

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2012
CHAIR LUCIEN GAUFF
VICE CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 25th, 2012, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Cheryl Millet

Councilman Snyder led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux, Billy O'Regan and Vercell Fiffie were present.

Lucien Gauff - Whitney Joseph - Assessor - Public Information

Whitney Joseph, Assessor for St. John Parish informed the public of a deduction in tax assessment due to Hurricane Isaac. Anyone having any questions can call the office. The parish is being completely reassessed and should be lower for everyone in the parish.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes September 11th, 2012, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes September 11th, 2012, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

12-42 (Public Hearing held) An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 10-14 adopted on June 22, 2010 by the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Parish, acting as the governing authority of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District, to provide for various terms of the Bonds authorized therein; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 12-42. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Hotard) and 1 absent (Millet).

12-43 (Public Hearing held) An Ordinance to amend Sections I and II of Ordinance 93-51 to change the monthly service charge used to provide Emergency Ambulance Service as per a contract with an ambulance service provider. All other provisions of Ordinance 93-51 will remain in full force and effect. (N. Robottom)

Randy Vincent, CFO, stated, "The original ordinance was adopted 19 years ago setting monthly fees for Residential and Commercial customers at \$1.00 and \$5.00 a month, respectively. The Ambulance Fund has been designated as a problem fund for years, but was highlighted during the 2011 audit. The proposed fee adjustments to \$1.50 and \$6.00 are required to properly fund the Ambulance program and continue this service. If not approved, the fund balance will be depleted by the end of the year. Administration recommends approval."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 12-43. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

12-44 (Public Hearing held) An ordinance for rezoning of Lot 13, Square 1, Cornland Addition to show the change in the current zone of Zone R-1 to Zone C-1 situated in Section 44, T-11-S, R-6-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 12-44. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

12-45 An Ordinance granting final approval of Heron Bay Subdivision Lots 353-407 and Lot 416, located in Section 35, T13S - R18E, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana for Pleasure Bend Resort L.L.C. (PZS-12-1044) (N. Robottom)

12-46 An ordinance granting approval of a portion of the Jean Baptist Ferrand Tract Lying North of West Second Street and South of the Y. & M.V. Railroad per a survey by Harold J. Flynn, L.S. dated April 16, 1972 to show the change of the current Zone of Zone R-1 to Zone MHD Formerly batture in the front of Section 25, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZR-12-1021) (N. Robottom)

12-47 An ordinance granting approval for the Parish President to accept the transfer for immovable property by Act of Donation, a copy of which is attached hereto, from Community Bank and to execute the Act of Donation and all other documents necessary for the Parish of St. John the Baptist to acquire title to the property. (N. Robottom)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning - Permitting Issues

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "I got a phone call today from a resident and they have already completed closing in the sheetrock and things like that and originally I guess you didn't need a permit if you only had floor damage or something like that. What they are asking is that they are in the special flood zone so now they are saying they finished building what is going to happen to them because they didn't need the permit so they didn't come into the office and we just want to clear that up."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "To answer that question no you still don't need a permit but I will go through this and if you still have any questions then I will kind of touch on that substantial damage as well. Residents are urged to contact the Planning and Zoning office at (985) 651-5565 and consult with permit staff regarding whether or not a permit is required and to obtain individual assistance with the application process, but following is generic information that may be helpful: No permit is required to change carpet, sheet rock, or perform other cosmetic repairs for homes that did not have water above the receptacles. Residents who received water above their electrical receptacles or over their floor receptacles require permits. If your home is in a flood hazard zone, a permit is required. A Substantial Damage Assessment is determined by a formula using a detailed estimate from a Louisiana Licensed Contractor of the cost to repair the structure and a pre-Isaac appraisal or the assessment value from the Assessor's Office. Other types of damage may require permits; however, it depends on the individual case. The Parish is urging residents to obtain permits for shingle replacements - There is no fee for the permit; however, inspectors will inspect the repairs as they are being completed and issue certificates of compliance. Many insurance companies do not require this inspection, but it may protect the resident if subsequent roof claims are filed. If they did not receive a permit because we felt it was just cosmetic repairs FEMA is actually in the process in assessing us with our damage assessment throughout the parish. They are starting in the LaPlace are first. They are hoping to get started this week we just have to finish up with some necessary paperwork that we have to get to them. They are going to visit every single property and they are going to assess it based on a percentage of damage. They are going to report the percentages back to the Planning and Zoning office and then it is our responsibility to insert it into the formula which is the estimate of damage as well as the assessed value or the fair market value of the home whether it is an assessment or an appraisal we are working on some other methods that may be approved or sufficient for us to use as the actual market value and then that is input into a formula. If your home is determined to be substantial damage based on those calculations they are going to receive a letter from our office."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So just to clarify, if you are in the flood hazard zone and the water didn't go over the receptacles you still

don't need a permit?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "You still don't need a permit."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and then once the calculations get put in and FEMA determines if there was substantial damage than what happens after that?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Well we determine if it is substantial damage not FEMA. We have to report this to FEMA but again we are the ones who are putting this into the formula those people who fall in between that close to 50% damage rain 40% to 70% in those cases we are not going to make these substantial damage calculations or determinations lightly. So if we have to call someone in to work with them. If it is a difference of using an appraisal versus an assessed value that maybe a difference in how the formula comes out or the numbers come out. So we are going to work with those people but normally most of the people who had one foot of water and they were just changing sheetrock, carpet, baseboards and maybe some insulation in the walls they are going to be in that 20% category."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So if they are in the special flood zone and the water was over the receptacle they need to get another inspector to come in aside from FEMA and the question that I got today was that FEMA administers the National Flood Insurance Program so who is requiring me to get another inspection if when my insurance company comes out it is already a federal program it seems like a double inspection."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "I'm not sure what you mean the inspection that is related to the permit that they have to receive?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Correct. Is it FEMA requiring that?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "The permit that is required is through our office and our building officials. It has something to do with our building codes. If your water got above your electrical receptacle than you probably have some electrical damage and that is where it kicks in where our building official and using SCP. They have to come out and assess to make sure that and again some people walked into their homes and their power was still on and it is still working but that doesn't mean that your wiring didn't get wet and eventually won't corrode and stop working or even your AC unit or whatever. So those types of things have to be inspected."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do we have an idea of how many homes in the parish did receive water over the receptacles in these areas? Do we have any idea of how many homes may possibly need to be elevated?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "No and again I am not saying that every home that received water over the receptacles even will have to be elevated. It is on a case by case basis and again it depends on the market value of your property and we don't have those estimates and we won't know until we actually go out and do the damage assessments. I do know it is about 4,000 properties in LaPlace."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "So we don't have any idea at this point how

many properties or just a rough figure?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Not just over the receptacles no we don't have it divided like that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and lastly what role I had someone else call and say that when they went to P&Z they were asked for their elevation certificates and if your base flood elevation was at let's say 7 but your home was at 7.4 then you didn't have to worry about doing any elevating. Can people use that as a guideline?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Well the elevation certificate if your home was built in the past few years or so we probably have your elevation certificate but again we can tell you what your base flood elevation is for your area because it is different throughout the parish but substantial damage kicks in if you have or if you are determined to have substantial damage and you have to elevate you only have to elevate to your base flood elevation. If your house is already built at the base flood elevation then you already meet your requirements."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Okay and that was a question that I had so that is good to know. So if someone is determined to have substantial damage and their base flood elevation is at 6 and they are at 6.2 then they don't need to elevate?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "No that is correct."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "When you complete the roof you say a certificate of completion do you come into the office and get that certificate of completion?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "South Central provides that I'm not sure if you can come and pick it up or if we mail it to you if that is your request but it is printed in our office."

Councilman Wilson asked, "I appreciate you dropping the fees to help the people in the public. Thank you."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "I won't take credit for that one."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What are the max fees on that from SCP?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "The shingle replacement is no fee at all. If you are doing any reconnects that is no fee at all. We bundled the permits together and so if you have the less than four feet permit then it is \$75.00 which is just SCP's portion of it and that was significantly reduced as well, more than 50%. Then you have the greater than four feet that is \$200.00. There is a fee for mobile home replacement which is normally \$150.00 and that is \$75.00. Then commercial renovations is based on it is \$1.80 per thousand dollars of the contracted amount, a minimum fee of \$120.00 and I think that fee is normally \$2.80."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do you know why did they go up from \$75.00 to \$200.00 at four feet of water?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Because of when you get into that category

there is more extensive inspections that have to be done with mechanical, electrical and plumbing."

Councilman Wright asked, "I got a call from a resident today. If water did get over the receptacle what permit is needed? Is it an electrical permit that is needed?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "If water did get over the receptacle but was less than four feet of water..

Natalie Robottom interrupted stating, "I would be hesitant to give information about a permit without having it in front of us. Obviously she is attempting to provide guidance but most of these items should be dealt with on an individual basis so if she gets up and says something and it really doesn't match the information for the residents then she is going to be held to that. So my recommendation is not to give out permitting information at a council meeting without looking at the individual case. So clearly there is some guidance that we have provided but each permit is based on the specifics of that case and it is very difficult to give specific information."

Councilman Wright stated, "I guess I should've aimed my question more at what criteria do they need to get a permit because they had been to the P&Z Office and water did get above the bottom receptacle and they were told that they needed estimates from contractors."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "They need a detailed contractors estimate from a Louisiana state certified contractor."

Councilman Wright asked, "Okay that is for electrical and all the other repairs?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "It is for whatever your repairs are. You need to bring your total repair cost in."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do you take the homeowners word for it that they received above 4 feet or below 4 feet or is that something you get from the contractor if they have a contractor in there or does SCP go out and look for the levels of the watermarks? How do we determine that?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "We take their word for it but they will probably be caught on the back end if they are not telling us the truth when they do the damage assessment."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "I'm sorry one more question you said they needed to get the detailed estimate for all of the repairs so the water being over the receptacle the estimate they will need to give for even the cabinets, everything that they are doing in the house?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "The estimate has to be for the entire scope of work."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay and the call I had today was that they were trying to locate, they are doing the work themselves and they are going to hire everyone individually but they need to get this contractors estimate so how do they go about doing that if they aren't

hiring a contractor?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Some contractors give free estimates."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Okay."

Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 9-11-12) Fire Department issues and concerns - allowing the Volunteer Fire Chiefs to maintain and take care of their department along with Mr. Boucvalt

Councilman Wilson asked, "Mr. Boucvalt have you had an opportunity to meet with the firefighters and the Chiefs?"

Jobe' Boucvalt, Director of Public Safety, stated, "Yes Mr. Wilson we did meet and they are working on the budgets. In fact we have a meeting tomorrow they're bringing the proposed budgets and they have come up with some ideas that they think can absorb some expenditures and we are working forward on that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Okay I am going to ask to carry this item over again."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Mr. Boucvalt with this fire Department are we going to get some type of packet or structure that we are going to have for this department? A format that we are going to follow that the council can see before we are asked to vote on something."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Yes sir right now what we are trying to do is get budgets ready for 2013 and as soon as we meet with the fire chiefs and they propose their budget we will have a better idea of where we are going to go or how we are going to end up but we have to really look at cutting into the deficit spending, not deficit budget which we are doing and we will report as we move forward."

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 08-14-12) Road and State personal present at meeting - to give an update on their grass cutting schedule and assistance with drainage needs of the parish

Councilman Madere stated, "What I am going to attempt to do with this is I am going to remove this off of the agenda and I am going to have to handle this personally."

Larry Snyder/Marvin Perrilloux - Recovery Management/consultant, staging site for debris, Q & A for DRC, St. John Employees - Hurricane Assistance

Councilman Snyder asked, "My question was and this was on the agenda two or three meetings ago was that are we going to have a staging place to get this debris out of the neighborhoods and put it in a staging place? It is my understanding that is in the works right now can you update us on that?"

Mark Stafford, DRC, stated, "I don't think you're going to like my answer because I really don't have a recent update. I will tell you what we did is a company a week ago recognizing that we may run into obstacles siting this temporary site. We determined that we were going to man up and mobilize a massive amount of equipment and personnel so

we would not leave St. John parish in the lurch if this place did not materialize. I don't know if it ministrations may want to talk about where we are on that but I will tell you this we ramped up to the point yesterday we hauled over 18,000 cubic yards. I will give your report a little later on if you would like what we have quadrupled the number of trucks at the volume just in case this site did not materialize."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We have been getting updates on that daily. I think Mr. Leroy Mitchell has been sending it to our secretary and she has been sending it to us daily and the calls have slowed down a little bit as far as when are you going to get this debris removed from the front of our house in fact today I received a few calls over on Welham Loop and they were kind of satisfied with what was going on with theirs."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I just wanted to follow-up on the staging item obviously DRC has been working with the parish and I think I spoke with a couple of you and Mr. Gauff came in and met with us. We pursued the staging site to expedite removing the debris because we feel it interferes with our resident's ability to get back into the parish. We do have a DEQ representative here as I have shared with many of you it wasn't as simple as just deciding that we were going to use an additional site. The site would have to be permitted by DEQ. They were in agreement to expedite whatever was submitted to them however prior to the DEQ permit we had to get consensus with FEMA who pays for 75% of the additional cost of the haul as well as goseep and the state because we made a request that they're going to pick up some of our match. So we anticipate with an additional site there will be additional cost. I committed as well as most of the Council here that whatever the cost was we were willing to absorb to get the debris up however we are in partnership with the state as well as FEMA and we haven't quite worked that out. I know there was a really good meeting today with FEMA. We did make some progress on picking up the debris that is in front of the homes, apartments or businesses which is progress from this Saturday however my request and executive order for private property removal of debris has not quite been finalized but we are closer and I understand that there was some discussion about some ways to expedite or to help with that but that hasn't been approved as of yet. I do know that many of our volunteers have come in and are helping especially for the areas that have been passed already to move the debris closer to the road. It makes it easier for the trucks to grab it and pick it up so there is a commitment from many of them to come back and help us. It does speed up the process if it is right there and they can grab it but we are still working through the private property request on FEMA's end goseep has made that approval, FEMA has not again considering they will have to pick up the additional cost associated with a double haul or whatever additional staging locations we choose."

