

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2013
CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD
VICE CHAIR LENNIX MADERE

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2013, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Ranney Wilson

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Natalie Robottom - Presentation - LA Spirit

Natalie Robottom, Parish President presented LA Spirit a Special recognition to LA spirit for their participation in the Hurricane Isaac Long Term Recovery Group and providing Crisis Counseling and Stress Management throughout the parish.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - October 8th, 2013, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 8th, 2013, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

13-47 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of (not to exceed Six Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,400,000) of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof to the refunding of certain bonds of said Parish; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (N. Robottom)

Jason Ackers, Bond Attorney, stated, "We are sharing good news tonight

in respect to the savings that you will receive as a result of the sale of the general obligation bonds. Let me tell you really quickly what happened leading up to this point what you are adopting tonight and what will happen going forward as I said I will be very brief. Your financial advisor, Nandi Thompson, with Government Consultants solicited RFP's from banks within the Louisiana area who are interested in purchasing paper from parishes such as yourself in purchasing those bonds and five bids came in and those bids were from Red River Bank, Regions Bank, Chase, Whitney and Capital One. The bids were actually relatively small span from 2.25% to about 2.6% and the lowest bidder was Red River Bank. There were no contingencies to the bid. It was a very good bid and they are offering to purchase all of the bonds so at the suggestion of Mr. Thompson with Government Consultants and in consultation with us and with the administration we feel that we can recommend that the bid be accepted by you. I have provided for each of you a two page brief handout and I just want to show you please ignore on the first page the two columns with respect to refunding 2004 & 2005 we have to do an allocation for tax purposes what you really want to look at is the full total issue summary on the far right column. The total principal amount is Six Million fifty thousand and that will be sufficient both to pay the cost of issuance associated with the project and also to redeem in full the maturity of the 2004 & 2005 bonds and if you flip to the second page you will see the savings that we were focusing on and you will notice our total savings is Five hundred thousand dollars right at half a million over the ten year term. When we do savings for a refunding we do a present value calculation and it determines what is the value of savings ten years down the road and how much is that really worth in today's dollars our savings ten years down the road is almost Four hundred and Fifty thousand dollars that is a 7.6% savings and I tell you that to tell you that the state bond commission threshold for approval of a refunding of this term is 1.5% you are at over 7.5% so you far exceeded any threshold that is considered reasonable within the state of Louisiana. So by and large this is a very good transaction. The ordinance before you approves the sale of the bond and the issuance of the refunding bonds and authorizes us to go forward with the bond counsel and get all the paperwork together and get signatures and issue those bonds as required. Our closing date is November 13th and at that point the old bonds that are being called will be taken out and the new bonds will be put into place and considered just like refinancing your mortgage the old debt goes away and the new debt is in its place just at a lower interest rate. If you have any questions I will be glad to answer them."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "My only question is I just want to let the public know that we are not extending the length of this pay off just changing the interest rates."

Jason Ackers stated, "That is a very good term both bonds were set to expire on March 1st of 2024 the new refunding bonds will expire on March 1st of 2024."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 13-47. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Millet stated, "The finance committee met today at 6:15 PM and I would like to ask one of my fellow council members to make a motion that we ratify those items."

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

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Angelic Sutherland, Director of Planning & Zoning, stated, "The University of New Orleans division of planning will hold a series of public forums to present a draft of the one parish one future comprehensive land use plan. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on the draft plan which includes issues regarding land use, housing, historic preservation, hazardous mitigation and the natural environment. In coordination with the SJPB Planning & Zoning department a draft plan has been developed based on an analysis of demographic and development conditions pre-imposed Isaac as well as input from the public through our public hearings that we held last year. The comprehensive plan will help guide future development and redevelopment that contributes to the quality of life in St. John the Baptist Parish. The first hearing will be tomorrow at the West Bank Community Center in Edgard. On October 24th the public hearing will be held at the Reserve Library in Reserve on October 28th it will be at the St. John Community Center in LaPlace and on October 29th it will be at the Garyville Library in Garyville and all meetings are set to start at 6:00 PM. Once these public hearings are held the plan will be finalized and then UNO will actually do a presentation at the Planning Commission as well as at a council meeting because the plan will have to be adopted by both the commission and the council."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "I need to ask Mr. Rayneri a question if he doesn't mind. I know recently we had a couple of failures at the Ruddock with the water lines coming in to the parish. Are we inspecting the rest of the locks that join the pipes together or can we change them before they rupture again and we lose one?"

Virgil Rayneri, Director of Utilities, stated, "No the answer to your question is no. The reason for it every time you do an inspection or you try to replace one you are risking the water supply to the city of LaPlace."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Okay so you can't change them while it is in-service?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "And the last failure was caused by a cypress stump that is about the 11th or 12th fail since the hurricane."

Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 10-08-13) Budget Discussion

Councilman Wilson was absent his item will be carried over until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson - Drainage and Drainage equipment

Councilman Wilson was absent his item will be carried over until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy Vincent - Resolution - R13-38 - A resolution to execute any and all documents in connection with an application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit for the Hurricane Isaac funds for \$32,674,000.00

Natalie Robottom stated, "Approval of this resolution is required to access CDBG funds to address unmet needs associated with Hurricane Isaac in the areas of housing, economic development and infrastructure. The proposal has been on public review and two public meetings were held to gain input from residents. Recommendations were also included from the parish's long-term recovery strategy completed following the storm. This resolution allows the Parish President to execute any and all documents in connection with the Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish Recovery Proposal. Administration recommends approval."

George, School Board Superintendent, stated, "First of all we appreciate your consideration in this we know that we had several buildings that were damaged in the storm and by making this commitment to us we will use this money wisely to help us with our match. We have several millions of dollars of work to be done and this money will definitely help us in that process because when we build a great school system it helps everyone in this district so I would appreciate any consideration in this matter and we recognize that once you make this commitment to the school system that you are putting your money where your mouth is and we understand what a great school system means for this community. So I thank you very much."

Councilman Gauff stated, "First off I would like to thank the residents that have been coming out to all of the meetings that we have had so far. A lot of times I know I do and I am speaking for some of the council members we hear comments about what we should have done or should do but this is your opportunity with all of the meetings that we are having this is your opportunity to voice your input or give us your input and voice your opinions on how to use this funding. As far as the school board we have all talked about it many times and we support you. We are glad that administration took the lead somewhat and said this is what we are going to do with this portion of the money and I know we have other issues, we have the ferry issue and I am hoping that everyone will support this issue so that we can get this ferry for a year and this is for the entire parish not just the West Bank but for our entire parish and hopefully everyone realizes that. So I would just like to say we need to move on and approve this resolution."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I would like to thank the residents also I think they put a wonderful package together I was here last night and I heard some of the concerns especially the ferry and I am with the parish in us funding this ferry for a year and I am also an advocate for the school system and I can tell you when I heard the money was coming Mrs. Robottom can tell you the first thing I said was let's get the schools going. I am supporting this and also I said let's get some

of the surplus money that Louisiana has right now and we can finish the schools so I am definitely with you. This board is with you and if you need us call us."

Councilman Madere stated, "I want to echo the same thoughts concerning this project. The ferry is very important to St. John Parish on both the East and the West Bank and also education being a retired school teacher I am definitely understanding of the importance of a great school anywhere because the entire state of Louisiana is pushing for higher education with all of the testing that is going on. So the stronger the school system is the stronger the district, the stronger the state, the stronger the parish so we definitely support this and we know that the money is going to be spent wisely and the kids of St. John the Baptist Parish definitely need this."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R13-35 - A resolution to execute any and all documents in connection with an application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit for the Hurricane Isaac funds for \$32,674,000.00. **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist has received an allocation of \$32,674,000 million in disaster recovery funding from the State of Louisiana, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to address the unmet needs associated with the impact of Hurricane Isaac; and **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish is required to submit a Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish Recovery Proposal to the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD/DRU); and **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish has developed a Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish Recovery Proposal that identifies housing and economic development projects along with required project funding to enable the community and its residents to recover from the impacts of Hurricane Isaac; and **WHEREAS**, the St. John Parish School Board has requested Isaac CDBG funding from the parish allocation to cover a portion of the cost share for FEMA funded school board infrastructure projects, and in response, the parish is willing to re-allocate \$5,000,000 of its grant allocation to the St. John Parish School Board so that it may enter into a separate agreement with OCD-DRU, with those funds being committed to the cost share only, thereby enabling St. John Parish School Board to provide the direct administration of those funds; and **WHEREAS**, there has been extensive public input on Hurricane Isaac recovery needs through the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) and on the development of the Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish Recovery Proposal. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute any and all documents in connection with the Hurricane Isaac Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Parish Recovery Proposal. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Hotard) and 1 absent (Wilson).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Parish Buildings - Security

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

St. John the Baptist Parish vs. Roussel Welding and Metal Works, Inc., et al. Case No. 64187 Div. B

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

13-48 An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for St. John Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Parishwide Sewerage Construction Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. (N. Robottom)

13-49 An ordinance granting approval for a rezoning of Lot 3-1A of Elvina Plantation from the current zone of C-3 to I-2, situated in Section 29, T-11-S, R-7-E, at 702 East Airline Highway, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good Evening - We are still recovering from the 40th Annual Andouille Festival, which was a huge success despite the rain Friday night and Saturday. There was something available for all ages and was a great time for all who attended. Ms. Torri Buckles spearheaded the activities with help from all departments including Directors and employees and a host of volunteers, non-profits and businesses. To everyone who came out and supported the Festival and the vendors who participated - we say thank you and we are looking forward to next year. We received a very complimentary email from Mr. Jeff Wright - President of the Louisiana Association of Fairs and Festivals who attended this weekend and was very impressed by the festival - he even suggested that we submit for "Festival of the Year". Great Job everyone who worked all weekend and leading up to the festival to make it a success. Congratulations to our new Andouille Queens, Ms. Elise Deaton and Teen Queen Ms. Jade Brady. Both attended and assisted with the festival all weekend and appeared to genuinely enjoy their first official role as queens. We look forward to our reign. A delegation of recovery staff from Washington State was in the Parish last week meeting with Mr. Raymond Goodman, Disaster Recovery Manager, staff members and members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to gather insight about disaster recovery and the National Disaster Recovery Framework. A couple of our visitors even attended the festival and again were very complimentary about the staff and committee members and the information they obtained. Thanks for taking time from your schedules to meet with them. I would like to thank Ms. Rhonda Lemons, the Health and Human Services Department as well as all vendors who participated in the Health Fair two weekends ago. Attendees received important health and wellness information and enjoyed taking part in activities such as Zumba demonstrations at the fair. Several public meetings are scheduled to discuss the Phase IV of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Comments will be obtained on the draft plan to address land use, transportation, hazard mitigation, housing, historic preservation, and resiliency. Public Meetings are: Wednesday, October 23 West Bank Community Center 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 24 Reserve

Library 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 28 St. John Community Center 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 29 Garyville Library 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to RotoLos in LaPlace on their new location at 405 Belle Terre Blvd. (the old Italian Pie location). Beginning tomorrow, RotoLos will be open for business. Hours are Sun-Wed: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thurs-Sat: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. The 2014 Relay for Life Kick Off meeting is this Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Wine Church Multipurpose Building. Learn more about teams and the upcoming Relay for Life event that will be held in the Spring of 2014. Walgreens will be hosting a Halloween community event on Wednesday, October 30 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cambridge Park. The event will offer free food and drinks, candy bags for children, free flu shots, and visits from the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. Councilman Marvin Perrilloux will host a Town Hall meeting for District 4 on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. at the LaPlace Library. Residents are invited to attend and address concerns and ask questions to Parish Administration and Council. The St. John Parish Parks and Recreation Department will be co-sponsoring a Rise Up/ Youth Night of Fun on Halloween with Louisiana Ambassadors, Thursday, October 31 from 6-9 p.m. at REGALA Gym. Parish children and youth are invited to attend for a fun-filled evening. Registration for Boys and Girls Bidy Basketball ages 5-14 is currently open. Registration forms are online or can be picked up at REGALA Gym 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Registration is \$45.00. The Support Our Troops Fundraiser Basketball Game between the St. John Sheriff's Office vs the Louisiana Army National Guard is rescheduled for Saturday, November 2 at REGALA Gym. All proceeds will go toward sending care packages to soldiers of the 1084th Transportation Company in Afghanistan. Festivities and door prizes will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the basketball game will begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 12 and younger. LaPlace Resident Kyle Olasin is hosting a 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk/Run to benefit the Team Gleason Foundation on Saturday, November 16 at Hwy 51 Park in LaPlace. The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 & under. Register online at mindsetgo5k.eventbrite.com or contact Kyle Olasin at 504-390-0014. REMINDER: The Utilities Department is taking extra precautions to ensure water supply remains safe. The Utilities Department is conducting additional sampling and has increased the levels of chlorine in the water system to control bacterial growth as recommended by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). Two chlorine burns have been conducted and distribution lines have been flushed with additional chlorine as a precaution. The water is safe to drink!"

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Smith stated, "I would just like to thank administration for working on the ferry because the ferry is very important and I just want to thank you for the extra efforts that you are putting into this to get this done. Superintendent George I just want to say thank you and welcome aboard. If there is anything I can do to help you just call me and I will be there to help you in any way I can. I wish everyone a Happy Halloween."

Councilman Madere stated, "I want to congratulate OLG for the outstanding outdoor mass that they had on 10/13/13 everyone came out and enjoyed the mass and it was a lot of fun for the kids and everyone after that. My deepest sympathy goes out to Sylvia and Robert Taylor for the loss of their sister because the young lady when I first got

into office she was complaining about the fact that she couldn't get food until she was 60 and unfortunately she just made her birthday about a week ago and she passed away. So my deepest sympathy goes out to her family. I also want to congratulate Torri Buckles and administration for the outstanding work that was done at the Andouille Festival. I think everyone came out and enjoyed themselves and also to Mrs. Robottom's sidekicks who are always with her and they know who they are. Also the night out against crime I was unable to attend all of the parties in my district because that night OLG also had their confirmation and 15 young men and women recommitted themselves to our Lord Jesus Christ so that was more important at the time because I was standing in for someone but I did try to make a few of them and the people in Belle Point and throughout my district I was not able to get there because it was 8:30 and most of them were already done but I would like to congratulate all of those that did take part in Night out Against Crime."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I want to echo the same thing about the night out against crime. I think I went to all of the ones in District IV I apologize if I didn't make it and I think one was Danoo Brady and I apologize because I didn't know where it was but I was glad to see that the residents are taking concerns about the night out against crime and just want to make the neighborhood a better place. Also I would like to thank Torri Buckles, administration, the communications department and the sheriff's department and all of the volunteers that went into make this Andouille Festival a success. It was fantastic. All of the food was good. The weather cooperated a little bit and it was nice and also thanks to Councilman Snyder we made the gumbo and came out second and maybe we will be first next time. I can tell you that the gumbo had everything I don't know what else we could have put in that pot it was delicious. I would also like to thank Mrs. Lemons for the health fair it was fantastic and the information was great. I did the BMI and they told me I was full of muscle and I said yes. Also District IV there will be a town hall meeting at the LaPlace Library on the 30th it will start at 6:00 PM and we will be discussing the Foxwood Levee, Haydel Canal Crossing and whatever other questions you may have for District IV."

Councilman Wright stated, "I want to congratulate administration and all of those who took part we had another successful festival. Congratulations to Jade Brady and Elise Deaton on your new title and I also want to thank my counterpart Bailey who MC'd with me for the pageant we had a good time. I also would like to challenge my council members we only have a few council meetings left and maybe we can keep them short until the end of the year."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to ditto everything that was said before me and the festival went as smooth as glass even with the bad weather. A lot of people put a lot of hard work into that thing. I know like Mr. Madere was saying the three musketeers over there those girls work all the time. They always have answers. Thank you very much for all the hard work. Also the reserve police that work for nothing and are out there working and I didn't know that so thank you to Sheriff Tregre for allowing those guys to come out there and I would also like to congratulate Mrs. Lisa Green she won the gumbo cooking contest and she is opening a restaurant on Hwy. 51 and District VI is planning on having a town hall meeting I haven't talked to

administration yet but we are planning on having one on the 9th of next month and it will be at the Arcuri Center at 9:00 AM it is a Saturday but I will get with Mrs. Robottom and I will have something ready to be discussed there."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I really am going to say thank you to administration and to Torri, Dana, Bailey, Paige and all of the employees that were there. It was a group effort. I have attended the Andouille Festival for years and this year was just really special and I don't know if it was because we didn't have it last year or because this was under different administration I really don't know but it was just awesome and I cannot thank you enough for the praises that you really earned on that even as many times I called to ask for cups the sales were great I think everybody made money this year the groups were fantastic. I can't believe Amanda Shaw was in St. John Parish that just blew me away. I love Amanda Shaw and I stayed specifically for her but I wasn't there Friday or Saturday but I was there all day Sunday and the brunch was great! I know we had some issues with getting tickets for the brunch but as far as the quality of it it was great. I think you all did a wonderful job and I am not one to give out praise but I am going to praise you all because you did a great job."

Councilman Gauff stated, "In the words of Mr. Madere I will ditto everyone else congratulations to administration you all did a great job. Thanks to everyone the festival was fantastic Torri did a great job on the band lineup we have some ideas for next year to even make it bigger and better but great job I would also like to say to everyone have a happy and safe Halloween the River Parish Hospital is also having a trunk or treat on October 30th from 5:30 until 7:00 and congratulations to our new queens hopefully they will have a great reign as Andouille queens."

Councilman Madere stated, "One last thing at the Andouille Festival if you went by the gospel tent it was wonderful everyone did a great job. I might be a little bias because OLG was there and I thought they did really good and I think that the parish is in good hands because Mr. Snyder was singing fix it Jesus like you said you would and he really rocked the house."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "He cooks and sings. Really quickly I would like to congratulate Larry on the gumbo I did get to taste it and it was one of the best gumbos I have ever had if not the best. Also congratulations to our new queens and also fair well to our past queens they served us very well. I would also like to mention the Riverside Marching Pride band they were actually one of five bands who was selected into a final round of competition to win a prize on Carnival Cruise line so if you get an opportunity go online to www.wdsu.com/carnivalcruiseline and you can go and vote for them every single day the other four schools are not in St. John Parish so if we could really support them it would be great and also it is surprising that we got out so early I called Mr. Madere before the meeting and I said it is my daughter's birthday tonight at 7:30 I am leaving to go and meet her to eat dinner and it is 7:25 and we are about to adjourn so I didn't have to run out but I know she is probably watching and I just want to tell her Happy Birthday she is 16 and I love her to death. She is bright, beautiful and just a sweet kid and I just want to tell her Happy Birthday and I look forward to eating with her in a few

minutes.”

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:30 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson absent.

/s/Jaclyn Hotard
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary