

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**CHAIRMAN LENNIX MADERE**  
**VICE-CHAIR LARRY SNYDER**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Larry Sorapuru, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Julia Remonet, Councilwoman District II, Lennix Madere, Councilman District III, Marvin Perrilloux, Councilman District IV, Michael Wright, Councilman District V, Larry Snyder, Councilman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman-at-Large, Div. B

**ABSENT:** Marvin Perrilloux

Councilman Wright led the Prayer. Councilwoman Remonet led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel present was Keith Green, Jr., and Law Clerk Kennilyn Schmill.

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:**

There was no introduction of businesses.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEMS:** Approval of Minutes - October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - West St. John High School Homecoming Parade - Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 - 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (September); Councilwoman Hotard - Re-appointment of Michelle Jenkins to the River Parish Tourist Commission

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of: Approval of Minutes - October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - West St. John High School Homecoming Parade - Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 - 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM; Robert Figuero - Monthly Financial Report (September); Councilwoman Hotard - Re-appointment of Michelle Jenkins to the River Parish Tourist Commission. The motion passed with Councilman Perrilloux absent.

Councilwoman Hotard excused herself from the meeting at 7:30 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**18-35** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of improvements and granting final subdivision approval of Lots 1-17 and Parcel A Summerlin Lake Subdivision, Phase 5 - Tuscany Dr., and releasing Landcraft, Inc. from a construction agreement in accordance with Ordinance No. 18-15 adopted on June 12, 2018, amended by motion of the Council on August 14, 2018 (N. Robottom)

Rene Pastorek stated, "Good evening Council. The required infrastructure for this subdivision has been installed and inspected by the Utilities, Public Works, and Planning and Zoning Departments. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Just for understanding for my understanding I'm sorry, any Ordinance and Section I. That the Parish does not hereby accept the dedication and donation of the improvements described in Drainage as Built, Water as Built and Sewer as Built plans drawn by Mr. Flynn, on September 6, 2018. Exactly what are we not accepting here?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "What are we not accepting? We're accepting all the dedicate/all of the improvements as built and as shown on the survey that's included with the Ordinance. So the road, the drainage, infrastructure of the water and the sewer."

Councilman Snyder asked, "We are excepting that?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Yes! This is the completion of construction of a subdivision that was previously granted conditional approval. All the construction is complete and has been inspected and is now being inspected for parish maintenance."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay. So Section I (you see where I'm reading that?) just explain that to me, maybe you or administration can explain that to me."

Natalie Robottom asked, "What page Mr. Snyder?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Uh the first page 18-35 under the WHEREAS'."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Oh, you're talking about WHEREAS."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And Section - St. John the Baptist Parish hereby ordains. Section I. That the Parish does hereby accept the dedication and donation of the improvements described in the Drainage as Built, Water as Built, and Sewer as Built plans drawn by Mr. Flynn, on September 6<sup>th</sup> and dedication certificate; attached hereto. I don't understand that that's why I want to get an understanding of that. What does that mean?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "So as part of the conditional approval of the subdivision which gave the developer the authorization to move forward with construction of the subdivision..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay."

Rene Pastorek stated, "It was the intent of the developer as with any subdivision in the Parish, that infrastructure including roads, drainage, sewer, water is constructed and according to Parish standards, it is then inspected by the Parish Department's, go forth to the Utility Board for approval and then an Ordinance upon final acceptance application from the Developer, which they've done. We submit an Ordinance to the Parish Council to approve and accept those

*improvements which become public. So part of the Developer's requirements is to submit a Maintenance Bond, which is active for two (2) years in the event that we have to maintain anything that may have been built substandard, that's active for two (2) years, that's part of this approval. And there after it becomes a public subdivision like any other neighborhood in the parish."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I do understand all that, but maybe I'm the only one here that's blocked."*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"No I heard you say 'does not' but I didn't find it. It sounds like you was..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"Oh I could see it here."*

Natalie Robottom asked, *"Where is it again..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"Unless I'm reading something in here that's not in there."*

Natalie Robottom asked, *"Where is it again Mr. Snyder? Section I you said?"*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Does hereby."*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Does hereby, and I thought you said does not."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Don't need any approval describing the drainage. Okay, I read something into it."*

Rene Pastorek stated, *"Oh okay."*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Yeah he read does not accept, that's why he..."*

Rene Pastorek interrupting stated, *"Sorry I didn't understand what you..."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"No I'm sorry, I'm sorry the way I'm pestering you here. Yeah, I does hereby accept, all of the drainage and this flooding and the water thinking everything was okay. Our Engineer looked at things and?"*

Rene Pastorek stated, *"Yes!"*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Okay, alright thank you all Rene."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Okay I have a question, just a question on subdivisions if you can answer it for me."*

Rene Pastorek asked, *"Okay."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"When we have a subdivision, a newer one or an existing one. The individual who own the subdivision if they have lots that's not sold, is that subdivision owner is responsible for keeping the grass cut on the empty lots? That's what I wanted to know."*

Rene Pastorek stated, *"The owner of the lot..."*

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, *"No I mean it's a subdivision and the lot haven't been sold. I understand if the lot was sold, then that homeowner who own*

that lot may not build a house immediately, but they responsible for cutting their own grass. I'm talking about lots in a subdivision that's still owned by the person who put the subdivision there. And he haven't sold all his lots, okay then I mean that individual is responsible for cutting the grass on those lots?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Yes sir. Any time a violation is issued to a property, it's the property owner rather or not it's been sold who's..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right! As if he got 10 lots he haven't sold and the subdivision owner is responsible to cut those 10. Now as he sell them they come off his list?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Whoever the current property owner is, if there is a violation of the code and a violation was given then that's who..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right, because I get some calls from some people in subdivisions in my area, you know lots that's not sold that's still owned by the...right! So I just want to make sure."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Anytime you have a violation please feel free to call us, we're happy to inspect it for you."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, okay thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Sorapuru seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 18-35. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I would like to make a motion to accept the minutes from the finance committee meeting."