Councilman Snyder asked, "In your opinion how would you rate where we are right now in picking up this debris and garbage?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well first of all it won't be enough until it is all gone but I think in the amount of time that we have actually been working and the magnitude of the damage that we have had we are making progress. We have removed some of our parish employees and fortunately there are a lot of people that want to help us. St. James and St. Charles have committed some people to us to help take care of

the vegetative debris across the river, district 2 and district 3 where there is not all of this C&D as well. So if we can maintain that what our people and our volunteer groups than we can focus the larger trucks on the areas that had the most damage. That has been our plan. Mr. Nunes is here he meets with DRC and has asked for your input in terms of directing these trucks to our problem areas. We are going to continue to do that. I think it is difficult but you all know they can pick up one minute and leave and you think there is some progress than the residents clear out the house and it is right back. Unless you are standing there the whole time you make an assumption that it is not being picked up when actually it maybe the second or third load. It won't be to my pleasure until it is done but I know all of you are pushing and we are pushing and I want to thank my team who is understanding this push whether it is Sunday during the game or not because we are on a mission. We are on a mission to get our residents back in their homes. They can't use the trailers that we put in the executive order to allow them on their property if it is filled with debris. They can't get back into their homes if it is unsafe. So that is our plea to FEMA this is about health and safety and until the debris is removed we cannot begin our recovery. So we are going to keep pushing on that and I want to thank all of you for being patient. Those reports that you are getting if you can monitor those and help direct Brian who is here in terms of making sure that we are covering all of the areas. Dana on my staff is working with all of the volunteer groups if they want to help us and there are not homes gutted they are moving debris closer to the street so that it makes it easier for these trucks to go through and pick it up and move on. So again we are trying everything that we can to get it taken care of and we are not going to stop until it is done."

Councilman Gauff stated, "First off I am going to apologize to the council because I sent something out after our meeting because I knew we were working on it and it was an almost guarantee that it would happen on Saturday morning that we would have that executive order and everything would be okay for us to go on people's property. So that is what I passed on. I guess it was a little pre-mature so I apologize."

Natalie Robottom stated, "The executive order was signed and goeseop signed it but FEMA didn't. So we got 2/3's of the way there but we are working on it. We are talking about an additional 2 million dollars."

Councilman Smith stated, "My concern isn't just about the trash but it is about picking it up properly. I know you and I talked last time about the process that is why I thought that the staging area was so important. Are we responsible for the chemicals in all of the white goods or are you guys going to take the responsibility?"

Mark Stafford stated, "We are going to take the responsibility. It is in our contract."

Councilman Smith stated, "I don't want anybody coming back here later on and five years from now we are responsible for dumping something in the Killona land field that we aren't supposed to be dumping in there and I know during Katrina I worked with that, those things have to be processed and all the recyclables have to be pulled out of the refrigerators and stuff and if you are just taking it and dumping it in there that means that we aren't dumping it properly."

Mark Stafford stated, "You are correct councilman and that is a legitimate concern. We are going to begin the process on ewaste, on hhw and on tires tomorrow or the next day, no later than two days from now and we are going to handle those items properly. We are going to manifest the load that is going to final disposal and I would be glad to sit with you and discuss the details of that if you like but it is our responsibility contractually and otherwise."

Councilman Smith stated, "So basically you have some hazmat people that are trained to process those things as we speak now?"

Mark Stafford stated, "Yes I do now I am not going to go and dispose of them on any property that I have they are going to go to a disposal site that can legitimately take these materials."

Councilman Smith asked, "And that disposal site is going to do the processing?"

Mark Stafford stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Smith asked, "So who will be monitoring that disposal site to be sure that they do the processing correctly?"

Mark Stafford stated, "Well we are going to go to a subtitle D site that can take hhw and manifest it and give us the insurances that we need. Now I take possession of the materials once I pick it up. The ewaste will be recycled. I don't have the name of the recycler in front of me but I can get that to you in the morning, possibly tonight and I will let you know. We are just going to collect it, stage it and then we will haul it to a recycler."

Councilman Smith asked, "So you are going to collect it and stage it, basically the same thing Mrs. Robottom wanted in the beginning? So you do have a place to stage it?"

Mark Stafford stated, "Yes it is a lined 40 yard container boxes."

Councilman Smith stated, "So basically if you are going to do that then I don't see a need for getting a staging site. I guess it is a little hard for me to imagine."

Mark Stafford stated, "Well this is a miniscule amount of waste relative to everything that we are picking up."

Councilman Smith stated, "Miniscule well either my understanding is very poorly or your understanding is very good because when you dispose of waste other than vegetation, sheetrock, insulation, refrigerators, TV's all of those things need to be separated I know these people aren't separating this they are just throwing the entire cabinets out so you need to go through this even automobiles that you pick up you have to take apart and separate."

Mark Stafford stated, "Perhaps we are talking about two different things. I am talking about household hazardous items, chemicals, bleach's, gasoline perhaps those types of items. If you want me to give you an estimate I would say 120 yards throughout this process maybe 200

cubic yards. Now we picked up 150,000 cubic yards of combination green waste and C&D in this process. So when I say miniscule by percentages it is miniscule."

Councilman Smith stated, "We need to talk about this a little bit more because I am not buying into this right now and it would take you and I hours to get through that so I will gladly meet with you because the answer is not satisfactory to me."

Mark Stafford stated, "I would be glad to sit with you and go through the process. I will tell you this if it gives you any level of comfort. We do this around the country all the time. It is not something that we are wandering into and creating a mechanism to do. It is something that we know very well but let me sit with you and we will discuss it."

Councilman Smith stated, "Yes the residents are my first concern getting them back in their homes and getting them back properly."

Councilman Wilson asked, "How many trucks do you have out presently?"

Mark Stafford stated, "We ran 105 boxes yesterday. When I say boxes and I want to be clear. We are running these huge double banger trucks and I know you have seen them, there is a loading device in the middle and you have in excess of 100 cubic yards typically two boxes of 50 yards or 50 and a 70 yard box and we count those as well as SAIC we count them individually. So we ran 105 yesterday."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I have some people in Garyville, Mt. Airy and parts of Reserve that did flood. They have all of their sheetrock, rugs and flooring and everything and this doesn't have anything to do with you but for 16 years I sat right here listening to the council members from this district say that LaPlace was always first and I now can understand why because at some point and time I would like to see some of the contractors start on the other side of the parish and work their way this way. All of the taxes that are being paid here are from Garyville and Mt. Airy with all of the refineries. I would like to see some trucks in Garyville picking up the waste in Reserve, Garyville and Mt. Airy."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Are we going to get anymore of the box trucks in?"

Mark Stafford stated, "I don't plan to get anymore and the reason is because we issues with the number we have right now. I know it is difficult. I understand it is very difficult unless you do this every day to understand the dynamics of putting that many trucks in such a small area for instance we did nearly 500 loads yesterday going 30 miles away, 434 to be exact going roughly 30 miles away. You have problems at the other end when you are off loading and you try to keep these guys rolling because they eat what they kill. They get paid on production. They get paid on cubic yards and so you want them to be able to make a living at what they are doing for sure but with 450 loads in a day and 18,000 cubic yards yesterday we are moving from an industry standard in a geography this size I am telling you it is a pretty impressive amount of waste that is being moved right now. It is very impressive. So to add any more trucks at this time would be a little bit dangerous on several ends."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Mrs. Robottom you said a couple of words safety and hazard, that isn't enough to expedite the permit with DEQ to get it signed tomorrow?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think DEQ is on board. It isn't DEQ. It is FEMA. I spoke to Mr. Fugate today and I understand that they are making some recommendations that will expedite and be cheaper so I wasn't privileged to the entire discussion but we are working it from every front. I have a group working it up from the bottom and I am coming down from the top and we are going to get an answer and health and safety is our reasoning for it not just to expedite it but it is health and safety. When you have debris that has been in front of your house for four weeks there is a problem because it has been hot, it has been rainy, there are things in it, you can't get into your home, you can't live in your home with all of this in front of it so DEQ is on board. They are on board with this it is just a funding mechanism when I say 2 million dollars for just this piece of it an additional then somebody has to agree to pay for that. So we are working through that. They see what we are talking about but again we are not dealing with just a gentlemen's handshake here these are legal agreements that have to be signed off on because when it is time to get the money back we want to make sure we are getting every penny."

Councilman Madere stated, "A few minutes ago you said that St. Charles and St. James are also helping with the debris pick up in District III because that was one of the questions that I was going to have tonight. Some of the people were complaining that they haven't had their tree limbs and things picked up so you said they are going to be picking up in that area?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well actually and Mr. Nunes will address this but the reports that you guys have been getting actually list which districts they are in. We never stopped picking up in I, II or III. Our grappler trucks, which we have three, have been working those areas because we kept them out of the construction debris because they can haul that stuff to Airport Road. So we didn't stop there and I think we initially started on the West Bank because there wasn't a lot of homes damaged but that is an ongoing process people continue to do that so you don't finish and are done but then we moved and asked the group from St. James since it is closer to you to be in Garyville why don't you help us out there and then continue in I, II and III and focus I think we had four of our trucks picking up the tree limbs and then we also had from this contracting group maybe three or four. So we didn't stop and my direction has been that I want you in every district and when I get this that is what I look for. I want to see how many trucks were in Districts I through VII and if I don't see enough then I am talking to Brian. My other direction was take care of the main drag in the subdivisions because in order for the big trucks to get in and out you need to have that clear and a lot of our subdivisions are one way in and one way out so you have to clear that main drag for all of these trucks to be able to get through. So we are working on a lot of things at one time. We have not stopped in any district. What you all can do to help us is call Mr. Nunes and use the information on the debris pick up sheets to make sure that areas in your district are being picked up and like Mr. Stafford said we have never had this before. We used to take long to just pick up trees but now we are picking up a massive

amount of debris so much so that it isn't just on the servitude it is in the entire yard. We have a large task ahead of us. We are going to push through it. I do think for some of the areas it is difficult to fit more trucks in there. We have had to block off roads which again health and safety. I have to make sure that the fire departments know that we are blocking off these roads, EMT needs to know, the sheriff's office needs to know but we do it so that we are not having interference with cars interfering with the trucks. We are kind of strategically doing that to get as much done as possible so we apologize in advance but our goal is to get the debris up."

Councilman Madere stated, "I took a ride with Mr. Mitchell last week and we went through the different areas. We talked about some of the issues that we saw and I know that DRC is moving in a positive direction and a lot more is being done but in the same regard I looked at some of the areas that were picked up and the concern that I had was that I understand you may pick up an area but we saw some areas that on the second sweep we might need to help with extra pick up for elderly people because yesterday I called Mr. Perrilloux and on the word he met me at a residents house that needed some help and we went and picked it up ourselves for him. So my concern is the elderly people throughout the parish when DRC has basically made their second sweep and we get some people out there with rakes to help and clean that up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I am glad you brought that up and you guys many of you have been out there. I know residents have seen you and even before the storm you were helping board up homes and put out sandbags and that is appreciated. We opened a volunteer center. We have volunteers from around the country and they are coming and continuing to come that's the kind of stuff that they are looking to do. They want to help our seniors, our elderly. There was one weekend I made a call on a Sunday morning because nobody was calling for assistance. You cannot tell me with a disaster this size somebody doesn't need help so we opened the center at New Wine for volunteer assistance so we can target areas. We have a group that is moving debris closer to the streets. So we encourage whoever needs this help to please have them call our hotline and we want to target the help that we have to go out and help the people who need it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay one last thing, last week they went through Homewood and I know they started a couple of weeks ago picking up down Homewood and last week it wasn't completed. So my issue is if we start a particular street or subdivision that we make sure that we finish that street or subdivision before we move on. I know for a fact they still have home debris that wasn't picked up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again I am going to ask that you work with Brian Nunes and Mr. Mitchell who is working with them to coordinate. We have monitors too. There is so much involved in this process. If you went down a street and you know you didn't finish or you picked up several houses and you left the rest and didn't go back our monitors need to be reporting that or if you knock down a mailbox and it is going to happen but our responsibility is to repair it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay I understand that you say the monitors know the area but does the monitor have the ability and the authority to make those trucks go back to that area?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "They do not. They have the ability to report it to their supervisor and that is what they are paid to do."

Leroy Mitchell, DRC, stated, "I want to thank my new best friend Ms. Jackie. We didn't have an office set up yet and she helped me quite a bit but we have an office open on 217-A Belle Terre and we have a secretary in house and the telephone number is 504-256-1067. You can pass information through the secretary and she will pass the information on to us. Let me say something the process that we are in is not a magic wand process; we are not going to get everything taken care of tomorrow. Mr. Wilson I can tell you that it is not a LaPlace/Reserve combat because I am riding through the parish to make sure of the hot spots. When I went to the Reserve area I saw small piles which are important but not as crucial as Cambridge that has piles of debris. Now we did pick up all of the trash items in Reserve all you have to do is give us a call and we will take care of what you need."

Councilman Smith stated, "I know Mr. Gauff and myself have received a few phone calls on the trash that is flying out of these trucks. Can we see that the monitors make sure that they are putting the tarps over the trucks so that debris isn't flying out of them? I had complaints from the Reserve area on 3127 mostly."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I did make a contact. I was told that we were having that issue. I was actually called by Gary Smith and there was a problem in St. Charles Parish with the trucks going over the bridge. So I made a contact with the Sheriff's department, they contacted Mr. Stafford or at least with his office just to pass that on to the truckers to make sure that they were covered because they were going to be ticketed and that has nothing to do with St. John Parish it is a state law that the trucks be covered."

Mark Stafford stated, "The patrolling of 3127 is pretty heavy and the Sheriff's department has warned us and made it very clear to us and we made it very clear to our drivers that you can lay the boom across the load and it may hold it in but if trash flies you are responsible and may be ticketed. We have provided tarps for their use. We asked them to pay for them but we provided tarps for their use if they wanted them and to top it off Killona land field feeling some since of responsibility because all of the waste is going there has put a patrol down 3127 three times a day and it has made a big difference from my stand point."

Councilman Smith asked, "One more question, you said you picked up 18,000 cubic yards today, what do you think you have left out there?"

Mark Stafford stated, "Well that is a really good question. We think after looking today that we have 65% of the yards out of the homes. The difficulty is those people that have not started on their homes yet and that is quite a number and hard to gage. We do realize one thing. This is going to be a little different then we have done. We are going to do three or four passes and then we are going to send a lot of trucks home and then we are going to have some people who are going to be here for a long time collecting the people that are behind and get it out when they do. We recognize that."

Councilman Smith stated, "Remember at the last meeting you told me 90 days you would be done."

Mark Stafford stated, "Well if someone comes home on day 91 and starts pulling out stuff I can't help that."

Councilman Smith stated, "You said you would be done in 90 days."

Mark Stafford stated, "I can't go gut homes but I will tell you this under 95% of the debris will be done a lot sooner than 90 days."

Councilman Madere asked, "How are we going to handle it if there are maybe two or three homes on a street that need to be picked up in one area? Should we just call that street in to be picked up?"

Mark Stafford stated, "Just call in the street and we will pick it up it is actually better if you call in those smaller streets for us so that we can get that debris picked up and out of the way."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just wanted to say that Mr. Mitchell gives as good as he gets, he said I talked him to death but I also want to say one thing the rail road company is about ready to find out how much I am going to give them too because when I get on something I am going to question it until I get as much information as I can because my responsibility is to the citizens in my district and I don't care if it takes 180 days we are going to get it and I will get the answer I need."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I had an opportunity to talk to a few people and I would like to invite them up to speak and give a little information to us. I received a call about an apartment building that was just being sprayed after having a foot of water in it and I know that this can be contaminated and if we need to worry about debris outside then we definitely need to worry about the stuff inside that can make you sick. There are a bunch of kids that run around these apartments that are going to have to live with this mold in the wall because someone saved some money. So maybe we can get some insight on this."

Dorian Evans, National Restoration, commented they are a company that is licensed in 48 states that responds to emergencies, catastrophes and does fire, smoke, water and mold damage restoration work. They are licensed in the state of Louisiana. Since they have come on board they have had the opportunity to work with many houses and insurances and are concerned about the black mold that may not be properly being removed from the homes. All people should be protected from this no matter what the insurance says. It should all be properly contained, removed and taken from the property. What are the long term effects on the people, the seniors and the children? This stuff is dangerous. We have to find a way to treat our properties correctly these insurance companies don't care they tell you not to touch anything until they get out there - that is the worst thing you could have done because it let the black mold start growing. We don't know what the exposure is going to be to children. Then they spray a bleach concoction on it and think it is all gone. There are long term results of this and I just have seen some injustices from the insurance companies in your parish.

Everything needs to be remediated properly and these are the kind of things that your residents are up against. We always talk about predatory contractors coming in but you need to worry about the insurance that you think are your friends. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

Bob West, RA West Associations commented that he is involved in industrial hygiene and hazardous materials management based out of Pennsylvania. They have done projects across the country related to hazardous materials, mold and hygiene type projects and hurricane floods for about twenty years. Every community seems to have a new learning experience with this not only to the level of conditions that a flood level will cause but also the ramifications of health and the occupants that re-occupy the homes. His concern is that all of the cleanup be approached in a fashion that is methodical and that has a proven track record of being successful in not only remediation but demolition of property. I think I see a community on the verge of cleaning up to an occupancy level. My effort is to design a program that will contain the area in a controlled place. The cutting of sheetrock and dragging it to the curb for removal exposes not only the worker but also it leaves behind small spores that will pass through the house and deposit in other areas of the house so the area should be contained before you actually start the demolition which means putting up plastic walls and a negative air machine that actually removes the contamination before you exit the air from the container which assures that there is no infection on the balance of the property and the individuals that are working in that place are not exposed by virtue of their own equipment. So that is what should be done. If there is uncontrolled exposure to this health effects can be displayed in the long term which are well beyond what you might see in the short term which would be asthma, allergies, skin rashes, itchy eyes. What is true about black mold is that when it is present it dominates and grows like an amoeba. So if you start moving sheetrock and the spores get into your lungs, that species will grow in your lungs and they have been shown to affect the nervous system. It is very serious.

Councilman Snyder asked, *"What are some of the effects of this short term and long term and does it have a different effect on elderly people more than younger people?"*

Bob West stated, *"The effects of mold on individuals depends on the different immune system responses to mold spores when they enter our body. If you are a young child you have an immune system that is going very quickly it doesn't understand how to respond to mold that may enter its body that may not have been exposed to lower doses before so it doesn't know how to react and typically those kind of exposures create the kind of long term conditions that have allergies and asthma associated with them. As we get older and our immune systems degrade we become more affected by mold exposure because we don't have the immune systems to fight what has actually become a fungus infection in your body. So because of that the elderly community becomes more prone to get them. People in the middle aged category typically have been exposed to some level of spores before and are now at a point where their body will respond well but if they are exposed for a long amount of time they will become sick which usually starts with a rash or some type of asthmatic type of condition or health related to your pulmonary system and those are the affects that we commonly see."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "What about when people took all of the sheetrock out of their homes and they placed it at the road and it stayed there for a little while can these mold spores become airborne and travel into a home that was already treated?"

Bob West stated, "Depending on the distance they are very mobile typically once you get it outside of a contained area it becomes part of the environment. If it is moved like 30 feet to a curb it is unlikely that it is affecting that house but it is infecting the environment and the area and the workers that are volunteering to work."

Councilman Madere stated, "I definitely understand the hazards of dealing with mold. My question is where do we go from here because I am sure that we have a lot of homes that may have this problem and where do we get the funds to take care of these problems because I am pretty sure that we will have some homes but I understand it isn't free to get this done. So where do we go in order to get this done for the residents?"

Bob West stated, "FEMA is the primary process for getting funding to do the kind of work you are talking about doing. Are there other methods of funding? I am certain there are. I know of other grant agencies that would have funding but I think the next primary level is probably going to be the individual's insurance policy and whatever it reads as to if you can fund the kind of clean-up we are talking about."

Councilman Madere stated, "That is my point exactly if half of the individuals in the parish don't have this in their insurance policies then we are talking about 2,000 homes. So my concern is how do I go about helping the residents in St. John Parish to get this taken care of and I know on top of everything else they have it is going to be a money situation and how much of this is going to be taken care of or how can it be financed and can we have an explanation as to how we go about this."

Bob West stated, "I think your negotiations with FEMA has to be a beginning point. The work that you are doing now to file the paperwork necessary to create the funding that they will now offer on a per home basis is a primary step. A secondary step is I think you need to inform your public as to what your potential concerns might be that they might actually reflect when they go talk to their insurance carrier. Thirdly I think as a parish government you should look at state funds and federal funds, block grants that are available to help you fund that process. I know communities have the ability to apply for federal funds on a special situation such as this and I think those are the steps that I would recommend. I have seen that work before."

Councilman Smith stated, "I have a quick question for the man from DEQ. I would like your comments on this. Is this something that we should seriously be taking a look at or can you give us some direction or something?"

DEQ Representative, stated, "First of all DEQ wouldn't be the lead agency on this it would be DHH they are the ones with toxicologist that could answer those questions. We are working closely with Mrs. Robottom

to take care of everything that she needs as soon as she asks for something we will make it happen."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do we alert the public on anything like this the problems or health problems that can arise from this black mold? Do we send a letter, is it on channel 15 or on the internet? We tell people when we are picking up the garbage but we are not telling people what will help them to not get sick."

Bob West stated, "I am sure you have a website you should post the procedures that are necessary in order to contain and remove mold safely and I think those kind of things help the public understand. I would be happy to provide that procedure for you if you like."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We do have a long term recovery person coming in and as we had someone here from DEQ, we do have a contact with DHH and we will follow up on their recommendations. I did speak with the one person I think who told me she called you about mold in the apartments in Cambridge and we discussed reaching out to the Health Unit who has health inspectors to assist with that but I didn't encourage her to go back into an area that she thought was unsafe but we will contact DHH and the health department to find out what regulations they would have specific to mold but we will continue to proceed with putting information out to our residents."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did we do anything unique for our employees that had to get out of town and didn't have a place to stay or offer them a place to put a trailer if they didn't have a home if they lived in some of these flooded areas? I was just wondering."

Stacey Cadour stated, "Immediately following the storm, the Office of the Parish President developed an assistance survey to gauge the impact of Hurricane Isaac to our employees' homes and vehicles. The Department of Human Resources reached out to individuals who experienced damage to find out their immediate needs and to inform them of services potentially available to disaster victims. Through the responses of the survey as well as direct contact with displaced employees, we were able to assess how employees' ability to return to work had been affected. In addition, the Human Resources Department worked with FEMA officials by providing a list of Parish employees and their respective FEMA numbers to aid the employees in working through the process at the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in an efficient manner. Employees have reported that they have either registered for assistance or are awaiting responses from their insurance companies. A special session for parish employees to apply for DSNAP assistance was also implemented at the request of the Parish President. The Parish President has also placed a request with FEMA for HUD-Manufactured Homes (HMH) at sites within the Parish as an option for temporary housing; however, the Parish is awaiting approval. As another option, a list of vendors that provide temporary housing units for sale or rent is available should an individual wish to place a travel trailer on his/her property."

Marvin Perrilloux - Haydel Canal crossing - update; Foxwood Levee - update; Improve & Update Station 1 at Ruddock

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Mr. Nunes as we restore the community

where is the Haydel Canal crossing project at?"

Brian Nunes stated, "We had a preliminary study done on the Haydel Canal we attempted to block off the canal with some large culverts. We would put a screw gate on the end of them so that in high water situations we could block all that back water in the recirculation from the pump. It is basically just a conceptual plan at this time it is not an actual engineering design. It is a large project. It isn't something that the Public Works department can actually do in house we would have to have a contractor do it before we go to a contractor we need to actually have a set of engineering plans."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "I thought we had some plans already?"

Brian Nunes stated, "They were conceptual plans. It was basically a sketch and a cost estimate but there were no actual design plans done."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I would like to see this project go forward because I was back there and I was just in the front of the neighborhood and I could see the water coming back around as we were pumping out for Isaac it was just coming back and I was looking at it so the pump was doing double work to get the water out because we had the water just circling and coming back and that is a project that we need to make come to pass."

Brian Nunes stated, "I have reviewed the conceptual plan and I think it is a viable solution. It just isn't at a stage to go out to bid right now."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Do you have any idea when it will?"

Brian Nunes stated, "I don't have a time line for you at this point."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay I will follow back up. Now onto Foxwood, two Fridays ago I met with Mr. Morgan on some other issues and I asked him where we were at as far as the permit stage and he said he is waiting on the parish and the engineer to proceed, that is what Mr. Morgan told me. So I assume it is you and Shread."

Brian Nunes stated, "It is not our office we don't handle the permitting."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "He was waiting on some final plans to proceed with it. I am trying to find out where we are on it that was his statement to me and I am assuming it was Shread."

Brian Nunes stated, "Yes Shread is the designer and I spoke with them the permitting process is in their contract and they have submitted final designs on everything to both the Corp and to DNR there are two different agencies so there is coordinating issues with getting everybody together but I did speak with Mr. Shread this evening and he is setting up a meeting with both the Corp, DNR, Parish representatives and design representatives just to finalize everything with that permit and I think it is going to be a short turn around because it has taken a few months to get everybody on the right page but now we have achieved that we just want everybody to sit down one last time to make sure there are no final changes in the plan here and we can move

forward with it."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "When is the time line for you to sit down with that one?"

Brian Nunes stated, "This week."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay this week and I will keep pursuing the Haydel Canal because we need to get that one to come to pass too. The last one is improve update station 1 at Ruddock just for the public I want to know that is where we lost water during Isaac and I just want to let the public know that they are in the process of improving and updating that facility so hopefully we don't lose water again to the LaPlace area and if you wanted to add anything Virgil but that is all I wanted the public to be aware of. We are working on it."

Virgil Rayneri stated, "The assessment team is proposing improvements to the existing Ruddock Water System to provide increased efficiency and security in the operations as follows: The instrumentation and electrical at Station No. 1 should be upgraded and placed at a level that will not be affected by flooding as was recently experienced during Hurricane Isaac. The pumping system at Station No. 2 should be eliminated, the by-pass piping permanently valve in-place and all the existing facilities, including pumps, be refurbished and stored for use in Station No. 1. This pumping station was designed as part of the old 18-inch piping system, but is no longer required with the newer 24-inch pipe. All telemetry and SCADA systems will remain in place for relay purposes to the main stations. The instrumentation at Station No. 3 is proposed to be reconfigured to operate all RO membrane skids independently and thereby allow interruption of use of each skid separately for maintenance and cleaning while the remaining skids will continue to function as designed. This will minimize production losses."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just wanted to let the public know that we are working on that just for informational purposes. We are trying to improve that system so that we don't lose water again in the event we have another hurricane but I just wanted them to be aware of it."

Art Smith - Update on Employees pay throughout Hurricane Isaac

Councilman Smith stated, "I put this on here because basically I had some complaints about the way they were getting paid and the parish paid according to their policy, what I am looking at is doing something different, change the policy because people are not going to come out in a situation like it was last time and expect the same pay. I am asking that since it was a declaration of emergency, that the parish looks at its policy and pay these people time and a half from that point on because they are looking at it like you know what I could have just gotten 8 hours pay to stay at home and not risk my life, not do all of this work, not have to stay away from my home and my family and put my family second to the parish. So I am just asking the parish that during a declaration of emergency revisit your policy and look at paying these people time and a half through the whole duration rather than just after they have worked 40 hours than they get that little time and a half and like I said Mrs. Cadore I understand you have to pay

it according to the policy. It is not your policy that I am questioning I am just asking you to revisit that issue and give us a recommendation on how much it is going to cost us and I don't think it is going to cost us too much because these people risked their lives and they are some of the lowest paid people in the parish that were out there during this thing and I think we need to do them justice by giving them that extra pay even if we have to go back and make it retroactive, just do it through a declaration of emergency that is all that I am asking. Is that something that we can do?"

Stacey Cadon asked, "You are asking us to look into it?"

Councilman Smith stated, "Yes and come back with a recommendation within 4 weeks. Thank you."

Art Smith - Persimmon Street - Parish wide - pumps & generator operations

Councilman Smith stated, "Persimmon Street you know that has been one of my pet peeves. That secondary power source for Persimmon Street, I asked that we have that generator put up there and I kept saying natural gas generator and I was told no but apparently what we had didn't work. We said it was going to work. That system out there right now is very opaque and it just isn't going to work and I am looking for answers as to what we can do to get this thing fixed so that we are not out there putting our employees in danger and we are not flooding these people's homes because any time one of those pumps go out we are going to flood. So we have to make sure that the system works all the time. We cannot have that system not work. It has to work 100% all of the time so that we don't flood these people out. I don't know if it was a design flaw in the engineering that we did with this system or what but we have to do something to make sure that our residents that are rebuilding their homes in that area that the next hurricane that comes they will not get flooded out because they take all the water from everywhere in that area through that system."

Brian Nunes stated, "I had addressed this previously but I would like to throw a little bit more detail into it. It is not a design flaw with the engineering on the pumps. We did lose power out there and we did have a problem with the generator. As soon as we realized that problem we made every attempt to get a new generator in there and once we did everything worked as it should've and the water came down quickly. These are submersible pumps, they are under water all the time, they have to be electric because they don't make them diesel some of you know from riding around with me when a diesel engine goes under water bad things happen. So that is why these have to be electric. There is no such thing as a submersible diesel pump. We do you the diesel as an option for the generator. Again with these there are huge too and like Virgil alluded to earlier the size of the generator that we would have to have to be on natural gas there would just be enormous and as he was saying an 8-10 inch feeder/supply line for that it tends to become a safety hazard and becomes very troublesome to do not saying that I'm ruling out the entire option, it is something we can look into but I would prefer to be a little more educated on natural gas generators before I provide you with a definitive yes or no as to if it is possible."

Councilman Smith stated, "So I guess my thing is that we cannot put a price on these peoples lost they didn't just lose material things but all their memories and everything are lost and I don't know how you put a price on that but we are saying that is too big but yet we have succumbed these people to all of this water that have never flooded before. It didn't operate properly so something is wrong in the way it is operating or something is wrong with the way it was designed, something is wrong because it did not work properly."

Brian Nunes stated, "The generator was the problem and we attempted to fix that. It is not designed wrong. We are not trying to put a price tag on anybody's loss of life or home and thankfully there was no loss of life but it isn't becoming a price issue, I think it is more of a feasibility issue, can we actually do this, will it work and I don't have all of that information right now. It is something I would like to look into before I can officially comment on it."

Councilman Smith stated, "I have no problem with that as long as we are able to get this done before the next rain or storm that comes and we don't know when that is going to happen so we need to get this done very expeditiously."

Brian Nunes stated, "Okay I will be happy to look into it."

Councilman Madere stated, "First of all I agree with Mr. Smith, basically when this project first unfolded I wasn't on the council but some of the residents said that it was promised to them that this area wasn't going to flood and it did and I understand some of the reason why it did. We need to look into every aspect you know we have said how much a natural gas line would be but we actually have to go out there and find out. Do they have anything out there that can supply the power that we need because electrical pumps out there is just not going to work anytime you have bad weather or a lot of rain those pumps are going to go out. So we need something that is going to allow these pumps to run if it is a generator and you need to raise it higher off of the ground then we have to do something but if we make a promise about something that it is going to work and the first opportunity to have to show what it can do it failed miserably then we definitely need to do something to make sure that this doesn't happen again. We need to learn from it. I have a problem with a lot of the pumps in St. John Parish. My second issue is with Homewood and in fact when I spoke with you the last time about this you wasn't an employee of the parish yet you were involved with the pumps I think and I kept asking about the pumps at Homewood what if something goes wrong and you came back with well they are brand new, they are guaranteed, they have this and my comment was anything can go wrong, it is a mechanical device and do we have anyone here that can fix it and as I speak right now I went to the Homewood pumps last week and neither one of those pumps have ever worked together at the same time for any rain episode we have had since I have been on this council not one time have those pumps worked together so we really don't know the total impact that these pumps will have and last week both pumps were still broken. Could you give me an update on those pumps in Homewood and have we moved any closer to having someone so that when these things go out that can actually fix these things because the last time we had to wait for the guy from Florida then we had to get a guy from Prairieville to come in. Where are we with that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "As far as both pumps being operational one is online right now and the second one is being repaired that is being done in Houma. As far as having a mechanic, we do have diesel mechanics that can operate on the actual drive units and I have personnel in my department that can service both drive units, they can operate all of the control panels but there are certain things that we just cannot fix in house like this was a hydraulic motor that completely broke that is the one that is still out and we don't have the personnel that are trained on a hydraulic motor and not many people do that is why it is in Houma right now but we can operate day to day if something really goes wrong which is what happened in this case that's when we will need to call somebody else in."

Councilman Madere asked, "One other thing, where are we as far as this grid that is supposed to be placed across the canal to help protect the pump I know the storm kind of got us off track but are we back on track as far as making a grid to protect these pumps?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That is a definite plan. We need to have some kind of screen in there and we actually have a little exhibition next week in New Orleans with companies that fabricate these and install them so we are going to look at a lot of options while we are out there."

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand that those are options but before the storm we were in the process in our shop of making one ourselves, that is what was told to me. So I was asking where we are with that?"

Brian Nunes stated, "That isn't something that I had gone ahead and done because if we are going to do it I would like to get it done right the first time and that does require putting some pile supports in there and a concrete slab it isn't just building something in the shop and sticking it in the water. So I would like to get it done right the first time. I am going to be looking at options next week but it is a priority. It is something that we know needs to be done."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Thank you to Marathon for hosting their annual day of food, activities, and music at Ezekiel Jackson Park in Garyville. HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION EVENT - The Home Builders Association of Greater New Orleans held a free community disaster recovery event in LaPlace last Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at New Wine Christian Center. Many agencies attended the event to provide helpful tips and information for homeowners who have suffered damage from Hurricane Isaac. Although the event could have had more

participants, I residents can visit the Home Builders Association website at www.hbagno.org or call 504-837-2700 for additional information or specific questions or concerns. As many of you know East St. John High School resumed classes today. I wish them and all other schools now open the best of luck as they work through a temporary schedules and circumstances. I would like to commend the school board and all principals for working together to get the students back in school to provide a better routine and environment. The Red Cross Shelter did close last Friday, September 21. Five families including nine people remained in the shelter with pending FEMA applications, and were transported to the DRC to continue work on their FEMA status. When opened, the shelter provided assistance to over 400 parishioners, some mentally and physically disabled, elderly, and single and multi-family households. Programs were available on site providing educational and transitional activities to children and youth. By the end of the night, all families except one were home with relatives in St. John and one was moved to a mobile home. St. John the Baptist Parish residents are invited to River Parishes Day at Tulane this Saturday, September 25, as the Tulane Green Wave Football Teams hosts the Louisiana-Monroe Warhawks at 2:30 p.m. at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. For ticket inquiries please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 200 Regala Park Rd in Reserve through Friday, September 28. Tickets are limited and are on a first-come first-serve basis. The first 100 kids who sign up at the office will be granted pre-game access to form a tunnel as the Tulane football players run out. Tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate for River Parish supporters at the gate on Saturday. The Disaster Recovery Center remains open at New Wine Christian Center on Monday through Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Residents can register online in advance at www.disasterassistance.gov or 1-800-621-FEMA Residents are asked to please visit the DRC if any questions or concerns arise. Many FEMA representatives are eager to assist in any way possible. To appeal, bring paperwork to DRC and meet with a FEMA representative. **Statistics 9/24/12**, Total Registrations - 12,211, Housing Assistance - \$18,640, 987, Other Needs Assistance - \$3, 051, 361, MAX Grants - 58, Housing Assistance Eligible - 4, 531, Other Needs Eligible - 4,058, Inspections Issued - 10371, Inspections Completed - 10,309, Residents in hotels - 588. St. John the Baptist Parish workers who may be eligible for FEMA Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) must apply for assistance before October 2. The purpose of DUA is to provide unemployment benefits and re-employment services to individuals who have become unemployed as a result of a major disaster. Residents who have lost their jobs or those who are self-employed and unable to provide their services because of Hurricane Isaac are encouraged to apply. To file a DUA claim, visit <http://www.laworks.net>. or contact the Louisiana Workforce Commission at 1-866-783-5567. I would like to again thank St. James Parish President Timmy Roussel who sent an additional truck to St. John Parish to collect vegetative debris. 105 DRC trucks were out on the road today. If assistance is needed for cleaning, repairing or gutting a

home, residents should call our volunteer hotline at 985-359-0254, email isaacassistance@sjbparish.com to provide information such as contact information and the necessary work needed. Anyone interested in volunteering can visit the Volunteer Reception Center at New Wine Christian Center or call 985-359-0254. Please be reminded monetary donations can be made at www.hurricaneisaacrecoveryfund.com or deliver to First National Bank located on Belle Terre Blvd. Please be reminded - although there is much debris left throughout the parish, the St. John is still under a burn ban. Please do not burn debris. Please continue to place debris on parish servitude. We have made a request for access to debris located on Private Properties. The request has been submitted to FEMA and we are currently awaiting approval of the request. Once this request is approved, debris removal contractors will have the ability to access additional debris located on private property. We need to be going in the same direction because there are people watching us and they are not watching with pleasure. There are potential business owners saying I don't know if I want to go there. I don't know that I want my business there number one because it is not protected by a levee right now. We are working hard and we are going to continue to work hard no we didn't leave, none of us left. We need people to be focused on things that count don't worry about what I had on, don't worry about my hair am I doing my job okay! If I had pearls on buy you some if you like but this is about the work that has to be done in this parish and there is a lot to be done and again we need you all working with us, not against us because there is a long haul ahead of us and we can do it. I know we can do it. You have shown on a lot of issues that you can step up and do it with us, work with us for the people not necessarily for us work for the people who are depending on us. The people that don't know what to do or how to do it. They have never had to do this, they never should have had to do it. It is not our fault that we don't have levee protection after 40 years, that nobody committed to us in St. John and said we are going to give you the money but it is going to be our job to make sure they don't forget that we flooded after everybody else got protected our residents didn't deserve it either and we want the same treatment that you gave to our neighbors to the East we want our people taken care of and we are not afraid to help ourselves. They are out there working that is why there is so much stuff on the road because they are gutting their houses, getting them ready and trying to get back in them and we are going to do our part to try to help so again if I haven't told you all thank you."

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Smith stated, "Mrs. Robottom send those businesses on the West Bank because we didn't flood. We will accept them. You are doing a good job. I do have an idea for a program managing firm that I spoke with Mr. Vincent about these are people who have been through this and may be able to help us out."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I would just like to thank all of the

employees, the administration and all of the council members for the actions taken during this storm but I would also like to say a prayer for all of those who lost, even the people that have insurance lost regardless of what insurance they had so they are in my prayers."

Councilman Madere stated, "As far as what happened it couldn't have been prevented it doesn't matter who was sitting in that seat and what we need to do as a group is move on and let's go about helping St. John Parish to recover the best way that we can and that is every resident that was affected by the storm. I know people always make comments and say things and being in the political field myself everyone doesn't agree with what I say or do and I may have been called a lot of other names besides Tweet but the problem is I am not going to let that stop me with what my mission is and that is to help everyone in this district and to work with this administration and this council to make St. John better than it was before. We all have to reach deep down and come up with ideas and work together to make sure that this turns out the right way and every step that we take we must make sure that it is the right step that is going to benefit everyone and also I would like to mention that Scarlett Oaks is going to have a meeting on Thursday of next week at the Reserve library at 6:30 PM."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I don't have my pearls on but anyways unity is what we need in this parish. We all have to come together in unity and we have to work together but as long as we agree to disagree but we have to work as one team everybody is watching let's come together and keep it going. I tell the residents take advantage of the volunteers that are coming into the parish, take advantage of it because they are here to help us. We don't have the money to fix everything but take advantage of it. Also I would like to say go to FEMA, I sent some people back to New Wine and they looked over their account again and they got some money. So take advantage of that and keep the faith better days are coming."

Councilman Wright stated, "I just want to echo what Mr. Wilson said. I want to thank all the staff, employees and everybody that has been working tirelessly nonstop it hasn't gone unnoticed that is for sure. Also to the residents I appreciate your patience we do have a long road to recovery but work with us and we are going to work with you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It seems like you guys have said everything already but I just want to echo some of the sentiments and one of them is that I do think the administration is doing a tremendous job of managing this from the time we have the mishap with the storm and like I said before we had 5,000 people out of water, in shelters, fed and in a hotel by 2:00 AM after the storm and a lot of hard work went into that from a lot of good people. So we know we have good people in our administration and I would just like to thank you. We will work with the administration. We have got to believe that. We did it when you were getting elected and we want to work with the administration now we just have to feel that we can get that reciprocated that we are going to work together here for the benefit of St. John Parish. I was born and raised here 65 years ago. I want what is best for this parish and if it means this marriage between the administration and this governing body then that is what we have to do. So let's get it on."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I know the last couple of meetings we

thanked the employees and the staff as well so I will just echo some of those comments. I would like to thank all of the department heads I know they have been working very hard and I just want to echo some of the sentiments of the council."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I will do the same and say thank you all very much for your hard work. I would also like to request a few things if we can maybe put that volunteer number separate on TV and break it apart just to let people know more about the Hotline number. I would also like to say thanks to Marathon and Mr. Jones thank you very much for what they did at Ezekiel Jackson this past weekend. They have been sponsors with us in up keeping that park. Thank you very much I had fun. Also thanks to St. Hubert's for inviting me to cook for you all I am not the chef so I had someone else cook it but thanks for the invitation it was a lot of fun. Also the home builders association thanks to all of you. It wasn't very well attended and once again it seems like we don't utilize some of the opportunities that we have maybe it was a bad time because so many people are trying to rebuild and do things on their own but that was an opportunity to at least get help and to ask some questions that are actually being asked otherwise. So maybe we can do more of that to try and bring that in and help our residents. Thank the council for working so hard we are here and we are willing to work with administration and it is all for the betterment of St. John the Baptist Parish. I think it is in everyone's heart and we have been there and are willing to work with you."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel Matters

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

Cable Franchise Agreement

Any and all pending legal matters

ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:19 PM, Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

/s/Lucien Gauff, III
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary