we're going to Sweet Lorraine."

Brian Nunes stated, "I did ask the design engineer to give me a price to continue each road all the way to Sweet Lorraine. He provided that information yesterday, so I do have a breakdown per street what it will cost, in addition the bid on this one low bid did come in under the budget, so there is some money in the original project budget..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I think you told me it was over four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) underbid."

Brian Nunes stated, "It may be in that ballpark, I don't know the exact numbers."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's the ballpark you told me, so that's the ballpark I'm dealing with."

Brian Nunes stated, "I know I don't have the exact numbers, I mean I have the ballpark from the engineers..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Wait a minute, I didn't say exact but at the meeting, you told me yawl were under budget by four hundred, okay I'm not accepting anything less than four hundred. Now it can be four hundred and ten, four hundred and twenty and four hundred five that's fine. Okay but nothing less."

Brian Nunes stated, "Three seventy-five is in that same ballpark."

Councilman Madere stated, "Now, now, now we're playing, that's a different zip code. That mail went to the wrong house. Four hundred thousand is what I heard now and anything but Sweet Lorraine is what this Council heard, that we was going to Sweet Lorraine. Sweet Lorraine that's where we're going at and the pipes were 42" pipes. Right? Okay I told you my memory is not the best in the world, but I don't forget those things. 42" pipes and all the way to Sweet Lorraine and that's what we're going to get, 42" pipes to Sweet Lorraine. East

16th is where we had that canal, I brought you back there one time and we put in work orders to dig that canal, we have servitude remember that's the one where we was putting the road in and we had to stop! But the parish does have servitude right down the back of 16th Street. And that canal needs to be dug out because the people at the back of 16th Street when it rains we have these rain episodes and that water cannot drain out the back of that street. In fact, that's a canal that goes back all the way to the railroad track. That one have to be dug out, have to be cleaned out and that would give the people on East 16th Street, especially the last house to the back, a lot of relief. Because that's the man that called me his air condition almost went under water the last episode we had and that request had been placed in for that particular canal to be dug out at least six (6) months ago or longer. And as far as Chad B. Baker, that's a known problem and I think Mr. Chuck Savoie gave you a report on that, okay and I think we said we're going to be looking at the report at what it is they can do?"

Brian Nunes stated, "Actually I contacted a survey company already, I got the proposal this afternoon before coming here, with their price to give me a survey on both sides, from river road all the way to the tracks. That way we know what's in place, what's wrong sides what's bad. That survey if I give them a PO for it, they can have it within thirty (30) days. From there I'll give it to you, I'll look at it and the parish engineer will look at it and we'll come up with the plan."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, one other thing to that was brought up in the meeting, I don't know if you informed Ms. Robottom about it. That meeting we had at 4:00, I think it was a couple of council meetings previous, when I said on the street where we're doing the project on with the 42" pipes on both sides. There's a lot of those culverts that's the right size pipes that we're picking up that's required by the parish. And at that time I asked the guy what they're going to do with those pipes, he said well if they're metal pipes and rotten, they're just going to get rid of them. The other ones they're going to bring them back and discard and get rid of them too. In fact they have to pay a fee to get rid of them and at that time I mentioned to him, he said if we would take those same pipes and say you're going down Chad B. Baker and Chad B. Baker have five or six pipes that's the wrong size, those pipes can be used, because he told me those pipes belongs to them. And if the parish would take them, that would save him money as far as getting rid of them. All we would need is a place to store them and at that time we really didn't think of anywhere but then I thought about Captain Bourgeois. We can pick up those pipes, those culverts, that's the right size and store them over at Captain Bourgeois and when we go down Chad B. Baker or we go up the front of those streets that we repairing and someone have the wrong size, we have culverts that we can pick those up and make sure we have the right size one. So that will improve drainage to those big pipes, it would save money and it would save the contractors money because he have to get rid of those pipes. And he said he would bring them to whatever area that we have so they can be stored. So I think that's something we need to work out with them, that we can bring those pipes over to Captain Bourgeois and then we go down the streets and w4e find someone who has the wrong size pipe, we have a culvert we can offer to them. And I don't know if you mentioned that to Ms. Robottom or not but that is a good solution, free of charge."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right, that's right. We didn't discuss it but I'm glad you brought it up, that's a good point."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay so I mean we need to take action on that and don't get rid of those pipes, something we can use."

Brian Nunes stated, "Right!"

Lennix Madere - Update on water leak/repair near Capt. G. Bourgeois and Pine Street in LaPlace

Reed Alexander stated, "Yes sir. The Utilities Department was notified on September 1st of a water leak on Captain Bourgeois and Pine it was late in the evening and they decided to wait until Friday morning to try and attempt any repairs. I received a phone call on Friday at noon that we were having some trouble isolating it. We notified Fleming a contractor who we have on contract, to come out and give us a hand in trying and isolate and repair the line. Worked until late Friday evening, we were unable to isolate or repair it, a decision was made to put in a insertion valve first thing Saturday, when we were excavating to put in that insertion valve the line was hit and broke, so it became two (2) water leaks, the system was unable to sub-stain until we were able to shut off the system."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think this is a, well I'm not glad this happened but it did happen and it shows that we have a problem as far as you know, because I asked several times in drainage, I asked for maps concerning the sewer line how things run and everything and the water line, especially down East 27th Street and East 28th Street in Reserve. We chasing, I don't want to get away from this, go to a specific area but, what I'm trying to say is; we need to make sure we know where all the cutoff valves are to certain areas. And I don't think we have that knowledge or we have that, it's not a lack of knowledge because anybody can read a blueprint, I don't think we have the blueprint to know where all the markings are, where all the valves are. Anyone can go to their house and know where to cut the water off where the meter is, they also can leave the meter on and go to their house and cut water off to the restroom, to the kitchen, to the laundry room, they know where the valves are. I don't think the Utility Department have that knowledge or the blueprint."

Reed Alexander stated, "Yes sir, a lot of those old maps were taken years ago."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay and when those maps were taken, I don't know how long you've been here and you really make those decisions, but whoever makes those decisions, when that came evidence that those type of things were missing, then someone should have moved quickly and rapidly to solve that problem. Because what happened the other day by cutting off a lot of homes or low on the pressure to fix that could have caused major problems somewhere else. Okay if a fire would have happened anywhere in LaPlace, we would have been in trouble and the fire department you know that would have been bad. So we have to do something to make sure that when we have a break that we can go to these areas and cut them off without having to cut the whole parish off. That's just something that just have to happen, we just have to have that information."

Reed Alexander stated, "We do make that call before, we do have fire protection. We will be able to turn the system back on if something was to happen."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand that, I understand that but I mean you shouldn't have to be able to cut it off. We shouldn't have to go cut it off in the first place. We should be able to go like anyone else who go to their house and cut those things off. So we have to make sure and just get that done."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I agree with you Mr. Madere. I'm not sure the year, but I do think the parish contracted with a firm that was supposed to identify where all the valves were, they were uploaded into pictometry but for the ones they located. However we're finding that it's not totally accurate, so there may be a map with a valve on it, when you go to dig it's not there. So there's a systematic problem but I think the fire department and utilities will be working to access and Rebecca works really well with them, when we make changes and identify where valves are, she is adding those to our GIS system, but there's going to be a target and approach to doing that. ATMOS Energy - ATMOS Gas is actually working in the parish, they've approached us about doing Lunch and Learn and working with our Utility staff, as they're replacing gas lines and identifying where some of our lines and valves are. They'd like to share that information with us, so we do have a plan to try and get additional data between utilities, the fire department and as I said ATMOS Gas has offered to assist us because it affects them too. As they're out there attempting to replace their gas lines and we mark or mismark or can't find lines that are in the ground and they hit them, we're losing water it's costing them money it's costing us time it's interfering with our residents. So this has been ongoing and it's been identified as a problem, in certain areas there weren't any valves or enough valves, so when they lost water the whole street lost water, so we are systematically doing that, those are millions of dollars of investments, so we're trying to do it over time but I can share with you that Mr. Gonzales, we've actually gotten some information from Mr. Hugh on some long term needs that we think we have going back to the water meter issue, that's a huge investment. Looking at adding more valves and shutoff points throughout the system, that's a huge investment and obviously our water system is a huge investment. So we're looking at funding options for that, but ATMOS has volunteered to share with us the data that they're collecting, as they're going through the parish. They're in Garyville I think right not, they're doing Garyville and Reserve and they'll be coming to LaPlace, so we're looking forward to that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Let me ask you a question. I'm glad to hear that. The old maps, it was just removed?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Some people have them."

Councilman Madere asked, "Have they ever reached out to those individuals and try and get those maps?"

Reed Alexander stated, "We've talked to a few people. It was unsuccessful getting maps."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well then if we know they have the maps then we need to go to legal. Then we have to go to legal its parish property."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That was just my question, my question was answered. We're updating GIS you said?"

Reed Alexander stated, "Yes sir,"

Councilman Snyder stated, "We're updating our maps so we'll know where valves are next time when something like that happen."

Reed Alexander stated, "And we just did a project on Main Street. A took a little while, we did all of Main Street, we were able to isolate a 2" line we were able to get rid of that 2" line. It takes a little while to find it. We found some stuff on Main Street that it was supposed to have been condemned since eighty-two. The one in eighty-two was never condemned."

Councilman Madere stated, "That was my next question. We do have some dual lines that's still out there."

Reed Alexander stated, "On Main Street you have four (4) lines, so when yawl hear us working on Main Street, there's four (4) lines we have that we have to you know work on."

Councilman Becnel stated, "In spite the problems that we're facing right there, I'd like to give credit when credit is due. I wasn't within reach when this happened, because this is my district and what happened one of the neighbors, you know one of my constituents Ms. Roussell, she was in constant contact with me and I must say this; every time I called Reed answered and we were back and forth communicating and Larry did a good job too, because he went on the site. But I wasn't within reach but I will say this, yawl responded very quickly and most of the residents seemed please. It just was one, an unfortunate incident, I guess you can call it circumstances beyond our control. But I'd like to give credit when credit is due, because the communication was excellent."

Kurt Becnel/Larry Sorapuru - Willie Roberts - Update on Dugas Canal

"My name is Wilford Roberts, I live at 3581 Highway 18, Edgard. Yawl want an update, I'm going to give yawl one. On November 8th, 2011 the council approved thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to get permits. For the Guss Road, Dugas, George Cousins, East End, Ben and Company Canal. The permits were allowed for grubbing and snagging of the canals, funding for this work was included in the 2009 bond and issued grants through Office of Community Development for Hurricane Ike and Gustav. On March 7th, 2012, Michael Carmouche signed the permit contract. On August 17th, 2012 we received the permit P20120305, to clean snag and remove debris deposits from Hurricanes Ike and Gustav from the six (6) Westbank canals. Not long after that, Mr. Cooper called and told me we had a permit but he had to go to the levee board because they were going to do the work. Mr. Cooper comes back and tell the council, that the levee board machine is too big, so we passed a motion to buy a truck, a trailer and a machine to do it. Then every time I would see Mr. Cooper, I'd ask him when are yawl coming clean the canals? He would say; we don't have a permit. On May 24th, 2013, St. John Parish was awarded eleven million six hundred three thousand nine hundred sixty-one dollars (\$11,603,961.00) for Hazardous Mitigation from Hurricane Ike from Hurricane Isaac. On April 8th, 2015, the Office of Coastal Management sent Mr. Carmouche an email stating that if he didn't start the project by August 17th, 2014, that he would have to apply for a new permit. On April 29th, Ralph Libersat of Royal Engineering sent Jessica Diaz with the Office of Coastal Management an email stating that the parish started the job on the 2nd of 2014 and would be finished May of 2014. This email was also carbon copied to Brian Nunes and Daron Cooper. I've tried to contact, ask our Parish President every time I see her can't get any answers.

She put somebody else on me, put Randy Vincent, Mr. Coburn talk to him. And right before the parish sent the marsh buggy, they sent the marsh buggy to go clean canals around Thanksgiving on an expired permit. So I contacted Mr. Kendrick through email and he got kind of upset because I carbon copied him to everybody else, and he told me we didn't have a permit and that Mr. well the operator wasn't supposed to go clean South of 3127, well if he'd be on the job he would know what's going on. So then they sent the machine to my canal, with an expired permit. On December 9th, 2015, they started cleaning on the North side of 3127, cleaning and just grabbing and throwing it on the side. The permit says to clean, snag and remove, that means haul offsite. Then after they stayed a month in my canal, they went to the Chauvin Canal which was not on the permitted list to clean, never hauling off any of the debris. February 3rd, 2016, I talked to the Parish President and she told me she was going to send Ms. LaVerne to talk to me because she can make things happen, never got a return phone call from Ms. LaVerne. On May 27th I tried to talk to the Parish President at the Veterans Home about when they coming clean the Dugas Canal she turned to me and almost yelled; we're not coming clean the Dugas ditch. On June 17th, 2016, I called the Department of Natural Resources, talked with Mr. Carl Marvin who issues the permits and told me St. John had a permit but it was expired. I asked him for a copy and he sent one. I brought a copy to LaVerne, she told me she's not sure if that's a permit. I said well I told you this is where I got it from, I don't know why you would send me something that's not true. Ms. LaVerne sends me an email on June 24th stating that the parish awarded funds for Floating Hazards, Debris on the Westbank. I asked how much, never got an answer. June 24th I get a call from Daron Cooper, asked me, what it's going to take to resolve this issue? I said; no it's not like that, do your job. Yawl had a permit, yawl had money, clean the canals. Then he tried to tell me, well the contractors clean the canals. So I asked him, well provide the work sheets, the timesheets. Then the following Monday LaVerne sent me an email and said the Levee Board cleans the canals, so I told them on the request, to provide the information that where we provided, paid for the fuel back to the Levee Board because if they were going to do the work. They didn't do the work because their machine is 24 feet wide and these canals are only like 16-18 feet wide. On June 25th we had a meeting with Mr. Nunes, Mr. Cooper and Ms. LaVerne, the only thing I was given was a report from the former request, was from the Office of Coastal Management stating that the staging area was not affected. That means the only way they would have taken the debris out of the canal and put it on the ground and hauled off, no damage. No damage cause there was no work. And that was the report they told me the Office of Coastal Management said they were only there to determine the staging area. Their report has nothing to do with scope of the work on the permit. So I got a couple of questions. Why did we spend thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to get the permits if we're not going to do the work when we had government money? What happened to the money for cleaning the canals on the Westbank? Why did we spend a hundred fifty-seven thousand (\$157,000.00) on a machine, a hundred twenty thousand (\$120,000.00) on a truck and trailer if we're not going to use them. Why are we now going to use it in house engineers to get the permits when we could have done it before and saved the thirty thousand (\$30,000.00). Now yawl tell me where yawl are with the canals."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Nunes, I see administration has a response you want to come and read this on record?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll read this into the record and then we can, if you have any questions I'll answer them. A permit for this and other canals was submitted to DNR in 2012, however after conducting a field visit with parish

staff and a contractor, DNR issued a 2 year permit with a revised end point for Dugas. They indicated that a portion of the Dugas Canal channel was no longer discernible; therefore that section was not permitted for cleaning. The permitting process was funded through the 2009 Bond Issue. A couple of months ago, Administration arranged a conference call with a DNR representative to answer questions posed by Mr. Roberts regarding the permitting process. They confirmed that a permit was issued in 2012, but it did not include the portion of the canal south of the pipeline because it was no longer discernible as a canal. A new permit application for forty-five canals is being prepared by the parish engineer and it includes the Dugas Canal. Mr. Roberts has also been informed that the Dugas Canal will be addressed in accordance with the permit limits once obtained."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Mr. Becnel, I know you and Mr. Sorapuru been following this comment from you all on this?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well the only comment I can say; I wasn't here in 2012 but I can tell you..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "With what's going on now."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "What's going on now. I did go to visit Willie, Dugas Canal and I saw the section that was cleaned north of 3127 but the south side of 3127 like Mr. Nunes said, it was undefined and you couldn't tell where to dig. At this point, I think Mr. Savoie got involved in getting a blanket permit for all the canals in the parish. That's basically the information I've been given."

Wilford Roberts stated, "Wait a minute, let's shed some more light on it..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Wait Mr. Roberts let him finish, hold up a minute."

Councilman Becnel stated, "The only thing I can say, you know basically I'm glad Mr. Roberts had a chance to get due process because I'll say this; its kind of unfair for me it would be inappropriate for me to comment on it because basically it's like a pre-existing situation and as you know, being one of my constituents, I'm just happy that you had an opportunity to explain yourself and hopefully, you know just hopefully we can work together and try to solve it. It's like starting all over or whatever but at least we addressed it. But like I said, it was before I started and I'm just glad he had due process and we'll see where it goes from here."

Wilford Roberts stated, "I'm holding a copy of the permit. It shows GPS starting points and end points. The end point on the Dugas Canal is right in front of the pipeline which is 3,000 feet or more South of 3127. That's the permit that I sent to all of yawl through email. Would yawl like to see that information? You have it already?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Yes we have it already."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well Brian, in your investigation could you, were you able to figure out what caused it to be discernible? That canal or the 4y have a canal there?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I think maybe historically, a long time ago there was."

But over time they get silted in and after they're silted in for a long enough period of time, vegetation starts growing, then DNR doesn't consider it a canal anymore, they consider it Wetlands. And by digging a canal again, we're technically destroying what has become Wetlands and they're not going to let us do that."

Councilman Snyder asked, *"So the water that's whatever, it comes from North of 3127, it goes, where does it go? On that same canal?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"It goes out but then it all becomes like a swamp land."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Awe okay, on the sub side of 3127! Dispersed into the swamp land."*

Brian Nunes stated, *"Right."*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"I can take you right down to the end of the hall where my great grandfather donate4d a right away in 1905 to dig this canal. Now, tell me that this canal is not here, show that nobody had looked at this canal. Furthermore, if on your report you'd read the whole it tells you that the DNR suggested to this parish, that yawl do a drainage study and that the Dugas Canal needed to be dug, not cleaned because it was silted in. I can provide that information tomorrow I didn't copy it today."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"How long is that canal from 3127 to Lake Des Allemands?"*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"The Dugas Canal is 30 minutes but 19,903 feet."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"19,000?"*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"Because they got it all the way from the railroad track, the farmer dug from the track to 3127 to where the canal starts. Then they came with the machine 1,000 feet with no permit."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Okay, so from 3127 going south to Lake Des Allemands or it's just dispersed somewhere back there?"*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"Well they say when it gets that far back the sheet flows, it's no more than a channel."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Right okay!"*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"And then the ditches in the channel won't make it flow even better because it's a flow sheet."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Gotcha, gotcha! So what we looking at here as far as digging that canal back on the South side of 3127? How far we need to go to make it a sheet canal?"*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"Well that's what I'm telling you, they got to get to the pipeline. That's what the permit says."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Oh to the pipeline?"*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"To the pipeline."*

Councilman Snyder stated, "Ok!"

Brian Nunes stated, "Right is does show us going to the pipeline, but it doesn't show any digging at all."

Wilford Roberts interrupting stated, "No cleaning and snag. I didn't see them dig, I said cleaning and snagging is what I was reading."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll clear it for the record, his digging was just stated. It doesn't say digging at all, it's for clearing and snagging. So, if we get the permit with the same limits again, then yeah we could go."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Oh!"

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So we're waiting on permits?"

Wilford Roberts asked, "Why did we sit on the permits? Why did we do all this ripping when we had the permits for five (5) years?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I can't answer that question."

Brian Nunes stated, "It was a two (2) year..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Mr. Sorapuru."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "All I want to know right now. What's the action plan to get this canal cleaned on south of 3127 and to get the water flowing?"

Wilford Roberts stated, "That's all the canals, that's not just mine."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I understand Willie, we're here to talk about Dugas Canal. We're talking about your canal right now. Let's stay on that one right now."

Wilford Roberts stated, "Right I understand, ok!"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "That's the only item right now. Mr. Nunes can you give us a time frame when the permit will be coming through and when we can approach to get the digging done and get the water flowing? Not only digging the canal and get the water flowing, not only digging the canal south, we need to get that culvert under 3127, need to be blown. That's a major artery from the drain, all that area from the park, where the ball park is, coming around that trailer park, we have drainage problems right now with the park. Right now, because of that canal."

Wilford Roberts stated, "Yawl want to..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Wait, wait you have to come to the mic Mr. Roberts. Don't' just, you can't just shout out."

Wilford Roberts stated, "All the water from the playground and trailer court, Songy, my property, Church Lane and White Rose all drains on my property and it doesn't drain out the back because they had pump house back there and the bestial wall is in the water with no pump. So now, how is the water ever going to get off my property?"

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So Mr. Nunes, for us to do anything back there

because you said it was just snagging to dig that, we can't do without the permit?"

Brian Nunes asked, *"South of 3127?"*

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"The item he's speaking of."*

Brian Nunes stated, *"We can't dig period. Just to I know..."*

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting asked, *"If we can't dig, I mean what's the solution because digging is the solution? So in other words, we would have to wait on a permit to dig?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"We cannot touch any water without a permit."*

Councilman Perrilloux asked, *"We can't touch but the permit we are applying for is for digging?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"No it's for clearing?"*

Councilman Perrilloux asked, *"So what it takes for us to get a permit to dig? Are they won't let us do it?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"Well last time I tried, that's was ones on the Eastbank they said it had to be a residential neighborhood and that still as two (2) years to get."*

Councilman Perrilloux asked, *"So we as a Parish Officials can't solve that without the state?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"No we need the state to stay involved. The state is the one that issues the permit, so that's where we have to begin."*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"The state said they hate to do a drainage study so they can get digging done."*

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"Mr. Sorapuru and Mr. Becnel, I suggest maybe we can because we not going to solve this here tonight. You all need to set up a meeting, bring down the person from the state, whoever was involved in that have a meeting with Mr. Nunes and go forward from there and see what we can do. Because we can't dig it without a permit, we'll be in violation and get fined. So we need to see what we can do as a body along with the state."*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"We got too much digging without a permit on this side."*

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"Well I don't know that."*

Wilford Roberts stated, *"I got videos and I got pictures."*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"Well I understand that Chairman, but I'd like to get our parish engineer involved with this since he applied for..."*

Councilman Perrilloux stated, *"Well you can include that parish engineer."*

Councilman Sorapuru stated, *"For this, we took a trip to Baton Rouge to meet with the DNR and..."*

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "And we can go it again."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And Troy Brown, Senator Troy Brown about other canals and back then it was reported the other canals on the Westbank, like Dugas needed to be applied for..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Well when we went to Baton Rouge, (not cutting you off I'm sorry) you have the floor, go ahead finish."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "My question is; why haven't we applied for the permit for this? Not cleaning, I mean for digging?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well let me get on it because we went to Baton Rouge and Dugas Canal was not on when I called the meeting in Baton Rouge. Now we can do that again, I can call Mr. Brown and set up again with DNR or you can do it. And I can be in the meeting with you and we can set up and bring Mr. Nunes and Mr. Savoie, and set up a round table with them and see what it takes because when we did that, it was effective. We got what we needed, Mr. Nunes explained his situation, his problems and Mr. Brown intervened and we got what we needed. But going back and forth like this only and with emails and coming to the council meeting is not solving the problem. Let's get a team and go to Baton Rouge and we solve it. That's what we did last time."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I agree. But I think I would like to, let's get a recommendation from the parish engineer based on what his permitting process has happened, since his experience he have applying for these permits. Why haven't..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting asked, "Mr. Savoie you want to come up to the podium please?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Yes just recently I got a from Mr. Cooper, I got a request to take all the canals and we're trying to, what we're trying to do right now is, I sent you all, all an email to the President and everyone, that a letter that I sent to Mr. (interrupted - let me finish). Right now I was trying to get a common date for all of the permits. They're actually about 38 canals, they called out about 45 canals but they're not all necessarily our canals, there's some permit numbers in there that we found out that were not necessarily our canals. But anyway, the amount of canals there are, most of them are for clearing and snagging, they're not for actually excavation. To go out and if you want to turn around and now go after excavation on a particular canal, you're going to have to apply for a new permit. Now we can get maintenance of these canals and that's what we are attempting to do, is get a maintenance permit, one for all of our canals that terminates on the same date and five (5) years from now, so when we go to renew these permits, you know that you're going to renew them all and that is for maintenance. That is what I'm working on right now. It is not, some of these permits, after talking to Mr. Pekoe with Department of Natural Resources, you have to realize, these are coastal, these are dual permits, they actually have to get a coastal use permit which includes the Corps of Engineers and included the Department of Natural Resources. And so in applying for these you're going to have to go through both, you end up going through both agencies but you send out one application. Where we are right now is like I said, we're trying to get one expiration date for maintenance for what you already have and for those canals that have already expired, like the Dugas Canal, that canal will have to

reapply for a permit, but it's what they had before was a clearing and snagging, it's not an excavation permit. So if you want to do more than that as Brian was telling you, well you will have to go, it's going to take some time to go through an excavation permit."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Well yeah we're going to talk about the Dugas, so like I said we're not going to solve that here, so if that's (I'm going to get to you Mr. Madere, I saw your hand) but if we need to go to Baton Rouge and get all the people involved, let's do that because we're not going to solve that here. And I think that's what we need to do Mr. Sorapuru, like we did last time, it was effective. We went in numbers with Mr. Nunes, we can bring Mr. Savoie and say what we need to do on this particular canal. There was flooding from the Dugas back to the parks, so they can see and that way they can know. Because we're not going to solve it here. We can't dig it without a permit, we can't do it here."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "And I agree we need to move it soon as possible."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Well set it up! You can call and set the meeting up."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'll do that."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to make, clarify some things that's going on. We understand you can't dig unless you have these permits, and we understand the permits have limitations to them, you can't do any digging. And basically the permits that you're talking about is basically going out cleaning the canals out. I think you also mentioned that these canals haven't been cleaned for so long..."

Councilman Perrilloux interrupting stated, "Wait Dugas, Dugas, Dugas."

Councilman Madere stated, "That's Dugas that's on Dugas. That's the one I'm talking about, I don't know any other canal. This canal have been neglected for so many year, that it actually filled in and they can't even recognize that it is a canal anymore, basically that's right?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That's what I was told. I don't if there was a canal there 100 years ago."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to be introduced.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening. I want to thank all residents for their assistance with flood preparations this week and for heeding precautions and preparing their homes and businesses for possible backwater flooding. As a historical event, one without data to track or information to reference, we were unsure of the impact we would face here in St. John. Thankfully, we did not receive the historical flooding our neighbors to the north and west did, however it does not hurt to be prepared as we continue to monitor. Some parts of the parish still remain saturated but water is slowly draining and canals and water levels are dropping. We are monitoring Ascension Parish Alligator Bayou Road Levee Breach closely - which is expected to take place sometime this week once water levels drop below flood stage. Authorities are telling us it will have minimal impact to Parish and we remain in contact with them. A big thank you to all of the Parish crews and staff who worked tirelessly around the clock over the week and weekend to ensure the Parish was prepared as best as possible for potential flooding including the Emergency Operations, Fire and Communications staff who worked hand in hand with Public Works, Utilities, Recreation and all other supporting departments. I'd also like to thank the Sheriff's Office, National Guard and neighboring parishes of St. Charles, St. Bernard and Plaquemines for assisting. We are asking residents to hold on to sandbags for the next few weeks as we enter the peak of hurricane season and continue to monitor weather and news outlets. Sand and bags are located at Captain G. Bourgeois, Railroad Avenue, Garyville, Wallace and Pleasure Bend Fire Stations. Stay connected by signing up for Parish alerts on the website at sjbparish.com or contacting Communications at 652-9569. Residents can also stay connected with us on the St. John Parish website, Facebook and Twitter. The inundated Parishes and all those affected by the flooding are in our thoughts and prayers and drop off centers have been established by our Faith-Based Community at New Wine Christian Fellowship Church and Celebration Church in LaPlace. We encourage our community to give if they can - even the smallest token goes a long way and anyone wishing to volunteer can do register by visiting www.volunteerlouisiana.gov and clicking "Volunteer now." On another note - Congratulations to former teen Andouille Queen Heather Roussel for capturing the title of 2016 St. John Sugar Queen and congratulations to Ali Vicknair on winning Teen Queen. We wish you the best of luck this year and look forward to your reign. The new garbage contract with Metro Service Group is in place and we continue to ask for resident's patience as we work through the transition. At this time, no route changes have been made and the company and contact information for Metro has been posted on the St. John website and government access channel. They can be reached at (985)359-2116. For those who use email, their email is stjohn@metroservicegroup.com and website to request new cans, etc. is metroservicegroup.com. The Second Annual "Makin It Do What It Do" Motorcycle Ride & Car Show in memory of Fallen St. John Deputy Brandon Nielson will be held on Saturday, September 24th at the St. John Community Center. The event, which will include an escorted motorcycle ride, a car show and reception, will benefit the Concerns of Police Survivors Louisiana Chapter. Advanced registration is \$30. Registration forms can be picked up the St. John Sheriff's Office and found on our website, government access channel and Facebook page. Reminder - that the asphalt road program is underway and Barriere Construction is working on E 13th, Duet St, Jacques St, East 3rd and East 1st. Other projects underway include: Phase III of the MS River Trail - Phase II of the Garyville Timbermill Trail - The New Eastbank Government Complex - Hemlock St. Improvements - W 10th St. project - Phase III of the Reserve Drainage Project and Belle Terre Drainage Improvements will be beginning. We want to thank residents in the construction areas for their

patience as we work to make these improvements. Reminder - please dial 911 for weather emergencies or issues or concerns with drainage and waste water. This allows for proper dispatch and documentation. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:01 PM, Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

/s/Marvin Perrilloux
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
COUNCIL SECRETARY