**MOTION:** Councilman Sorapuru moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to accept the finance committee. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Larry Snyder - Directive to the administration to develop a plan, to be approved by this Council, to mitigate the water bill collection issue and return to disconnects for non-payment**

Blake Fogleman stated, "Councilman Snyder and I did discuss this briefly. The process of addressing billing issues when going from estimated to actual readings is underway and working. As manual reads have increased to 90%, fewer problems are occurring. A disconnect crew is being assembled to begin disconnecting meters based on non-payment for actual reads, and we estimate this will begin on January 1, 2019."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay. So we got a process in place to get us out of this when things start to shape up?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir, I mean operational we do. There was a process in place prior to, I think it was based on time, you know 30, 60, 90 day of payments at one time. I think here recently they did it per how much was owed, and I think that's where we're going to start. Is pick a number of you know how much is owed out there whether it be a thousand dollars you know or above or five hundred dollars and go from there. And then work our way down, you know because I don't think it's fair to do it all at once, I don't think we have the staff to try and go after that amount, I think we need to work our way into it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that's why I asked for a process."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Sure."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay? And you know that Administration you'll got to approve a process and bring it to us so we can look at it and we can be sure that its best, whatever happens here is best for our people. The people in the Parish and to help the department out. I know you know and everyone in this room know, that when we start cutting people off they're going to start putting bills in other peoples' name. So we going to lose all of that money, that's going to happen. That's just the reality of things you see, and that's just the reality of things. So what I'd like from the Utilities Department (I know it got to get approved by the Administration), something written on a path forward on how we're going to handle going when we get our meters, or from we get all 100% being read, cause you right now - what you got 90% being read?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's pretty good! That's pretty good from where we come from. So, how we're going go forward in - okay people, now it's time for you to start paying your bills. So this is what we're going to set up, that's what I'm asking you to do. How we're going to deal with some of these people? Some of them owe two or three thousand dollars. What we're going to do about that? We can't just dismiss it. We got to have a plan set up! So I'd like to see that plan. I'd like to see what you guys come up with, present it to us you know and just, because we don't have much time to put in to it. Five of us can't get together and do it. So you come up with a plan, and present it to us and let us look at it and that's all, but it got to be in writing, because it's going to be like that for everybody. I realize some things going to have to be on an individual basis, I understand that! I do understand that."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Guideline right! Yeah."

Councilman Snyder stated, "But you know you understand that, you know what's going on with that."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And that's a lot of layers that go to it, cause it's like you said; so as soon as I say it - here's the disconnect policy then there's the other layer of well what are we going to do if somebody comes in and says; well I'm just going to change the name on the lease or you're, so there's a lot of extra of policies that have to be built into that one to say this is how you handle ownership of an account, this is how you handle so you know we have done visited other parishes and looked at the way they do it to drop a three inch thick policy manual, whether it be to you guys or to the staff in the back, I don't think it's operationally functional or feasible, but attacking it one at a time as these issues are coming up and really developing that written policy is what we're attempting to do."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well if you get an internal policy! How do you..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And I think we actually have some of those..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "You bring us two or three or four of us at a time. Let us look over it, you know if we got anything we want stick in to it, give our feelings on it, that's all I'm asking."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And situation, like you've interacted with certain situations, and we all have seen different ones and that's why it's sometimes hard to answer on very blanket. Hey, this is how we're doing it, because you know certain interactions and how they're handled and so do I, so it is individualized but I do agree with you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Exactly! Okay, so we can look for something within the next month?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We'll have something by January 1<sup>st</sup>."

Councilman Madere stated, "Hold on, hold on!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "January 1<sup>st</sup>?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Wait, wait a minute."

Natalie Robottom stated, "No I mean..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "You finish?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No, no, no I'm a recognize you. Well you finish?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "You're going to recognize me?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No, you already have the floor."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm finish."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, I'm a let Ms. Robottom."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Um yes, I think it's timely that you asked, no one wants to do anything over the holidays, but our plan is to begin this in January. So this is our warning right now - to get your bill in order. We're addressing actual reads, not estimates - that's what we're starting with. You know because we don't want to put anybody out on - I had estimates for this amount time, now you read it, that process is working well, but we're going to be starting with actual reads and people were delinquent with paying their bills. Those will be easier. But there are some of those processes Mr. Snyder that you're referencing that are already in place. For example, we already know there's a history of problems with people already changing the name of the bill, which is why on the property it's on the property. So people try to leave the property and try to go get another house and you know that that debt follows them. So we need to sure up, what those policies say and make sure it's something that we can follow, our

goal is not to put anybody's water off. But in order for our water system to be sustainable and to support itself, we have to have everybody who's used the system to pay their bills. We were uncomfortable with some of the estimates and cutting off and weren't sure, but Blake and the whole team has made a concerted effort to get to that 90% level and we're just off a hundred and I think we're going to assign teams that will be just disconnect, so that we don't lose what we've gained with regard to these manual reads, but their job will be to manage the disconnect system starting with an amount and he's analyze what that number should be. What that cut off number should be, but we're encouraging people now if you know start shoring up your bills, cause we're going to in the beginning of the year, we need to start making our collections we'll make this announcement later on but, because of the problems we had this year with only sending out 11 bills instead of 12, all of those other services that are billed on a 12 month basis were not billed for. So we're getting ready to have to collect for that now over the last four (4) months, we can't afford to continue to do that. Because all of those service providers want their money, whether we collect it or not, so we're having to pay for it."

Councilman Snyder asked, "It might be a good time to plug that in right now Ms. Robottom."

Natalie Robottom asked, "About the?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "That one month of services we got to pay for. That way we know it's in the newspaper, but it might be a good time to plug it in right now. Would you mind explaining it if it's alright with the Chairman, explain that part of the water bill."

Natalie Robottom asked, "Is it ok?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, it's okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Basically you'll be receiving notices in your bill, that when we started the year we were 45 days, 60 days, with the bills so we didn't put out 11 bills, I mean 12 bills this year. Which meant we didn't collect for ambulance, mosquito, all the other services that we have to pay, garbage, we have to pay for that. So what we've done, is over the last 4 months we're going to divide that payment into your last 4 months of bills, so expect to see a slight increase, but we're not over charging you, we're just making up for the one month of those services that you were not billed for this year. But we would like to start off on the right foot in 2019, and the way Blake's crew's reading them, everybody should get their bills within the 31 day time period and so we will get our 12 bills. But expect that one month of service fees to be spread over you next four (4) bills to make-up for that one month that we did not get out utility bills."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So we will see maybe another extra \$5.00 for four months?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's \$6.22."

Councilman Snyder asked, "For four (4) months?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Four (4) months."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And after that it goes back to?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Back down to the dollar. Right, so it's going to be on the line that is deemed the user fee line, so that's typically a dollar on every account across the parish, that will increase by \$6.22 up to \$7.22 for the total for that four (4) month period. And that is for the one month of collection of additional fees. So it's not anything to do with water or sewer usage, obviously when we ran those longtime, water and sewer is based on days. The remainder of the fees are monthly fees and if I don't get twelve (12) bills out, I'm short on that collection."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And that's the garbage, ambulance..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Garbage, mosquito abatement, ambulance and the LDH fee. The LDH \$1.00 fee."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Okay. And we've addressed, I know Robert and I talked a couple of days ago about this estimate, and average and going back to one to the other. We've noticed and he told me have noticed also that some of the bills are kind of ballooned after we go back from one to other one, way over normal and some cases three times as much as normal people bill. We were just talking."

Natalie Robottom stated, "But we have a formula for that..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "I mean oh you're saying on the first actual?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes."

Blake Fogleman stated, "The first actual yes. Yes sir, I'm sorry I miss understood what you're saying. Absolutely we have one, we've been applying that those guidelines since May, and we've been utilizing the same guidelines to correct those issues. And it's a case by case, because everyone I've looked at so far is different, so."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And that's my understanding, it is a case by case that we have to deal with like that."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I've seen some pretty crazy things where I've identified leaks, we've identified higher usage that people didn't understand they were using and we've helped them understand their water usage and made them, you know and brought them to understand their water. And I think everyone does that now and everyone's very conscious of it now and I think we've learned a lot, I think on both sides."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we continue, everybody thought it was related to the billing issue. But by sending people out to help them, what they've identified is some leaks, you know that they just my bill's high because you guys are estimating, but then you know what they found out - Oh wait, my toilet's running - oh wait this pump is broken. Oh so they're not, when we say we can't just take a blanket approach, but we did come up with a successfully that first change over from months of estimates to go to a manual, usually you'll get this big jump, but we went back and did an average of the history of their bills and because the inconvenience was ours, we made adjustments relative to that. But because everyone is being manually read now, they're not going back and forth between estimates and manual, then the number you get is the number you get. Now keep in mind we've had a few errors, where you know when you're manually reading you can transpose numbers. So those are the kinds of things you see that are easy

to go back and correct, but for the most part we're not having the problems that we were having before, going from estimates to manual reads because regularly manual reading the meters is providing more accurate numbers."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I have a dozen more questions, but I'm going to talk to Robert..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "And we are working in this direction Councilman. So we appreciate it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright thank you."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Yeah, I'd like to just say that we I hope that we could - I know you're getting a team together to disconnect, can we get a team together to help collect the money, people that have hardship cases or somebody that needs to have extension, put them on a payment plan and not just go out and disconnect those people, if we're going to do it in January start lining these people up right now that are far behind..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "That's already in place."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "Yes, the hardship cases correct?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We have been doing that for a long time and that will continue. Now..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Many times unsuccessfully. I will add as an operational guy that stepped in late in the game on this in December and looked back and reviewed those and I think on a couple of different Council members have met with. Unfortunately we do that and it takes extra manpower to track it, and then we find out three months down the road that they drop off the plan and we're back in square one and we chased our tail doing that. It..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Well that's the bottom line. We'll put you on a payment plan, and it's very clear. If you violate your plan and we work out a number that is doable based on your income and if you fail to meet your plan, you're off. You understand that? Like we, I just want to make sure everybody's clear. We work out a payment plan for hardship cases, we don't give you a number we work on a number that's doable. It wouldn't make sense for me to give you - well you have to pay \$200 a month and they can't pay that. So we work with you on okay, I can pay an additional forty (40). And, but it's going to take me six (6) months. Well, all we're saying is pay your additional forty (40) for six (6) months, if you pay your forty (40), or whatever it is, you know people vary and you don't pay it for the six (6) months, well that's on you. Okay and again, that's where you violate your plan, because we we've worked out one that's supposed to be workable for you. And, but you have to stick to it! Because if you don't, well now your bill has jumped up even more and if you couldn't do it then, you're not going to be able to. And at that point when do we say, you got to pay for your water that you use."

Councilman Sorapuru asked, "So do we have someone that's in the office that's doing just that, working on collections? Someone that's actually working on collection..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "I can tell you right now, no sir! And the reason we don't, cause we were only reading 30% and we're just, that conversation

is obviously it's a very like Parish President, it's very timely that you started...

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "And we don't have an Ordinance that allows us to do collections."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Well maybe we should look at putting on in..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Absolutely."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "That way we can move forward and keep people with water on instead of just cutting them off!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Well and part of that process is that..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Well they still got to pay it. I mean it's not like just, you know what I mean?"

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "But if a person is interacting with individuals at the office and letting you know, look I'm going to make the payment, and you put them on a plan, there are some hardship cases that we need to look at. That's all I'm saying."

Blake Fogleman stated, "No absolutely. And we're looking at numbers, you know if we pick a dollar amount we're looking at how many are out there now, and the different range, because if I say we're going to go with anything over 500 and there's 2,000 cases, well that's a you know that's a whole staff that's required to try to - I mean if that's 2,000 or even if it's 1500 hardship cases, that's some that's a whole department trying to monitor and keep track of monthly payments on that. That's not, you got to understand our system does is not working with us right, so that is all manually done. Whereas hopefully in the new system that we would have, we'll be able to put a flag on it or something that would identify that stipulation that this account has an additional whatever and it can track for us. But right now this is literally typing in a name, checking to make sure they paid what they said they would pay. Typing in the next name, checking to make sure they paid and then in between that's meetings and conversations and phone calls whenever they haven't met or something you know a check didn't come in and so there's a lot to that but yeah, and that's why I think it's a bigger discussion, a lot of different policies are going to have to play into what we can do to move forward with collections."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "I'm good."

Councilman Malik stated, "Excuse me, Councilman Snyder you brought up a very good point of having the several meetings to cover this and I was going to comment on that, but anyway, but what we're talking about are the residents who are using water and simply not paying..."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Correct."

Councilman Malik stated, "Okay good!"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes. And I'll say I checked after this was put on the agenda, we started kind of pulling up accounts just to kind of gage where it was it was just so I could have some feedback. And I could tell you everyone that we pulled, I didn't find one that wasn't actual readings since 2016 with this big

*bill just non-payment. Now I don't know their situation, but I can tell you most of them started every, we probably looked at ten (10), and most of the ones I saw started roughly around September of 16 for non-payments. I don't have an exact date of what that indicated, but if I had to guess it was probably something we had to change in the Utility Department when things started ramping up and when the snowball started so to speak."*

Councilman Malik stated, "No and I just want to make that clear, that's a..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Absolutely, it is. It's an actual reading..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "We want to make that clear that everybody that..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "And amount of usage..."

Councilman Malik interrupting stated, "That if you're paying your bill, if there's a problem with your bill but you're still paying something, we're not talking about those residents. We want those specific, not paying and having been paying for not sometime, but anyway that was the thing."

Councilman Madere stated, "You said you're 90% accurate reading now. Okay I just had a guy..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Ninety percent (90%) manual."

Councilman Madere stated, "Manual, manual reading..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "That's manual and electric. That's getting an actual reading. I mean some of them are inaccurate and we have to correct it..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Cuz I just that way well my question I had. I had a guy call me, I know him I've been knowing him for a while you know since I've been in office he live by himself. Okay and this the first time he ever got a bill that was extremely high, he live by himself. It was \$1500 for one month, okay and I told him to come over here and you know and talk to them and he did, and basically well I know what they told him, you know pay what he normally pay until they straighten out. Yeah, so I just want to make sure we're not, so if we have those types of problems we're correcting those."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Absolutely. And that's what we ask people. As long as they show good faith we're going to do our best to meet them halfway on that. We know its inconvenience..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah but he don't, he don't you know he always pay, he's not behind..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "And that great! And that's..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "So he just got a bill that was off the chart."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah and nine times out of ten, by the time a resident does come in we've already started the process. So on most cases we've already started and went and verified that that reading is accurate. We've already

calculated what we've what we believe that needs to be calculated and by the time they come in we can give them an answer. I think earlier on the process back in March, we couldn't give that answer quick enough and I think we've changed that, we've tried to push toward that and I'm better at that."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, thank you."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Thank you."

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R18-27 - A Resolution requesting an authorizing the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Planning Commission to conduct a study of the text of Chapter 38. - Taxation and Chapter 113. - Zoning, specifically those provisions related to mobile vendors, and other unique, seasonal, or informal vendors, with the intent of permitting the legal and predictable operation of certain types of such uses, as well to provide for related matters (Parish wide)**

Rene Pastorek stated, "This resolution authorizes the Department to conduct a study to update regulations allowing for the operation of mobile vendors Parish wide. Interim regulations enacted would allow mobile vendors to operate under certain stipulations on commercial and industrial zoned private property. Administration recommends approval."

Councilman Malik asked, "Can you be a little bit more specific on types of mobile vendors you're speaking about?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "The most common type would be like a food truck. But a mobile vendor could be anything from a mobile medical treatment to you know food services, anything that's sold from a commercial vehicle on wheels that is intended to be temporary and it's your own private site."

Councilman Malik asked, "Would the, and I tell you there's some food trucks if you hit them they're gourmet. But I guess if the driving anywhere or there be something like a meeting point for these things. I don't think we really have the population density to have one specific area for all these food trucks. But just to allow them driving around and hitting the, whatever private industry would allow them to pull in to their parking lot."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Right and so the interim regulations under this Resolution would require a lease of the private property owner on specific property, when the study is completed, obviously there could be other areas that can be addressed to allow food trucks or mobile vendors as deemed fit. But you're right, you know allowing property owners to determine if they would like to allow that on their property to be part of this approval process."

Councilman Malik asked, "Right thank you sir."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I just you know, thanks Rene for working on this. We've gotten several request and we had no guidelines for food trucks. So what we're asking to do, is do a study to determine you know, and put together something that would address those concerns. It's not that we're saying 'NO' we just don't have no processes in place and this study will allow us to address that whether it's private property, certain locations, whether there's a permit required, or whatever those requirements are for us to be able to track or know that that's taking place in our parish, and that's why we're taking that on now."

Councilman Wright stated, "Just wanted to say, this is great! Especially with the increasing amount of construction, the industry, the levee coming, I mean there's obviously a huge need for this so...you know, thank you guys for bringing this to us."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I just want to just echo what my fellow [Inaudible], because this is so important especially today, like he said, with the amount of construction we got going on. I read this the Interim - the one that you've come up with, and it says something about only one vendor one truck can go in, can go in to an area. I didn't under/this is not for a bid, maybe you'll understand what I'm talking about."

Rene Pastorek stated, "So under the Interim Regulations, one development site would be allowed one mobile vendor approval."

Councilman Snyder stated, "One development site one..."

Rene Pastorek interrupting stated, "So then you have like Cambridge Corner Shopping Center, if somebody came in applied for a mobile vendor permit for that location, we would allow one at that site under the interim regulations. The study can address you know..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Okay, and what I'm thinking about actually Rene, and I've been involved with a lot of these trucks and there are different sites on like plants, I always think about the plants you know and Mr. Malik can know what I'm talking about here. There's more than one site that they go in where construction people go in at. And if I got one truck I may have two trucks, one at this site and one at that site, but it's on the same ground you know, is that feasible? You see what I'm saying here? Is that feasible, is that what that would be..."

Rene Pastorek interrupting stated, "It just depends on how many lots we're talking about but, and that's just the interim regulations. Again this can be addressed in a..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Okay. It's good, it's good. I read it its good."

Rene Pastorek stated, "Interim regulations are intended to be sort of like a pilot - test run, so we've had a chance to review fully how we'd like to see this..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "I just want to be sure I understand it's interim, so I'll know what's going on when it's something like this happens. Because like I say, I've been involved with it and I know how it works and I think this one is good, I really do."

Councilman Madere stated, "Rene, I have a question for you. Do that affect the like the guys that be onside the road selling a vegetable? That's not the same thing?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "No that's something else."

Councilman Madere asked, "That's something different huh?"

Rene Pastorek stated, "Those are there's another term for it. But these are specifically [Crosstalk] vendors with like the larger truck..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right, they go in and out of those facilities."

Rene Pastorek stated, "With a lease on private property."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay, alright thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Remondet seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R18-27. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Larry Sorapuru - (Tabled 03-13-18) Council's possible withdrawal from the River Parish Tourist Commission**

*The above item to remain tabled.*

**Lennix Madere - Update on drainage and road repair in District III**

Councilman Snyder asked, "You want that taken off the agenda?"

Councilman Madere stated, "No. Not going off and going be on there for a day, a year and a day again. Let me just explain and bring Ms. Robottom up to date on what's happening, okay with this. I want to take it off, but it's not getting off until they do everything that they supposed to do. Okay, the reason why it's on there, is because they haven't done it. At the last meeting it was told that to me that they had completed that/those problems, fill those sinkholes. I went back out there the next day and those sinkholes were still there they had not done not one single one of them. Then I got an email and phone call from Ms. LaVerne and she realized that they didn't do it and a got an email it said they was bringing a load of dirt. I haven't seen a load of dirt yet! I've been down 26<sup>th</sup> Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Street, down all the streets that they did. Okay I haven't seen any dirt, and the sinkholes are still there, and they didn't come and do a walk through. Okay, so that's why this thing is still on the agenda and it's going to remain on this agenda til every sinkhole and everything is done, and they contract is running out at the end of this month. Okay so I don't know if they're trying to wait until it's over with and then we stuck with the sinkholes, okay that's why it's on here because if I had removed this thing off this list, we would have been stuck here with sinkholes, okay! Now, you know they sent an email to Daron, he know about it, that they say the dirt was on its way and he told them not to bring back any sand. Okay well I requested from them when this project first started, you took dirt and you put sand! And now every time they put the sand back in the sinkhole, the sinkhole open up again. Okay so this time Daron requested dirt, he said he was bringing dirt, haven't seen not one piece of dirt yet. Okay and as soon as this rain stop, I'm a do my own walk through with some people and I'm a bet we find more sinkholes. So that's why it's still on there. Okay, I want to take it off."

Natalie Robottom stated, "If you notice Mr. Madere, we didn't know what you were talking about. Okay, if you would let us know..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I did. I did. Ms. LaVerne told me at the last meeting that sinkholes was taken care of..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I know but since then obviously this is on

here and you weren't satisfied. So we can't give you an answer tonight...

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I told Daron..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "Finding out the problem but this response on here, lets me know we don't know what you're talking about."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well Daron...go head, go head, I'm sorry. I'm doing what I say I'm not going do."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I mean we talked about this this morning, we had no idea. Had it been that you were still on the contractor when you put this on here, you could've listed specifically that which would of given us an opportunity to have them here or you know again, you say Daron know Daron's not here. Okay so we're up here trying to answer something we don't know what you're talking about. So again with regard to the item because it's so general, we had no idea so we provided no update. But had we known or had I known that's what you were looking for and that hadn't been done, because I review these and if I put that on there, my expectation is that that contractor had been out there. And the fact that we're finding out tonight that he hadn't, is a problem for me. But again, if you can take your item and try to do like ours and let us know exactly what it is you want us to address, we'll be happy to do that, but tonight none of us up here can really help you because we're just finding out that it's about the project in your District, what they fulfil what they said. So all I'm asking you is if you just let us know exactly what you want, we can provide a better response because the one that's right here, doesn't really answer your question."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Mr. Madere can you call Mr. Kindrick..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Now hold on hold on. Let me, before you tell me to call him, let me explain let me explain something. This item been on this agenda and we been talking about these sinkholes for the last two or three months, when they first happened and when at the last meeting when I brought up about the sinkholes again, I was informed that the sinkholes had been taken care of. So the next day I went back and looked out there and the sinkholes had nothing had been done. And I spoke to Daron on a couple of occasions, now if he didn't relate that information to you okay I spoke to him, and he know about it. Okay, in fact since the meeting I spoke to him at least two times about those sinkholes and when he told me the guy brought some dirt, I spoke to him the other day and I say no dirt was out there, and those sinkholes are still there. So I don't know if he didn't communicate that concern to you, but I definitely communicated to him and let me just say something - as long as this item been on here, it's always been about that project."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay, but that's the kind of thing we're asking you not, cause we worry about drainage and the road repairs. If I read this item, I am not thinking about your sinkhole."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well that's drainage, because the sinkholes is being caused by the drainage work that they did. Okay and they probably what I'm getting from Daron, is that maybe they have some pipes that's not wrapped tight, that when it rain and the water goes down there (I'm not involved with that type of work). But everyone tell me sinkholes develop when you have pipes that's not sealed properly, and when the water goes through the pipe it sucks the dirt down with it. Okay, so these sinkholes - now this company was supposed to be so good. If they got to come and repair a sinkhole three times, they should know that they

have a problem. Okay and that's what I'm saying. I'm seeing the same sinkholes, over and over again. And in fact like I said, I decided to walk down East 27<sup>th</sup> Street and discovered two more on the side of a lady driveway, she didn't even know what it was, I had to bring her outside and show her, two sinkholes. He actually took a picture Daron took much weight of me stepping in one of the sinkhole pass my ankle and he sent that to administration and he sent it also to that company."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And we're not questioning any of that. And you know it appears..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "I want this to end."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We're on the same page okay, we want the project to work to, but if I look at this item and we were going over it, it in no way references the Reserve III Project nor a sinkhole. So we're trying to figure out what update on drainage are you looking for, and what road repair. And so, all we're saying is we agree with you. But when we see this item on here, which stays on here all the time, we don't know what you're talking about."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, but we always talk about that same project."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well sometimes it's the road and the road..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "No, no, the road just got on there. Cause this thing it's been on there all by itself, drainage all by itself. The road just got on there a couple of months ago..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting asked, "Mr. Snyder, are you understanding what I'm saying?"

Councilman Madere stated, "I understand what you're saying..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Hold up! Hold up, hold up! I think Ms. Robottom is saying that, with the way that it is on the agenda, they have no idea what's going on with it. Mr. Daron should have known, am I right? He should have known, he should have brought it to your attention. I don't know if he did or not. The only thing we could do now, we're not going to get it done tonight, we know what it is tonight, let's see what we can do about it tomorrow. You know, it's not going to get done tonight! Is that okay with you Mr. Madere?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Well like I said like I said. I had a conversation one time since the meeting I think with you..."

LaVerne Toombs interrupting asked, "Councilman if I may?"

Councilman Madere stated, "Mmm-go head."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "You are correct. At the last council meeting I did state the fact that I was under the impression cuz I was told that that matter had been addressed. But I also told you that I would look into it and get back with you, which I did. I learned that that did not happen. I had a conversation with Mr. Cooper, I also believe that you have been in communications with Mr. Cooper by email. He's been keeping you in the loop in reference to when he communicates with the contractor, when the contractor responds back to you in reference to when they're going to come out, so on and so forth. And that again, I'm copied on

those emails. And so I also learned I think earlier today or later today, should I say, that Mr. Cooper has been in communications with the contractor and I believe an email was sent to you, if not, I think his intentions were to send you an email to inform you that they are coming out or we just don't, they did not verify and I believe Mr. Kindrick you were communicated that as well, we're not sure when but I did tell Mr. Cooper that we were going to have (he and I) were going to have a conversation with the contractors tomorrow. And get a firm date and time when they're going to come out there and take care of that matter."

Councilman Madere stated, "The last email I read from them stated that they was had some medical emergency for someone, and they couldn't come out. And that they were coming the next week, which would have been last week. Okay and that he said he had sent a shipment of dirt which would have been also last week or the week before. That did not happen okay, that did not happen. And I haven't heard anything from them."

LaVerne Toombs stated, "Okay well again Councilman..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "That's what the email that I read that he had a...that's why he couldn't come the first time. And every time that Daron send an email to them, that email is sent at the very time we're out there at the location. So I'm aware that the email went to them and Daron always copy me and I think he copy Administration. Okay, and the pictures that was sent. Okay and like I said, the last time we took pictures was two weeks ago. Okay and the last email that I remember reading from them was, that they couldn't come that week, someone was sick (medical emergency), but they sent a load of dirt and they was coming the following week which should have been last week or the beginning of this week. And like I said, no dirt, no one but still sinkholes keep coming back. So all I want from administration and if they didn't understand what was on there, I don't have a problem with that, we'll correct that in moving forward but, I think by communicating to Daron a couples cause that was sufficient enough..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "But just to clear that up, Daron's not in these meetings. Mr. Kindrick, when we do Public Works - Mr. Kindrick addresses these. So if he's looking at it, he's looking at 'Okay update on Drainage', he just told me, I don't know what...you know? So Daron is working as a project person, he has no item..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stating, "He's a Project Manager."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right! But when we see your item under 'Department Reports', our assumption is it's something Mr. Kindrick needs to address with regard to drainage or roads. And even though they all know exactly what you're talking about, they all had conversations on your sinkhole, we didn't think this item..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "You thought it something different?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Cuz they were communicating with you by email and that's all I'm saying."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay we can move that we can correct that. That's no problem but what I'm saying is, that problem what we had right there is lil small potatoes, we could correct that that's small potatoes. The big potato is this guy still has sinkholes and he keeps saying he's coming and then when he do come he bring back the same dirt and the same sinkholes come back again. Okay I want a

*permanent solution not a temporary solution from these people, okay because like I told him in here when he got mad and he said it was his dirt, he should have put back what you took off."*

Verdell Kindrick asked, "Can I say something?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes sir."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "Like a Ms. LaVerne said, on tomorrow we're going to get with Daron and get with the company and talk and see what's going on. And to get back to your conversation concerning these sinkholes, once the contractor leave out of here, I'm responsible for that and I'm not going to let that happen before they leave out of here..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "And I don't want that happening."

Verdell Kindrick stated, "And I definitely and I think the Parish President know herself, she won't let that happen like that. So again we're going to get, make sure all this is completed. But again, I just want to get this taken off."

Councilman Madere stated, "Oh it's going to get taken off as soon as HUD don't step in the sinkhole."

#### **Lennix Madere - Update on Community Service Implementation**

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes, I think the Administration said they were in the process of meeting with the Sheriff Department. Okay, including the Judges with that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually received a copy of the Reference Statute from the District Attorney's Office, as well as the last two Ordinances were approved. We'd had some conversations with the Sheriff's Office about how to best deal with Litter Abatement and that's the process where it's joint program with funding and personnel, we think we can get that to work and he's agreed to work with us on it."

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay when you said he, you mean the Sheriff?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Sheriff's Office yes!"

Councilman Madere asked, "Okay and the DA?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Actually once we put..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "I mean the Sheriff and the Judges I mean."

Natalie Robottom stated, "All of us..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Okay."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Because they make referrals to us for Community Service, but we would be responsible for implementing a program."

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay. Alright, as long as they're all in agreement. Okay, thank you!"

Councilman Snyder stated, "You said we working with the Sheriff Office to, I

thought all we had to do was get someone to facilitate our part of it? And we already had people in place to do that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "And that's a combination of things because they do Liter Abatement as well as with some of their folks, and they do liter tickets. So what we're looking at is during the budget process making sure that we have funding budgeted, but he was also offering personnel. So we were going to work with the Sheriff's Office to combine whatever our budgeted amount is, and establishing a tracking system for the referrals we get and the documentation that's necessary to go back to the Judges, to show that they've actually completed their Community Service."

Councilman Snyder asked, "What kind of funds we need to cover what?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It depends on what the Sheriff is going to provide. We're talking personnel, and process, and just and you know entire-it's kind of like what you asked us to put together before a program and policy that everybody agrees will work. And so by pulling everybody together, everybody's roll will be identified and I think we have a line item actually in the budget, we just haven't identified for exactly what, which we have it in Public Works or General Fund? We actually created a line item for it in our budget, we just aren't sure with what the Sheriff is going to provide versus us what that number needs to be."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay, thank you ma'am."

Natalie Robottom stated, "He's open... [CROSSTALK]"

**Lennix Madere/Larry Snyder - Update on Utilities, operational and safety issues at all Waste Water plants**

Blake Fogleman stated, "Utilities Management and employees are continuing to address all issues in the facilities and an update will be provided to the Council within the next couple of weeks. We do have a lot of ongoing work that's kind of in the middle of things. So I don't know exactly what you'll be looking for again, if you'll have something specific you'll want to address."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well yeah but some of the things that I'm looking for immediately was from one concern that some of the safety issues. Okay, that at the last meeting you said that yawl in the process of buying some Bouie's are whatever that is?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Those are installed."

Councilman Madere stated, "Those are installed! That's what I'm talking about, things that (I'm not talking about machinery), oh no that's Phase II. Okay but Phase I, Phase I is to make sure the employees are safe okay, and the Bouie's was something that I thought could happen within 24 hours and a to go get some Bouie's. What about some of the rails?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "We actually we do have a fabricator on site working at some of the facilities, we actually have contacted..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "You mean welding some of the broken..."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yeah and so, and again we're riding that line of using of Operations Budget where we have funding allocated you know in some of the West

Bank Plants. We do have you know a million dollars for Capital Project, but obviously we're going to try because of the length of time it's taking to go into construction, we are using some of that Maintenance Budget to try to identify and take care of some of those issues. We actually have contacted a second fabricator that we're trying to get on board to maybe get us up to where we need to be and we can go back to normal maintenance."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I think whatever funding we have for any other thing in your department project, whatever it take to make sure that the area where these workers have to work is safe, we have to spend that money and even if we have to go back and get some. So what I'm saying is, that's something you know just my timeframe, and you know we've been talking about this for maybe about a month now. I would think by next council meeting you know we should say that, you should be able to say that all the Bouie's are in place, the frame like this platform that the workers have to work on, a walk-on is secure. That's the kind of thing I want to hear cause I want to make sure that nothing happen and Administration have always said that's their biggest concern. So whatever we have to do we need to get that done quick."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I have been tracking and putting dates on when things were completed. You know I have my own notes cuz I am trying to interact at that level to make sure that I can have something to give to you all. Again, we do have this middle ground of at every plant the Bouie's are in. We actually had a conversation about the chlorine safety again today. What I'm finding out is that, historically they've been issued their own mask, and I don't know if that was the conversation that was had out there, but no one has ever approached me about that, every person was responsible for their own mask. So to say we don't have any..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "When you say they're responsible, you mean the workers have to buy their own mask?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir no sir..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "What you mean?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Those provided by, everybody has one on their truck or with/on their person when they go into that area of the plant. Much like a facility, like an industry would have..."

Councilman Madere interrupting asked, "So we provide the mask?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Absolutely!"

Councilman Madere asked, "And it's their responsibility to maintain that mask and don't lose it?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's like your uniform shirt you know if you expect to have that if you're going to work..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right but what I'm saying is, okay I understand exactly what you just said. But do we have maintenance or someone that make sure/check you know every three (3) months or so to make sure that they have these things. And if they lose them then they should pay for them or replace them..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "I would hope that they would come to us and

say that, hey...

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Well I understand..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "I don't have my mask [CROSSTALK] I'm about to work with Chlorine you know. So [CROSSTALK] we're working through that, we're working through that kind of stuff."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well you see my thing is I think I told that to Ms. Carter before she left, okay you say you hope they would do that. Okay well, we know and I know that some of the employees going to lose it and not going to say anything. I mean what do we have in place to periodically check to make sure that they have them? That's the important thing. What do we do on our part to make sure that these things are properly maintained and that everyone have one? Because if something happen, the blame is going to fall on the parish. Okay so I know we issue them, but we should have a way of checking to make sure that they're using them and that they're still have them."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And I agree and much like everything we've discussed here and whether it be billing, whether it be waste water, or whether it'll be water. Historically and I think most governments have a tough time with record keeping as far processes go. That is something we're working with as we're addressing some of these issues, we're making check list, we're making backbones for policies and procedures and fail safes for, hey look if your cartridges are out - we need to know about them. It's cartridges I can buy more cartridges, that's nothing, that's not a/that's something simple we can do. So yes, the fail safe to say every quarter we're going to walk through and everybody's going to check their items. You know we're going to check all the big scuba packs at every plant, you know walk way or whatever."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right yeah, yeah we need to have a..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "So we're forming that as we're addressing these..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah we need to have a maintenance schedule cuz I know the fire department have one/does that."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "I agree I agree."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So we're taking these air mask, that's air mask or they're just filter masks?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "It's for just escape purposes. It have..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "There's no air?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "There's facilities that have them, there larger facilities do have the scuba packs, and I think yawl had commented on the location of those. But as far as just an escape pack, as I understand it historically they were issued there, everyone have their own. That it was their mask, they're responsible to have them on when they were working in those areas."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So when those guys goes into those areas, they

have/what they have on? They have anything on?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Mmm-hmm no!"

Councilman Snyder asked, "And does one guy go in there or two guys go in there? Is there a procedure on that?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "No sir. Not written. You know I could ask anyone of them and they're going to have what they've historically done. But there's not to letter..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Historically they told me that two people could go in there because I asked those questions, and they said two people go in there and they both go in there and they change cylinders. And that's fine, but whatever they got to do..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "How many people do you have at the facility though...that's the question."

Councilman Snyder stated, "[LAUGHTER] Yeah there two, there are two!" [LAUGHTER]

Blake Fogleman stated, "Hopefully more than two."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I'm concerned with Chlorine - a good whiff of it, you're down, okay?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And now if there are two people on the site, one pass there and see somebody down-we need something for them to be able to grab, do this go in there and drag them out. You know, not call somebody first, put something over your face, make sure it's working and go drag them out. Cuz that's important. And that's why and that's one of the reasons why we brought this up, cause he and I visit some of these sites and I didn't see that and I know what Chlorine do, most people know what Chlorine 'll do to you and the affect. So what are we doing to address that? That part of it right there. Are we-do we have an area somewhere out there where we can put a mask and just for rescue purposes [CROSSTALK]. I don't know I mean if you talk to the guy Mike, who know all of this stuff, he can help you with all that you know. And he can tell you exactly where/how do these things should be placed..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting asked, "Can he write all my policies too?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "[LAUGHTER} Say what?"

Blake Fogleman asked, "Can he write all the policies for that too?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Nah...well you know I mean you know how long it take, you know how long it takes, it don't take very long. You know it don't take very much. It's not very expensive."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I agree."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We're getting rid of all the bunker gear right now, getting ready to place the/to get them from..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Actually we just talked we talked about that last meeting actually. They actually I don't know what you destroyed and got rid of certain ones in the proper manner that they were supposed just prior to that..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting asked, "Those escape mask, escape packs?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Well five (5) minute air packs. [CROSSTALK]"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Five (5) minute air packs?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "Which would be those, yeah."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's about it. If we got some let's put out there, let people be able to get somebody out there if they go down."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think that's a/all of this is very important, needs to be on you'll next (where's Travis) yawl next safety meeting. So we don't have to discuss it tonight, that's a directive, since yawl like to give directives, this is mine. Where you at? Okay, the Public Safety person who holds safety meetings, this is a concern that we've been addressing that obviously is at a priority level (You're on it to right?)..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Let's use those expertise."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That's right! So we're going to we're on it. So put together a team with the Safety Director to address the concerns expressed with regard to Chlorine, the need for mask. Stacey's also engaged, cuz we do engage LWCC, you know for advice and direction but this is not a discussion we going to have at the Council meeting, it's come to our attention. If there's not a process in place, develop one and move forward."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes we'll move on and make sure when we do move on that something is in place. So at the end of the meeting, have a conversation with the Fire Chief, he's going to tell you a story about a little girl on a plane."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Just one more thing Blake, this is under the operational details as we spoke about insulation. During the last freeze we had a lot of pipes that could have been insulated or some things could have been instrumentation or whatever. So could you put that on your list to see if we can you know..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "Yes sir. That typically comes up at our first cold weather meeting, which we should be having pretty soon. Obviously the weather's changing, we've had we had a couple it's more in the water plants, but on the side Ms. LaVerne and I, and she's been pushing this with good reason. We're trying to get our consultant to come in, though we had issues at our plants I think two or three out our eleven facilities had issues, there was three hundred (300) breaks in private lines."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Correct."

Blake Fogleman stated, "And so what we're going to do is try to bring them in and have speak at the business meetings and things like that and try and better educate people on insulation so that we can maybe avoid some of these breaks in the future."

Councilman Sorapuru stated, "Okay and one other thing. I spoke to Mr. Dufrene about some fire hydrants, some streets that we needed to reinstall some fire hydrants had been taken out so could we include that in your overall..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "We're working on that as well. Yes sir, he provided us a list we've been working our way through that and trying to evaluate..."

Councilman Sorapuru interrupting stated, "And I know that. I've been seeing them. Thank you, thank you very much."

### **Julia Remondet - Update on the Reserve Drainage Project, Phase II**

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Yes I see that were planning to finish this application for the permits for the end of this month?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes, that was specific to boring under the CN Railroad. Mr. Shread is managing the application process, we did have a meeting CN and Congressman Graves, who actually oversees them. So once that application is finished, he's going to work with us to try and expedite the permit itself."

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "What type of timeline we're talking about once the applications' completed? People in that area think we just think we don't want to take care of their roads, which is all based on the drainage. I'm just trying to give them some idea."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well based on this the application should be done by October. And what we were instructed to do was once we had application in hand to contact Congressman Graves and Mr. Dining and they would/you know we've already preliminarily looked at it, they actually had a previous application, so they have some idea about what they're looking at. So we don't anticipate anything long, it's just that the process changed and we needed to do it again. So I will make a call on that and get back with you on what the timeframe should be, and then we'll be ready to go to bid."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "Okay. What mainly my concern is just notify the people in that area that we haven't forgotten them for drainage or roads. Is there something we can send out to that area through the water bills or something? I'm sure there's a part of one cycle or something like that?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "Is what?"

[INAUDIBLE]

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "Oh do the call thing?"

Baileigh Rebowe-Helm stated, "[INAUDIBLE]"

Councilwoman Remondet asked, "Can we do that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Hmm."

Councilwoman Remondet stated, "That would really help. Okay, alright thank you."

There was no Executive Session.

Natalie Robottom stated, "On Executive Session, there's some items that appeared and need to come off. Just, it's our understanding the Roger Tassin v Matika White, the parish was issued a citation in error. The lien was actually by Mr. Tassin, so that item doesn't belong on there."

Jackie Landeche, Council Secretary stated, "Is legal here? Cuz they'd have to talk to legal."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah but hold on. We're not going to remove them at this time. We can have them move it and discuss during the week and have them taken off of the next meeting."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I'll just give yawl the information and yawl..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yeah I know and we'll check with them."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Okay."

Councilman Madere stated, "Cuz there's a couple of items might need to come off."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And just the Kane County one was for Tribble Properties..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Yes okay."

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A.B. Houston vs E. J. Turley - Docket# C-72495 - to discuss litigation strategy

Roger Tassin v Matika White, et al, 40<sup>th</sup> JDC docket 72554, Div. B - to discuss litigation strategy

Kane County, Utah v. United States, Case No. 17-739C and 17-1991C

Lennix Madere - Water bill issues

Parish Buildings - Security

Any and all pending legal matters

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**18-36** An ordinance naming the Baseball Complex located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "DeVante Smith Baseball Complex" (K. Becnel)

**18-37** An ordinance naming the Airnasium located in the Juan Anthony Park in Edgard - the "Roneka Small Airnasium" (K. Becnel)

**18-38** An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Coles Landing Subdivision, Phase IV, lots 148 through 208, and Parcels D, F, G & H, situated in Section 91, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which was originally approved on

October 10, 2006, as part of preliminary/conditional approval for Phase III & IV, Lots 121 through 281 and Parcels A through I (N. Robottom)

- 18-39** An ordinance approving the extension of Conditional Subdivision Approval for an additional twelve (12) months for Praise Place Subdivision, Lots 27 through 83 and parcels V-1, V-2 and V-3, on East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, situated in Section 46 and 47, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana; which was Originally approved on November 8, 2005 (N. Robottom)
- 18-40** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lot A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A, being (1) Lots 1 and 2 of the Rodrigue Partition per COB D(NS) Folio 35; (2) portion of the Caire Tract; (3) 30 ft. Strip portion of Church Place; and (4) less and except the Allen Edwards Lot per COB 75, Folio 619; into Lots 1-CT, 2-CT, and 3-CT of the W. Caire Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Hwy. 18, the TP/Union Pacific railroad, East 3<sup>rd</sup> St., and East 2<sup>nd</sup> St., containing municipal addresses 2403, 2405, 2407, and 2417 Hwy. 18; 131 Caire Ct.; and 148 Numa Ln., Edgard, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 24, 2018, last revised on October 11, 2018 (N. Robottom) (PZS-18-1139)
- 18-41** An ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 1, 2, the remainder of Lot 3, and an undesignated remainder of the Ignace Himel Tract into Lots 15-1, 16-1, and 16-2 of the Ignace Himel Tract, being a portion of Farm Lots 15, and 16 of Woodland Plantation Subdivisiion, located in the area generally bounded by Main Street, the Woodland Canal, Remy Dr., and Hwy. 51, containing municipal address 3401 Main St., LaPlace, LA, as shown in a survey prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. on August 6, 2018 (N. Robottom) (PZS-18-1197)
- 18-42** An ordinance approving the re-zoning of property identified as Assessed parcel 0400033500, located in the area generally bounded by Captain G. Bourgeois St., West 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Redwood St., and Pine St., containing municipal addresses 209 and 215 Captain G. Bourgeois St., LaPlace, LA from the Residential District One (R-1) to the Residential District Two (R-2) zoning district, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (N. Robottom) (PZR-18-1116)
- 18-43** An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Capital Projects Funds for the fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 (N. Robottom)

**PRESIDENT REPORT:**

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening, as we recover from the 45th Annual Andouille Festival weekend, I'd like to thank Marathon Petroleum Company LP, the presenting sponsor and all other sponsors, residents and visitors for the success of the festival. Thousands of people and enjoyed the great music, food and fun, despite a rainy Saturday. I want to thank everyone who played a role in the success of the Andouille Festival, specifically my staff and employees who have been working on this for months, and all of the volunteers, non-profits and businesses who helped. To everyone who came out and supported the Festival and

the vendors, thank you! The fair committee will hold an after-action meeting soon to review festival operations for changes and improvements. Please share any suggestions to our committee. Congratulations to our new Andouille Queens, Ms. Mandi Lee Sweeney and Teen Queen Ms. Jenna Necaize who seemed to enjoy themselves during their first official duties last weekend. We look forward to having them represent St. John for the rest of the year. I would also like to thank former Andouille Miss Queen Laeh Alexander and Teen Queen Patience Pray for representing St. John with class and grace throughout their reign. Congratulations to former Andouille Queen and resident Janet Nelson for winning Louisiana Queen Sugar. She will be replaced by St. John Sugar Queen Emma Palermo. I attended the official coronation ceremony for Emma last week and it was a great event and we wish Emma and Janet nothing but the best. Congratulations to the Godchaux - Reserve House Historical Society for completion of phase one restoration to the historic building. I heard the celebration was very well attended, unfortunately I could not be there because I was out of town but my CAO and planning staff were there. It is very exciting to see the revitalization of this important and historic landmark and I commend all involved on this great accomplishment. I look forward to seeing it in the future, it is beautiful from what I see in picture. We received notice last week that we were awarded a \$100,000 grant through the Delta Regional Authority to be used toward wastewater system improvements to help eliminate overflows at the LaPlace main wastewater plant. Heavy rainfall routinely causes issues at this plant and through DRA we will be able to fund some of the improvements needed. Overall, DRA announced more than a 2.6 million investment in Louisiana to help strengthen economy and infrastructure. Just a head's up, letters will be going out this week in water bills advising residents that due to having to adjust operations in the Utilities Department to correct ongoing billing issues, all customers will only receive 11 bills for water consumption in 2018. Water and sewer are charged on a per day basis but there are several other service charges that are placed on the water bill at a per month rate, including solid waste, mosquito service fee, ambulance, animal control, drinking water user fee, that will need to be collected. This fee collection will be spread over four bills and the rates will be provided in the letter. Once fees are collected, the fees will return to normal. We want to thank everyone for their patience as we work toward improving operations. Early voting for the November 6th General and Congressional Election began today Tuesday, October 23rd and will continue through Tuesday, October 30th from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Registrar of Voter's Office located in the Percy Hebert Building in LaPlace and the West Bank Courthouse in Edgard. Reminder, you will be voting on an existing millage that funds mosquito control efforts in St. John Parish. The existing millage that funds this vital program expires at the end of 2018. According to a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Louisiana has the highest number of West Nile infections in the nation. Mosquito control helps ensure the safety of the community. Please vote early on this important millage, it will be the last item on your ballot. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th, 2018. Reminder, Halloween is Wednesday, October 31st - please be careful and lookout for trick or treaters. Reminder: Parish Buildings will be closed on Thursday, November 1st for All Saint's Day, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th, 2018 and Monday November 12th for Veterans Day."

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:44 PM, Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed Councilwoman Hotard, Councilmen Wright and Perrilloux absent.

/s/Lennix Madere  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary