

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2010
CHAIR RONNIE SMITH
VICE CHAIR CHERYL MILLET

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel S. McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, October 12th, 2010, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Darnel Usry, Councilwoman District V, Charles Julien, Councilman District III, Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Ronnie Smith, Councilman District VI, Danny Millet, Councilman District II, Dale Wolfe, Councilman-at-Large Div. A, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: None

Councilman Wolfe led the Prayer. Councilman Lewis led the Pledge.

Legal Counsels Judge Tom Daley and Kerry Brown present.

Councilman Smith stated, *"Prior to going to the consent agenda items, I would like to bring up some representatives from Ingram Barge who at this time would like to present the council with a commemorative coin for their 150th year anniversary."*

Arnie Rothstein, General Manager for Ingram Barge, stated, *"Thank you for having me this evening, we have worked as a team. Sometime back a Judge Snowdy was asked to chair a team that would come up with some sort of hand out or gift or something to celebrate the 150 year celebration for Reserve. I said yeah sure. My friend Chris Guidry came to me and I said aren't I supposed to do the fireworks this year or something like that and we said man that is just like throwing money up in the air. We need something that will be around for a while. So as a team which included Pat Dufrene, Chris Guidry, Cheryl & Mark Entremont and our commercial artist Destiny who came up with this design. The design work was borrowed from the book by Dr. Keller. We decided on some things that we thought was important for the 150 years. Now Ingram has only been around since 1973 here in the parish and we were the originators of Ecol which today is Marathon Oil. So we came to this parish years ago and we wanted to bring ships up here and do all that but I guess the FCC shut our part of it down and we had to back out of the deal. Also I would like to say that I was the first tanker man at Marathon to load the first barge. So I have a piece of history in this parish myself. We decided to pick out some things that meant a lot. Of course Ingram is on there and being an ex army dude we support out troops so that is another thing we batted around maybe we should do VFW or maybe Lion's Club or the American Legion. So we put a little flag on there. We support our troops, Ingram and one of our little tug boats in the Mississippi River and on the flip side it says Reserve, Louisiana 1860-2010. We put some sugar cane on the fleur de lis. I thought that*

was an excellent idea and our little artist took care of that and your famous catholic church which still stands today and of course Leon Godchaux every time we flipped a page in the book it was always Leon Godchaux so he is the person that meant a lot to this parish as far as it growing. I wanted to assure that the Parish President was the first person to get one. I thought that was the way to do this. These aren't dablooms by the way. If we have time I would like to hand one out to each council member."

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, stated, *"Thank you for the presentation. It is something I am sure that will be with us for a long time."*

Arnie Rothstein stated, *"Thank you very much. I appreciate you letting me do this. If anyone wants one of these it will be handled through our committee. So if you know any of the members please just call on any of us."*

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes September 28th, 2010, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval – 5K Walk/Run – St. Michael Missionary Baptist Church – Saturday, 10-30-10 – 8:30 AM – Permit Approval – Andouille Run – Sunday, 10-17-10 – 8:30 AM – Permit Approval – Middendorf's Manchac Race – Saturday, 10-16-10 – 8:00 AM

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes September 28th, 2010, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval – 5K Walk/Run – St. Michael Missionary Baptist Church – Saturday, 10-30-10 – 8:30 AM – Permit Approval – Andouille Run – Sunday, 10-17-10 – 8:30 AM – Permit Approval – Middendorf's Manchac Race – Saturday, 10-16-10 – 8:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances for public hearings.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances introduced at tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Lee stated, *"The finance committee met at 6:15 this evening to discuss various items pertinent to the finances of the parish. I would ask at this time from one of my fellow council members to make a motion to ratify those actions taken by the finance committee."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to award the bid for water & sewer fittings, etc. for Warehouse Stock to Total Supply, General Mill Supply Company, LA Utilities, HD Supply Waterworks and Baton Rouge Winwater Works, approved to grant administration authorization to execute work order #6 with Murray Architects in the amount of \$8,900.00 for design security in connection with renovations/additions of the Department of Health &

Human Services Office, approved to grant administration authorization to go out for bids for the Reserve Drainage Project, and approved to grant change order #1 in the amount of \$38,000.00 – Dupont lift station – URS. The motion passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Dale Wolfe – Personnel Matters

There were no personnel matters at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Dale Wolfe – (Carry Over) Overturn Trailer Placement Denial from P&Z –
Stephaney Dillon – 172 Phoenix Lane – LaPlace**

Councilman Wolfe stated, *“I would like to make a motion to overturn Planning and Zoning.”*

MOTION: Councilman Wolfe moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to overturn the trailer placement denial from P&Z – Stephaney Dillon – 172 Phoenix Lane – LaPlace. The motion passes with 6 yeas and 3 against (Danny Millet, Cheryl Millet and Usry).

NEW BUSINESS:

Haston Lewis – West Bank Courthouse

Councilman Lewis stated, *“I don’t know if anyone of you has a booklet like this concerning the courthouse. If all of you don’t have one I don’t think I am going to discuss this too far because they have a lot of information in here that I think you all need to know about the courthouse because when you look at the money according to what it takes to do it compared to the money we have is not even close. Something needs to be done with that courthouse. What I am going to do is give you all time enough for the next meeting and then we will discuss it but at the same time I am going to try to get with administration and see if they know a way to resolve it. Anytime you draw up a \$300,000.00 house and you don’t have no more than \$1,000.00 that looks pretty bad and that is what we have here. What made me suspicious on this thing I am going to tell y’all. When I go around the parish and I see where they have certain signs up that say we are going to do a job but you don’t see anything in front of the courthouse there is something going wrong and nobody is saying anything. That is why I said I was very disturbed. I think any project that goes in anybodies district I think what you need to do is get a copy of the drawings and everything else because I am learning a lot of things since I have been back here. A lot of those drawings are one thing and the work is another thing and I have a big problem with that.”*

Paul Oncale – Authorization to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Office of Public Health Center for Community Preparedness (CCP) for Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism events for St. John Parish

Paul Oncale, Director of Public Safety, stated, *“There is a federal program called the Cities readiness initiative that is being designated*

as the largest cities across the nation in order to be better prepared to issue medication during bioterrorism events even though we are not one of the largest cities, St. John Parish is considered part of the metropolitan area therefore we qualify for this funding. This funding is 100% totally funded at no cost to the parish in the amount of \$33,757.00 and the office of Public Health administers this funding so we have to have an agreement in place for them to administer the funds through us and administration is recommending that we authorize the signing of this cooperative endeavor agreement."

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Office of Public Health Center for Community Preparedness (CCP) for Emergency Preparedness Bioterrorism events for St. John Parish. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat McTopy – Authorization to execute an agreement with IBG for an actuarial valuation of the Parish's post employment benefit plan for GASB

Pat McTopy stated, "Each two years the parish is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board to perform an actuarial valuation of our post employment benefit plan. Essentially what that cost would be retirees for dental, hospitalization and life insurance. So we have tonight a proposal to perform that valuation for \$6,500.00 which represents a reduction over previous years."

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to execute an agreement with IBG for an actuarial valuation of the Parish's post employment benefit plan for GASB. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Henderson – Resolution R10-37 – A resolution providing support for a Special Use Permit to allow Pilot Corporation Tennessee dba Pilot Truck Stop to develop Pilot Travel Center #082 Casino, a truck stop with video poker, at 4301 Hwy. 51, Section 18, T-11-S, R-8-E in LaPlace, Louisiana

Mike Henderson, Director of P&Z, stated, "Pilot truck stop is applying for a special use permit that is required by your ordinance to provide video poker at the designated location. Currently it is a footprint that meets all the criteria as outlined by your ordinance for a special use permit."

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to table Resolution R10-37. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDANCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Lee stated, "I would like to mention to some council members and members of the administration that attended a meeting that I was at this afternoon. I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart for their attendance. It shows solidarity between a governing body that has nothing but the best intentions of this city, town and parish. I just want to thank them for assisting me in attending the meeting this afternoon."

Councilman Julien stated, "Dale, I don't know if you are resigning tonight or not but the only thing I can say is that we thank you for the 35 years of service again. I just want you to know that we appreciate you in District III. I will say that I know it is a sacrifice, a major sacrifice on the kids, your family and again I just want to say thank you and it has been a pleasure working with you."

Councilman Smith stated, "I need to ask our attorney's and the DA here, I went to a meeting last night a town hall meeting and there was a discussion about saving our youth and there was a point that was brought up. A lot of people feel that the only way to save our youth is to get prayer back in the schools. I vowed at that meeting that I would do everything in my power to get prayer back in school. So at this time I am going to ask our attorney's that at the next meeting can you please come back and let us know exactly what steps we need to take to get the ball rolling to see if we can get that passed. Thank both of you."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "You know for the past several months I have been toiling trying to make a decision whether I would take this job or not with the housing authority. I have decided tonight not to take the job and to stay on the council. I am just kidding. (The audience broke out in extreme laughter) I just wanted to see the expression on Mrs. Robottom's and Mrs. Marie's face. I know it is bitter sweet thing for you both. I am just kidding around. At this time I would like to thank the public and my fellow council members, our attorney's and my family. It is very rewarding for the board of commissioners to see fit to give me this job. I can assure them that I will make them proud. I will take housing to a new level and I guarantee you we will all do it together. I am not going to say I. It is going to be 'we' because we all need to join forces and help each other. At this time we need to get to signing these papers before someone changes their mind because I want this job very bad. I have to make an appointment tonight for a replacement. I need a little time. I want to shoo-shoo with Charles Julien and the other council members to see if they can live with the person that I am going to nominate or recommend. Hopefully it will be okay. It is a hard decision. I don't know who I am going to appoint or recommend to this council. It is very hard. I am between a rock and a hard place. Hopefully I will recommend and go home and go to bed and go to sleep without any doubt in my mind that the individual will serve this council and this parish. So at this time can we get busy signing some of these papers?"

Councilman Smith asked, "Mr. Daley do we need to go into recess for this?"

Judge Tom Daley, Parish Attorney, stated, "No the first thing he needs to do is sign his letter of resignation. Then they can execute the signing of his contract. He can make a recommendation to the council for his appointment and he has thirty days to do so. If it isn't done in thirty days the parish president fills the vacancy."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "It will be filled before the thirty days are up. I can tell you that."

Councilman Smith stated, "Mr. Wolfe asks that I read this for him. Honorable Council Members, Please accept this letter of resignation -

effective immediately. I will be accepting the position at the St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority, as the Executive Director. I cannot begin to express what the last thirty-four years have meant to me. I will be leaving St. John the Baptist Parish Council, as Councilman-at-Large, Division A, but not leaving the Parish. I leave with a sense of peace, wisdom and accomplishments with very much to be proud of. To all of the people of St. John the Baptist Parish – thank you for all of your support throughout the years. I say to this council, Council Staff, Administration, employees and all of the people of St. John the Baptist Parish; I will continue to be a part of the Parish and will support you in any efforts whenever needed. I look forward to this new journey in my life. The past thirty-four years have been an amazing journey and experience. Again, thank you for being a part of my rewarding experiences. Richard "Dale" Wolfe."

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Richard "Dale" Wolfe. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Lewis stated, "I would hate to say farewell because I have been here with Dale for about twenty-three years. We came on here together. We haven't seen eye to eye in a lot of cases. Sometimes people try to say Dale tells you what to do and I guess they tell him the same thing but there isn't anybody who tells any of us what to do because if Dale makes up his mind to do something he is going to do it and if I make up my mind I am going to do it. I can say one thing even though we had our own opinions we did get along with no trouble at all. I am going to miss him very much. Good luck to you."

Councilman Millet stated, "I want to say the same thing to Dale. I got to be a close friend with Dale a couple of years ago and I think we made some good partnerships together. I want to thank him for everything he taught me and we sure will miss you."

Councilman Julien stated, "Dale Wolfe is an icon in District III and Division A. He has done so much for our community and for the people of St. John Parish. This is a historical moment. I said it before I just didn't want to say all that and make a mistake and you not go tonight Dale. This is a historical moment. I don't know if people really understand what it means to have the longest sitting council member in the United States of America, not St. John the Baptist Parish, but in the United States of America. I just want to say it has been a pleasure. It has been my pleasure to have you tutor me and mentor me because a lot of times I'm lost and I am hard headed and even though you tell me sometimes I may not do exactly what you want me to do because as Mr. Lewis said we have our own opinions. I want you to know that I certainly do appreciate you and I know that the people of St. John the Baptist Parish appreciate you. The last thing I want to say is that we are having a function, along with the family, at Lace on the 23rd. So please come out."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I wasn't really prepared to say too much. I was hoping we would get a little notice and I could have a nice speech. Just to kind of echo some of what Councilman Julien said, I think Dale is an icon really in all of the parish not just there. I mean it is almost a household name Dale Wolfe. My daughter knows Dale Wolfe she looks on the TV and knows who you are. Although we have not

always, like everyone else, seen eye to eye you have always been there for me to support me. I can remember just being an anxious twenty-four year old kid, if you will, that said I want to serve my community. I put some signs together and I said I am going walk the streets and you came and you offered your help and you actually walked the streets with me. Just like when you ran for parish president and you called on me and asked me to support you. I never forgot the way you helped me when really nobody else would and that goes a long way for me because I probably wouldn't be sitting here today if it had not been for you out there really sticking your neck out there for me. So I am forever grateful for you. I have been able to serve St. John for seven years now because you took a chance and you believed in a kid really. I will never forget that. You will always have a friend in me no matter what they say or what anybody says, like you say. I wanted to write a list of Wolfisms, as I call them, the things you know 'right church, wrong pew' just all of this stuff that you come up with. I had a list of them at home. I don't even want to repeat some of them but you will be missed. People can say what they want to say about sometimes it is a little over the top but sometimes that is what we need. Sometimes we need to laugh at ourselves. If we can't laugh at ourselves at the end of the day then shame on us and sometimes you remind us that it is just not that serious. We can fight it out at the end of the day we all have a common goal. It is not about what divides us. It is about what brings us together. I said that at Natalie's thing. You can almost feel in the parish that things are changing here. We are focusing more on what really brings us together and not what separates us because at the end of the day we all want the same things. Dale you have been preaching that for thirty-four years and I hope that whoever you appoint continues to do that. With that said, I will never forget what you have done for me and what you allowed for me to be able to do for myself and for the community. So you will always have a friend in me. Your family has a friend in me and I will be there with you until the end. I love you and I am going to miss you."

Councilwoman Usry stated, "Dale, I remember as a young twenty-four year old person sitting in the audience watching you as a police juror. I was afraid of you. I didn't know what to expect and when you came across with your opinions it really frightened me. As I grew older I learned that your bite is not as bad as your bark and you have a sensitive heart and I wish you well in your future endeavors. I know you are going into a tough situation. Be strong, bite the bullet and carry on."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I am going to keep it short and sweet Dale. I am going to miss you. I am going to miss the drama. I am going to miss the laughs but I am not ever going to miss the giving that you gave this parish. You gave your life to serve the people of your area and no one can ever discount that on you. They really need to appreciate what you have done for them. You did everything you could to make sure they had what they needed in your parish and for that I hope I can be as good as you were."

Councilman Lee stated, "Jaclyn I didn't have a list of them but I wrote one down. I served with Dale for over twenty years. I think it is going on twenty-four that is why I yielded to Mr. Lewis on accepting his resignation. We have been here a long time. We know him as good as anybody. We have served with him through thick and thin through hard

times and good times. There are a couple of things I want to say. I want to get the Wolfism. My favorite after all these years and believe me Wolfe and I have had a couple of knock down drag outs, most of them in the back room but we have always managed to come together for the good of the parish. I have especially enjoyed being his counterpart as an at large council member representing half of the parish because I feel we communicated even better that way then we did before but going back to Jaclyn's deal. My favorite and Mr. Wolfe will get on a tyrant sometimes on Tuesday night. I know what you all may not know sometimes he is not exactly sure where he is going but he is going to get there and he is going to talk long enough and he will make his point and then he will drive it home and nobody can do it better because nobody has more passion than what Dale Wolfe has but my favorite Wolfism is when in the old days he used to say 'I am sick and tired of something' and in the later years it got down to where he was sick and tired of being sick and tired. Wolfe I love you. People don't know the relationship that you and I have. It is something very personal and I think we have made history together and I honestly believe that and I think we will continue to. In closing I want to say a couple of things. There are people that I know on a weekly basis that may question your actions sometimes. I will tell you what I tell them. You can question Dale's actions because he is passionate and when you are passionate you are going to say things and sometimes you say the wrong things and sometimes you don't really mean it but you can question some actions but I say never question his heart. I have never known anybody with a bigger heart that cares more about the people he represents and bleeds it everyday of his life because I talk to you so many times. I watch the calls that you get. You care about every single call you get because you want to help everybody. Believe me that is passion and nobody that I have served with in twenty-four years has more passion than you do. I will end in saying this. I have served with some great council members, dedicated people that love their parish and love their constituency and believe me Haston Lewis is one of them but nobody that I have ever served with is more dedicated to the constituency and the people that you serve than you have been over these twenty plus years that I have served with you and I mean that from the bottom of my heart."

Councilman Smith stated, "I am actually glad to be the chairman right now because I get to speak last. When I first met you it was over a telephone call. Dale actually called me and asked me to run for office. I actually had to ask Dale if he had the right number. I took heed to all of the things that he told me that day and I accepted the challenge that he gave me and it paid off because it gave me the opportunity to serve the public. Dale for that I thank you because I don't know if I would have ever gotten into politics. I don't know if I should be thanking you but I do thank you. Mr. Dale not just that you have become a friend, you are the only person that can tell me or ask me Ronnie how is my little angel doing talking about my daughter because I don't let anybody else call her their angel because she is mine and you are the only one that she asks me about after every council meeting. How is Mr. Dale doing and she knows everybody up here. So Mr. Wolfe I don't want to say good bye. I really want to say thank you. I want to say I will be there if you ever need me. Again without you I don't think I would be sitting here being able to make this presentation to you. We do have a plaque for you Mr. Wolfe and I am going to read it to you before I let Jaclyn present it to you. It says 'presented in recognition to

Richard "Dale" Wolfe in grateful appreciation of your thirty-five years of exemplary leadership and selfless acts of time and dedication. Your attention to detail and outstanding work ethic have driven this parish to a level that has prospered. Thank you for your many years of service given to St. John the Baptist Parish from your 2010 Council Members and it has all of our names listed. Mr. Wolfe, thank you. One more thing, we not only have the council here but we have one of your former council members that requested to speak Ms. Melissa Faucheux."

Melissa Faucheux stated, "Mr. Wolfe, I was more prepared the last time because I thought the last time was your last one. It is all in my heart. I recall it was so funny listening to some of the council members up here talking about it because they were talking about I used to call it the Wolfism's too and one of my favorite ones that Dale used to say was 'I will beat you down like Godzilla' I can still see him getting passionate about something that he was talking about and watching Mr. Lee and him. I am going to give away my age but there is a game and I can't remember the name of it but they had these robots, a blue one and a red one, that used to go punch at each other, the rock em sock em robots, and you two kind of reminded me of that at one time. I just wanted to wish you the best on your next adventure because I know you are going to give as much passion to it as you did to this and it was such an honor for me to be serving with you. When I first got on the council, I had run with the for thought in my mind that I wanted to do something in honor of my dad's memory and one of the things that I remember getting up here is that when you were up here I kind of felt like my dad was always a strong person and for some reason I just felt like this was the one that he had to kind of watch over me. So you were more like a father figure to me as well as a fellow council member. I just love you and I respect you and whatever you need I am here for you and I wish you the best."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "Let me just say something if I can to each and every one of my council fellow members. Had you all spoke about me the way you did tonight when I was running against Natalie I would have beat her hands down. Let me just say something, it was God's will for it to happen that way. I have learned to love and respect Mrs. Robottom, Mrs. Marie and Ms. Angelic. I want you all to know I am your friend if you need me or if I need you all I will call on you all. I am going to need this council. I am going to need administration because I will be coming to this body and asking for help for the housing authority. That agency is in bad shape so we all need to get together and help the people that live within the housing authority because that is what life is all about helping each other. I want to thank you all again. I want to thank my family, my brother, my friends, my enemies and all those folks. Ronnie you said that I called you. I don't want to leave Mike Carter out because he and I called you that day and he put up some bread to help and all that and I just want to give credit where credit is due. So thank you all. We will be getting together soon. I am not ready at this time to recommend my replacement. I need a little more time. I need to work out some details. I guess I will submit a letter of recommendation. Thank you all."

Natalie Robottom stated, "If you don't mind I would like to read one a proclamation and obviously we will have that framed for you and make a presentation. Whereas it is an honor and a privilege to give special recognition to the honorable Richard "Dale" Wolfe Sr. St. John the

Baptist Parish Councilman-at-Large, Division A who so bravely and willingly accepted the responsibility of representing the people of St. John Parish for the past thirty-five years and whereas his working relationship with federal, state and parish officials, as well as the citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish will always be characterized by his spirited dedication to getting the job done and whereas he had the diligence, devotion and dedication to make St. John Parish a better place to live he has earned the respect, admiration and high regard of so many with whom he has come into contact and whereas we recognize the many contributions that he has made and extend our heartfelt thanks for his commitment to public service. Now, therefore I, Natalie Robottom, Parish President in conjunction with the St. John the Baptist Parish Council Members and on behalf of the citizens wish to express our sincere appreciation and our best wishes in his future endeavors. We will put this in a frame you can hang it in your office but now I would like to present you something for your desk. It says Richard "Dale" Wolfe thank you for your many years of service to St. John the Baptist Parish."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "You are so sweet."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Now I am just going to speak to you. That was the reading part. Mr. Wolfe I think as one of the council members said everybody has always said your bark is worst than your bite. I think we have experienced that first hand. As I said when the election was over we want to work together. The residents of the housing authority live in St. John Parish. They are all of our responsibility. So we will be here to work with you as well as to continue the work that you started here to finish it on your behalf. We have had a conversation in my office about leadership and what that actually means and you are going to take the leadership that you have demonstrated here and do the same thing in your new position. You have lots of people here who are supporting you and you will continue to have people supporting you and our team is going to be right there with you. Best of luck you are not going far and we know where to find you."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again congratulations Mr. Wolfe. A reminder to everybody this weekend is the Andouille Festival out at the Hwy. 51 Park, that is October 15th, 16th & 17th. We have pay one price rides for \$20.00 now in advance you can purchase those here at the office, Matherne's Supermarket, Don's Country Store, Greg's Neighborhood Store and the Edgard Courthouse. There are also jazz brunch tickets on sale here at the office for \$20.00. We do have new Andouille queens Ranika Hill and teen queen Shelby Clement both will be at the festival. You can find out more information about our schedule on our website at Andouillefestival.com or visit the government access channel. Just a reminder we held our backflow prevention workshop last week and letters will be going out to the businesses that are required to place them so please be on the look out for that. We want to remind everyone that it is breast cancer awareness month, this month of October, we are encouraging everyone to wear pink and demonstrate your support hang ribbons, wreaths and pins. We need early detection and additional research. We are also in the process of completing a new website so be on the look out for that at www.sjbparish.com we are hoping to make it more user friendly and of course we will have to work out some kinks so

bare with us as we try to do that but we are hoping to make it easier for you to access. I want to thank everyone who came out for our PAC meeting. The final report should be out this week and of course I want to thank everyone who came out this Saturday to walk for the March of Dimes at the Hwy. 51 Park. It was well attended and we hope to continue to partner there and make that an even bigger and better event. I think we also forgot to mention there is a gift here from the people of Pleasure Bend and we have cake here to celebrate."

Catherine Scheon stated, "You can open it. On behalf of the people in Pleasure Bend we thank Mr. Wolfe so much and Mr. Lewis for taking their time and coming over and helping us out. As you know we are about 500 people over there and we do back you and thank you so much for your time and good luck in your future endeavor."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dale Wolfe - 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 7:23 PM, Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Ronnie Smith
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary