

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2015
CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR MARVIN PERRILLOUX

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 27, 2015, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Cheryl Millet and Ranney Wilson

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

Legal Counsel Jeff Perrilloux and Keith Green, Jr. were present.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES:

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - November as Adoption Awareness Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for November as Adoption Awareness Month.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items: Approval of Minutes - October 12th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - East St. John High School Homecoming Parade - 10/29/15 beginning at 3:00 PM; Permit Approval - St. John Young Marines Annual Veterans Day Parade and Celebration - 11/11/15 beginning at 10:00 AM; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Rhonda Lemons to the River Parish Transit Authority

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve the amended consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 12th, 2015, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - East St. John High School Homecoming Parade - 10/29/15 beginning at 3:00 PM; Permit Approval - St. John Young Marines Annual Veterans Day Parade and Celebration - 11/11/15 beginning at 10:00 AM; Natalie Robottom - Appointment of Rhonda Lemons to the River Parish Authority. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Wilson absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

15-54 An ordinance establishing fees for documents reproduced in response to Public Records Requests by adding to Chapter 2 Article VI, Section: 2-193 (N. Robottom)

"Administration requests removal of this item to allow for amendments to Chapters 2 and 14 of the Code of Ordinances."

15-55 An ordinance granting approval of revised Lots 1 through 16 (formerly lots 1-21), located on Tuscany Drive, LaPlace, Louisiana; both preliminary and conditional approval obtained by the Utility Board on 6.2.15, the Planning Commission on 6.15.15, and the Council on 7.14.15 (PZS-15-1115) (N. Robottom)

"This ordinance has been approved by all parish departments, parish engineer and administration recommends approval contingent upon submission of a construction agreement."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-55. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Wilson absent.

15-56 An ordinance to grant a subdivision modification under Section 111-29 (J. Hotard and M. Perrilloux)

"Administration has no recommendation at this time."

MOTION: Councilman Perrilloux moved and Councilwoman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 15-56. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Wilson absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Madere stated, *"At this time I'd like to make a motion to accept the items that were approved in the finance committee meeting earlier this evening."*

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R15-35 - A Resolution for the State of Louisiana, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hurricane Isaac recovery funding

Natalie Robottom stated, *"This Resolution replaces the previous one which allocated \$5 Million to the School Board for a FEMA Match and is required by the Office of Community Development. The resolution changes the purpose to the purchase of school busses and administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-35. A Resolution for the State of Louisiana, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Hurricane Isaac recovery funding. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Wilson absent.

Councilman Snyder stated, *"If I'm correct that when we originally decided to*

do that, that we were supposed to share that particular fund with the school board for infrastructure purposes, is that right?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes the dollars, there were \$5 Million of the \$32 Million that was dedicated to infrastructure and our recommendation and the Council approved to allocate that to the School Board because they were also damaged during Hurricane Isaac and at the time it was very early in the process, we thought they would need for match for rebuilding their schools and making repairs, however after analyzing all of their financial situation, they're requesting that it be utilized to purchase 20 school busses. Now keep in mind some of their busses were damaged during the storm and you know I don't think that they fully recovered, combination the school as well as the busses and this is their request."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Right and I agree with that then and I say all of that to say this; in our resolution can we ask them to put air condition on those busses? I'm serious that's sad, you know we have air condition on all our work trucks and everything else but those kids have to ride that bus for what a hour, hour and a half with no air condition, we know how hot it gets around here and stuff like this causes a few problems but if they are getting it Mr. Perrilloux just told me, that's beautiful. I'd love to see some air conditions on those busses and we did use the busses, because I drove a bus myself and I had water inside the bus, so during the storm. Thank you ma'am."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Ok well I'm going to digress a little bit. Are you sure they're getting AC's on the busses because I had spoken with someone that was closely related to it and they were saying the cost, it just cost too much and I know this is not a School Board Meeting but, they said that cost was too much to have air condition. But anyways, that's something for a different meeting, but my question is..."

Natalie Robottom interrupting stated, "I think you'll should make a recommendation to them but for this purpose, this is for the Office of Community Development which will allow us to get the money to them. So separate items but clearly that could you know the request."

Councilman Gauff stated, "A wish on our wish list anyways as a request for this money that it should have air conditioners, on the bus. But anyways, my question was; so can we use this for busses, if it's infrastructure and that's the way we were or that's the way I understood it was they were going to use this as far as rebuilding the school, so we were thinking buildings, infrastructure of that matter, so that was one of the reasons we all jumped on board and said yes, let's give them the money, we need this for our schools for our school systems. As Mr. Snyder said, yes we need busses but I guess we're kind of deceived and that we thought this was going to the voting of schools or rebuilding of school system."

Natalie Robottom stated, "And again, we got..."

Councilman Gauff interrupting stated, "My question is; can it happen?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Before we came to you all we went to the Office of Community Development. The School Board made the request, so before we drafted the resolution that was approved by the Office of Community

Development and I guess you know kind of like we do, they may have used their bus money for their schools and now they need to replace the busses, but it is an allowable expense through the Office of Community Development."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Okay and as we all you know want to do for our kids, the school systems and everything else, we also want to do right by the constituents that have put us here and asking the right questions to make sure we can use this money and utilize it in that manner. Thank you."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think what Mr. Gauff is saying is valid but my thing is; once we're given that \$5 Million it's going to be used for the kids whether it's in infrastructure or school busses. The kids are the ones that is going to benefit from this \$5 Million and I think that was the whole intent from us, is to make sure the \$5 Million is used towards the school system which will in term benefit the kids, whether it is a school bus or whatever it is and I think you explained that you know it can be used for that and I don't have any problem with that. We do need air condition, for them to say it cost too much, we'd have to buy one less bus okay, buy one less bus and put air condition on it. Okay if you want 10 get 9 with air condition, just back off on one."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think it's actually 20."

Councilman Madere asked, "20 school busses?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Which is good I mean that's a good thing..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Ok, 20 get 18. Instead of 20 get 18 put air condition on it. Figure it out, work it out okay we have people that handle pencils and calculators, work it out."

Councilman Wright stated, "We need a motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution R15-36. A Resolution to implore United States President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to expedite funding and construction of a Hurricane Protection Levee for St. John the Baptist Parish."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to suspend the rules to add Resolution R15-36. A Resolution to implore United States President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to expedite funding and construction of a Hurricane Protection Levee for St. John the Baptist Parish. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Wilson absent.

Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R15-36 - A Resolution to implore United States President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to expedite funding and construction of a Hurricane Protection Levee for St. John the Baptist Parish

Natalie Robottom stated, "The full resolution is included in your booklet and this is not the first time we've done this. However, the first time there wasn't an approved alignment and chief's report and now there is. Mr. Jobe Boucvalt our Public Safety Director is going to make a presentation on our current weather situation I think it deserves that. We were not involved in Hurricane Patricia directly however we're still flooding. It's all related to

the lake, the levels of the lake and the title influence that will not be improved or changed until there's levee protection with the pumping system. So what we wanted to do, I know you guys have been receiving the emails with current updates with the weather conditions, but as of today we still have standing water on many of our roadways, on our interstate exchanges, we cannot access our water system, Peavine is under water and the lake levels have decreased, but the canals have not fully drained into the lake. So that is problematic for us, our water system, our residents, their homes and we are imploring the individuals with the power to fund and move this levee forward to make that move now. So we're going to ask possibly that you vote on it or do you want the presentation first?"

Councilman Wright stated, "Let's vote on this first and did you have anything to add before open opening up discussion before the council?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think you guys all feel the same way and I appreciate you amending the agenda to add it, but this is something that we need, this is the most important thing I think for the parish is to have this levee constructed and we need to make sure that everybody involved and with the power to do so receives this urging at this time."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mrs. Robottom."

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Perrilloux seconded the motion to approve Resolution R15-36. A Resolution to implore United States President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to expedite funding and construction of a Hurricane Protection Levee for St. John the Baptist Parish. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Wilson absent.

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "Thank you Mrs. Robottom, Parish Council, Mr. Chairman, Councilman Wright, as we all know starting Sunday morning we had a strong low pressure system traveling from the Western Gulf through Louisiana and dumped almost 8" of rainfall, 7.9 close enough to call it 8" here in St. John the Baptist Parish. One thing we need to keep in mind is the, not only did we get 8" St. John the Baptist Parish, we received about that same amount in all the neighboring parishes. As we all know, Lake Ponchartrain sitting over here, but we also have Lake Maurepas sitting up here and the majority of the rain came across, went over Lake Maurepas. Now a lot of it caught half of Lake Ponchartrain the heavy rain the 8" and of course you can look how New Orleans and everybody else caught, but your biggest 8" pattern for 3 days was over that Lake Maurepas and half of Lake Ponchartrain. As we worry about it you know you would think 51 going up would kind of split up Maurepas and Ponchartrain and if that would be the case then, we're getting a lot of Maurepas water if you would look at it that way. Of course you have a lot of culverts under all the roads going up North but we're kind of thinking that maybe Maurepas is running a little bit higher than Ponchartrain. With that amount of water in a short period of time, I looked at it for the past couple of days but here in St. John from 6 in the morning to maybe around 6 that night before the rain really started backing up, that's where your 8" were. A lot of rain in a short period of time and we monitored our new lake level that we have which really came in handy and the lake level which was running around 2 foot starting climbing, and as the day went on it got up to three five and then high tide it got up to three eight, next day it came down a little bit and then a couple of times it bumped up to 4 feet. Well one of the

things we need to keep in mind and Councilman Wright we just had an email from one of your constituents not understanding why the water hasn't gone down yet and the rain stopped Sunday afternoon. A very good question of what the residents of the parish need to understand is, right now what we're dealing with is the lake still being at 3 feet, three five. Now it is down to two five, but it just starting dropping today, as the day went on it went to three five to two five. But now all this water has to get out and that's going to take a little bit of time. We're thinking probably Lake Maurepas is probably a little higher. Some of the street in the back of River Forest, Cambridge these streets are three eight, three seven elevation some of the streets are four, well if you have a 4 foot street elevation and we got 4 foot in the lake and the canal can't go, well let's equalize. So that water is not going to move, I just talked to another resident in the back of River Forest right before I walked in and he called me and I asked him to look at the canal and he says; Jobe the canal is even with the street right now, till that goes down that water is not going to get off that street. All of our drain culverts are below the street, so that's what the residents are going to have to understand, be a little patient, I know it's frustrating we've been dealing with it since Sunday and a the resident is upset because they got to go through it every day for 2 days. The wind did change typically when you get a west wind it's going to try to help push it out the way the water is going to get out of Lake Ponchartrain is the rigolets, so it's got to go that way. And once that happens we're hoping that the high tide here in St. John Parish for Maurepas is typically midnight, hopefully that doesn't go back up to much tonight we have a good night and then tomorrow we hoping that, we talked to the National Weather Service and this is where were getting our information, this is what they're telling us. West wind they cancelled the Coastal Tide Warning, they went down to a watch and now they said hey it's a matter of the water getting out of here. So they're confirming all of this, this is where we're getting our information and this is what the residents need to understand. As I said, we got up to four, didn't stay up there long but the majority of the time it stayed up around three five, we dealt with three five for 2 days, hopefully we'll look better tomorrow. We want to remind the residents that we do have sand bags at 425 Captain Bourgeois, they can still get them if they need them but we had them there since Sunday, we've been putting that out that we have sandbags. The drainage canals throughout the parish do remain full and some of them are going down a little bit but a lot of them are still full and Hwy. 51 is closed from I-55 ramps and the 51 road to Ruddock because of high water and Peavine Road still has water on it, the ramp still have water on it, of course you'll know 51 by the interchange still has water. We do have a couple of your streets Mr. Snyder in Cambridge that have water, we do have some streets in Reserve. For the most part most of those I think are clearing up, I'm not sure. Do we have some other streets that have a little water on them, you'll remember?"

Baileigh Rebowe stated, "Foxwood entrance."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, ". Foxwood the entrance thank you ma'am. The entrance to Foxwood, if you look at the canal at the entrance, the water is coming over where the canal is. So for the most part we're dealing with some small sections, Sunday we were dealing with a lot of sections and, but Sunday was the rain the 8" of rain in that short period of time and Mr. Dufrene and Ms. Rebowe went out and took some good pictures and a lot of people took

pictures, they sent us pictures, Baileigh put a little slide show, so if you'll want to watch up here on this screen, I'll go through them slow, but this is just what we were dealing with. Now this is the back of River Forest with one of the streets and that's the canal so you can see us equalize, it's not going to go down until that starts to drain out to Lake Ponchartrain. I can't tell you what streets these are from over there, I see River Forest ok, Cambridge, there's some streets in Cambridge, here's Peavine we now call it instead of Peavine Road we call it Peavine Canal. If you look at the one to the right the little, you might be able to see it the post that is actually our Peavine Boat Launch dock. Went under water, when the lake was up to almost 4 foot you really couldn't see the dock. So just to give you a reference point so you'll have a good idea what we're dealing with there and that looks like 51 off ramp or 55 off ramp, Hwy 51 and the bottom ramp is the off ramp I think, Hwy 51, St. Andrews, The Links, Foxwood, is that the entrance, that's the entrance ok, LaPlace Park, Central, Toni in Reserve, Plantation Oaks in Garyville and this is the church in Mt. Airy, so as you can see Pleasure Bend and we do have a little lake gauge over there and we're trying to work with the people in Pleasure Blend, we watch the deputies monitor for us, they run the roads, they let us know that you'll had water on the streets but it was passable, but you know they deal with the same thing on that side when the tide comes up and the winds just in a certain direction, so they did a great job, thank you'll for putting these pictures together but as you can see we're trying to go through the whole parish so we can try to get everybody to take a look at what we were dealing with. But anyway with that just want to make sure everybody has a clear understanding why the water is still high, what we're dealing with and why it's so important for this resolution you'll just passed and we thank Mrs. Robottom and the Parish Council, I know the residents really appreciate you'll putting this effort forth and it just goes to show you why we need the levees so bad. A couple of little reminders they asked me to give you'll, residents should use caution when driving through flooded areas, we're trying to keep that main interchange open that's a big interchange, 55, 10 and 51 but it is, you have to be careful when get in those low areas try to stay to the left lanes, in the center lanes, the right lanes are deep. The waste water system is currently running at a maximum capacity with infiltration and waste overloading the system. Residents are encouraged to continue minimizing the amount of discharge placed into the waste water system by limiting activities such as: washing clothes, running dishwashers and flushing toilets. Taking showers, baths are not included in conservation measures and the water is safe to drink of course. Please remember to call 911 to report any emergencies, street flooding or other weather related concerns. We really encourage residents, council members you know you get a text from somebody let us know, please run it through 911 through the EOC what we basically do is combine list. Whatever we're seeing on Facebook our PIO's do a great job, they filter it to us, we stay on one email trail when the event starts, 911 starts with one incident number and we stay on that, and at the end of it we combine it all together and then we go to it time and time again because with the amount of calls we have with an event like this, you're going to miss something here or there and we go back and then we say; oh wait did we follow up on this one, and that's what we do, we go back and double check and make sure we get all these things in place. When the rest of these events are over hopefully tomorrow the next day we'll try to get a little caught up on our work, we're going to sit down and have an AAR an After Action Review and we go through everything. And then you know we'll see where we can improve,

whether it's something they're not going to improve on a planning or being ready or if's Utilities or Public Works doing something a little bit different, we want to get better we want to be here for the residents of St. John Parish and we want to do a good job for you'll, so with that if you'll don't have any questions that completes my presentation."

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Did we get any reports of our sewer system over flowing from the hubs in the street the drainage system?"*

Jobe Boucvalt stated, *"I will refer to Mr. Blake."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Because of infiltration. Did we get any reports of it backing up?"*

Blake Fogleman asked, *"Did we get reports of..."*

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, *"Yeah if they are backing up and there's nothing we can do about that and are you marking those down so..."*

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, *"We put a lot of money into the infiltration, I know that's what it pacifically says here, in an incident like we had this weekend, we see more of the water coming in the manholes and in the cleanouts and it's way more substantial than just to what's infiltration, which is just a couple of cracks in our lines. That's coming in and unfortunately when stay inundated the way we are you know, I don't know if that's much we can handle on that."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"And our ponds, our ponds in Reserve back there I think flooded out also?"*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"It's to the top."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"It's to the top?"*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"As much we can put to it, we put to it."*

Councilman Snyder asked, *"And we still going through the process of trying to treat it a little bit before we let it out? Because what I'm looking at here is lesser of two evils."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"We always do."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"I know you do, I know you do. But I'm looking at a lesser of two evils here. I've got reports that were sewage hubs that were kicked opened because water was coming out of it so badly. Now to me..."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"We see that, we do see that."*

Councilman Snyder stated, *"Well to me it's best to pump it in the swamps."*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"Yes sir we pump, all of our pumps run at a maximum capacity. Our sewage system is not designed to handle the type of flow that comes in from drainage, from flooding unfortunately. I mean you see the size of pumps we put in our drainage canals, I mean that's what we would need at"*

every lift station to keep that off of you."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Ok so there's just nothing we can do to keep out the neighborhoods and put it in the swamps?"

Blake Fogleman stated, "I mean we are addressing those issue, we do have bond money set aside that we're trying to address for major projects, keystone projects that would really pull a lot of that but to say that you're going to keep it completely off, I don't know if that's a promise anybody, any engineer can make because I think the type of incident and the amount of water that we got into our system I don't think you can design to that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay well alright. I just have a couple of questions I'm going to ask you later on when we get a little second, I can ask these dumb questions."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir sure, just any specific areas or anything like that I can walk you through to what we're doing in different areas to try and address some of these issues but I mean you know..."

Councilman Snyder stated, "It's just that if it has to flood or go in the streets or in swamps, I'd rather put the raw sewage in the swamps than to put it on the streets. It's going on the streets anyhow you see, that would affect the people much more by going in the streets that's happening right now. That's what I want to talk to you about. I just want to understand it that's all."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. Yes absolutely."

Councilman Madere stated, "I totally understand the presentation and appreciated the presentation, I think the residents understand what's the problem, what's the cause why the water still hanging around. I tried explaining some of it to a couple of phone calls I received and I basically told them the same thing, it's like a glass of water, once you fill that glass I don't care how much water you pour into it, not another drop is going to get in it's going to spill over. Okay, some of that, with the sewer system that Mr. Snyder is talking about, I witnessed one of those covers I mean standing straight up with that must flow coming out of it, standing straight up in the air and it was just pouring into Homewood. I understand you have this magnitude of flood you can't control the amount of water that goes into the infrastructure I mean the sewer system even if it was completely sealed and you still get water in through the system through these culverts. But still we have to move forward and I mentioned before about smoking the areas where we thought we have a lot of this infiltration, from the sewer system because I still believe if the residents actually knew that they knew if their homes had pipes under the ground that were busted I am more than sure 60% of them maybe 70% would actually fix that and that would actually take 70% of the water of the water we have going in our structure now. So we need to, I don't know when the last time you ran a smoke test but we need to do that to find out and let these people know. Because I know no one can tell underground what's happening to their pipes and if they knew I think they would do something about it because they're just as tired of this problem when it rains and this magnitude made it even worse than in the past. So I think we need to do something as far as running a smoke test to find out

exactly how many homes in the area have this problem that's water into our sewer system because I know the residents are getting tired of it and understandingly, this one is very understandable. But when it happens and we have an inch of rain or two inches, then it's not understandable at that time, you know so I think they understand. Also, the presentation with the pictures are very nice, not nice as far as the water but I mean they give a clear view of what went down, alright but I think you missed a couple of good pictures in Homewood for sure, that's one of the first places you should go. Homewood probably was the first place that to flood between the two tracks, I tried to actually go down in Homewood and had to back out at 8:30 Sunday morning that was at 8:30, the big rain hadn't gotten there yet. So Homewood is definitely one of the locations and we have a new lake called Lake Belle Pointe if seen that picture behind the homes back there. You haven't seen that one, that's Lake Belle Pointe back there you know, so I just wanted to mention in District III that you know we also know how hard they were hit and we just have to be patient and allow this water to exceed out and I ask everyone to have a little patient because I know the sewer system and Public Works are doing their best."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you, thank you Mr. Boucvalt."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "If you're still under department reports I have one a little different nature just a quick comment and can go?"

Councilman Wright stated, "Go ahead."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "We were getting some complaints about mosquitos with all the water coming up as high as it is and so right before the meeting I called Steve with Mosquito Control and he said they're aware of it with all the water, mosquitos are moving so they're going to start flying the plane tomorrow night. Just FYI, thank ya'll."

Councilman Madere stated, "Mr. Boucvalt, we don't have any given number as to how many sandbags were issued out?"

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "Yes we do I think it was in the report. I must have missed that one, I apologize. 300 sandbags."

Councilman Madere stated, "'300 sandbags okay, I'm glad we were ready, thank you."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "Yes sir me to."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Well I have a couple of comments. As far as the sandbags and I spoke with Brian in Public Works telling him that, I know that was one of the issues Mr. Madere talked months ago was being prepared, but Public Works was definitely prepared, there were pallets full of sandbags. I personally went over there and I took almost a pallet full, so I don't know if you accounted for the ones I took and put out in Mt. Airy, thanks to Mr. Coburn for his help while we able to help out around the church in Mt. Airy. Well one thing I talked to Mr. Nunes about was the possibility was having a fork truck there that can lift the sandbags, you know bring that pallet closer to the vehicles, I could have used a whole pallet, the small pallet full in the back of the truck, just lift it, sit in there and let me go. I

know there is a rule we try to just do 10 at a time to each person, but if even if we had someone that could move that fork truck closer because to haul those you know from underneath the overhang to a vehicle back and forth, he said that is something that he will look at, it makes a lot of sense and we'll try to incorporate that in our emergency planning. I do forget, I forgotten what the other point was but I'll think about it when we get to the other reports."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "Thank you'll very much."

Councilman Madere asked, "Is there a limit of 10 bags?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We're trying to make sure that everybody gets some and it's 10 per each resident, now if it's a business or something in this case we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to get them."

Councilman Madere asked, "Well that's why a few months ago I brought the issue about sandbags, okay because a few months ago we wouldn't of had 300 sandbags prepared for this, I think at the time I mentioned that a few meetings ago we only had about 100, 150. I went there, I went there to the place, now they have more now, they have more now okay cause I went there and that's why when I made that comment and said how many they have, that's how I already know. Because I've been there, unless you have sandbags somewhere other than Captain Bourgeois, you had less than 150, because I went there and seen it myself. By the fact we had enough sandbags this time, it's a fact that we actually start packing sandbags and we moved the sandbagging machine from out in the middle of Captain Bourgeois to underneath the area and in fact several weeks ago, one of the sandbags actually had a tree growing of it, so we actually did start packing more sandbags, it's a good thing we did, we were ready for this event. Ok and now if we gave out 300, we need to repack 600 and we should have during this type of season we should have at least, I mentioned it before at least 3000 bags packed. Ok not hundreds, thousands we should prepacked because you never know when this type of weather was coming. No one seen this coming except a week ago that we started tracking this storm and they said it was coming. Alright so we can't wait until we start tracking to start packing."

Jobe Boucvalt stated, "We plan to replace them, thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard left the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Councilman Perrilloux left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Discussion Lions Water Plant Phase VIII design

The above item will be carried over.

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 7-14-15) Update on drainage issues Hickory Street

The above item will be carried over.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 8-25-15) Discussion - Creation of new position/job description

The above item will be carried over.

Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 10-12-15) Railroad Issues

The above item will be carried over.

Councilman Gauff stated, "Mr. Nunes I would like to, remember when we did that walk through with the railroad by Noah, is it possible to see if we can dig that out to get it, we were thinking it crossed immediately under the highway, W. 5th, can we kind of dig that out towards the back of Dupont so that that water clears out and do get to that other drainage, that other culvert goes actually goes under the..."

Brian Nunes asked, "W. 5th going to the west?"

Councilman Gauff stated, "Going west yes, yes. See if we can try to schedule that or put that on the schedule, I know now is not the time that ground is probably soft and hard to get to. But along railroad, I think it would help us move some of that water from the Southside to Northside of the railroad, so as soon as possible, you know whenever."

Brian Nunes stated, "I'll get with you to try and set up a date."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Ok."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Mr. Nunes just one question. Along Perrilloux Lane is just came to my mind because someone called me and asked me about it. I think we cut some grass along that railroad track there, the big ditch there, the big drainage ditch and there's one little spot these people are complaining about, maybe you might know something about it Tweet? Well you talk about it because it's in your district."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yeah I received a phone call the same phone call. They cut a section on Perrilloux Road from Chad B. Baker all the way to Martin Luther King but a section between Amelia Street they didn't cut it, they just left it there. Now it looks they ran out of time and left because you know I think it was on a Thursday, it was on a Thursday and we don't work on a Friday, you know so I know they can't go back and cut it now because there is a lot of water in the canals. But they just want to know why that happened."

Brian Nunes stated, "I didn't come prepared for an answer for that I can look into it, I mean it could have been a..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Right cause they did cut on one side and they cut on the front side but this little section in the middle they left it alone. You know so I just attributed to the fact that maybe it was time to knock off you know so I don't know."

Brian Nunes stated, "I mean that's possible but they should have gone and finish it if that was the case and there maybe something in that grass that

the driver saw and wanted to pull up till we moved it. I don't have an answer right now but I'll get you one."

Councilman Madere stated, *"Right ok because I just wanted to know."*

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 10-12-15) Parish Servitude - whose responsibility is it in the District

Councilman Madere stated, *"Yes you know. I know when I was real small I used to always see the tractors come down the street and cut the sides of the ditches and everything, are we still doing that? Especially in certain areas, I know in most areas now the residents cut their own ditch on both sides, but have that responsibility been lifted from the parish?"*

Brian Nunes stated, *"Not, well in the front of their yards I mean that's, we do have utilities servitudes and drainage servitudes but we always don't maintain that on every street. We'll get the major servitudes on the side of the drainage canals and things like that, but we don't have the man power to go up and down every street and cut the first 5 feet of everybody's yard."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Well not necessary everybody yard, but there is certain areas that we are responsible to cut because some of those ditches in District III run across, run in areas where there's no homes, there's no houses, so they're not being cut, in fact you cut one a couple of weeks ago on E. 26th Street and address 166 and it was at least 6 feet high and you cut that, okay and that should be on the regular list as far as being cut and not every 6 feet, you know that's what I want to know, what do you have in District III in terms of; what do we cut and what we don't cut and if it's possible not tonight, you know if you can give me that list as to where we cut and where we don't cut in that District. Because this lady actually called in several times before I got a hold of it and actually came cut it. They cut it and it looked like it was 6 feet high, because when you tackle something 6 feet high you basically just mash it down and everything. So the next time that they schedule to cut it, it should look better, okay I just don't want to see this go on you know if we have to cut it, then we should cut it on a timely basis, basis every time."*

Brian Nunes stated, *"I agree, I'll get you a list of what we cut in District III."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"Ok, thank you."*

The above item will be carried over.

Lennix Madere - Update on repairs from Utilities in District III

Councilman Madere stated, *"It was 2 weeks ago and we took that trip in District III and we located several areas where they had water leaks, do you have an update on the repairs of those?"*

Blake Fogleman stated, *"If I can contact you tomorrow morning I give you a complete update on it."*

Councilman Madere stated, "Okay because I want to make sure that we take care of them."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir. Everything was transposed from that meeting on to our work order list and I can let you know where we stand with every phase of each one of those and including some that were already previously repaired that I think we're just looking for concrete and that kind of stuff as well."

Councilman Madere stated, "Ok and just one other statement I want to make about that. I appreciate it if you get that list to me because I know you did a couple of them. Right here by DuPont, where I mentioned they had a leak, then they said there wasn't a leak, then there was a leak and you'll repaired a leak. Okay, there's still a piece of pipe that's there."

Blake Fogleman stated, "I saw that today and I actually told the crew they need to take care of it."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right because I was told that you know they were going to pick it up."

Blake Fogleman stated, "The contractor, that was a contract job but obviously they didn't clean up the area so yeah..."

Councilman Madere interrupting stated, "Then I was told the contract people, there were going to charge us to pick it up, ok..."

Blake Fogleman interrupting stated, "I didn't hear any of that. I was just told it was left by a contractor."

Councilman Madere stated, "Right, okay so we have to make sure we pick that up because it's been there, it's been about 2 weeks now, if someone can pick that up, that's it thank you."

Blake Fogleman stated, "Yes sir, yes sir."

Larry Snyder - Update on the CDBG Funding - Hurricane Isaac Projects

Michael Coburn stated, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, good evening Council. Overall we have 618 completed at the present time and all programs are on track. Once we get our construction funds and that's the \$7 Million that we're waiting to come down from OCD, we'll begin construction immediately. We attached an individual program numbers to your packet, you have those? I don't know if you want to review all those or you can go over those, I'll be glad to meet with you if you have any questions or comments regarding each program."

Councilman Snyder stated, "No I just have a couple of questions I want to ask, I read all of that. I did not read those individual numbers. But what's holding the program up now, as far as people saying; getting a letter saying, you've been approved or disapproved for house raising, for repairs, that's what I want to know. These numbers here, we've been seeing these for a long time we know what's happening here, but what's holding us up there?"

Michael Coburn stated, "It's my understanding Mr. Snyder that those letters have been sent out, they're supposed to be sent out every 2 weeks. I'll have to get with Providence to check with them, but according to Cory our Project Manager, I know letters went out, I'm going to say roughly about a month ago, maybe 3 weeks ago indicating where each individual would be placed, you know whether they're in an inspection phase or where they're in the title phase of where they are. We did have some concerns to come back, there was concerns we dealt with because some of the letters didn't exactly explain where they were and we did make those corrections so those individuals were very satisfied. But I mean as far as, you're asking how the letters go out or when they go out?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "No, you know whatever you elaborate on I mean anything you say right now, there are people listening right now that really are concerned..."

Michael Coburn interrupting asking, "Why we haven't started the work?"

Councilman Snyder stated, "Uh yes, I really want to know why these people haven't started receiving..."

Michael Coburn interrupting stated, "We can't start the construction phase until we get the \$7 Million..."

Councilman Snyder interrupting stated, "Well that's what I need to know things like that, I understand that. But some people have got paid, some of our consultants, some of our legal people have gotten paid, they have gotten paid except for the people who they're working for and in my community, they haven't gotten paid."

Natalie Robottom stated, "You're right Mr. Snyder, those people have completed the work that was done. Our concern is and it's a major one, is that we have the money to pay our contractors, we're going to have small contractors on these jobs and the goal is to pay them every 2 weeks because we know a lot of them can't wait the 3 months, the 6 months to get paid, as it's taking these consultants and title companies, so we're banking on that money getting in the bank so we can pay our contractors regularly so they don't have to wait. It's not possible to do work on houses and not be paid."

Councilman Snyder stated, "So we haven't gotten no money for that, and it's \$7 Million?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Right, it's all dedicated to the housing rehab program, that \$7 Million is for construction and that's what we're waiting to hit our program so we can start the work. Now in the meantime and this is very important for our contractors, we had an initial meetings, we have over 40 contractors that are interested in doing the work, obviously the goal is to get the work done for our residents, that's what we want done. But we also want to keep that money in our parish by having some of our local contractors participate, we're in the process of and we're very fortunate I think Ms. Buckles is going to address this, working with LED, there's been a plan proposed to us to have a contractor college to make sure just like we did fast track for business owners, we want to work with our contractors to make sure they are set to do this work, have the insurance, have the bond in

capacity, work with them you know, whether it's small loans or whatever but it's going to be similar to what we did for businesses and LED is going to help fund that for us. So what's critical right now is that our contractors be ready for when that money hits the bank and we have our consultant working with some of the small business owners and as I said, this is a new program being offered to us because you know our goal is to have participation by our local contractors and you know we want to have them ready as well."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So are there any homeowners know at this minute, what due them?"

Natalie Robottom asked, "I think, you means in terms of the work what they qualify for? I think the inspections have been done, there's a list of for each homeowner that is qualified applicant what work is qualified to be done in their home, yes."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And they know that? We've communicated with them with that?"

Michael Coburn stated, "When the inspector was out there, the owner has to be there for them to do the inspection, then they over that list and say these are the things you'll be eligible for within these funds and then that's what they turn in to us, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And what about the people who are getting homes raised? They know who they are?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir, did they know who they are?"

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do they know that yeah, you've been approved to get your house raised."

Michael Coburn stated, "The letters have gone out, yes sir. I will very that, but let me get my glasses on to make sure if we're good on that."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We did say, we did say that we were allowing so much..."

Michael Coburn stated, "I got 26 elevations right now to approve and ready to go."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Six? Forty-six?"

Michael Coburn stated, "26"

Councilman Snyder stated, "26 elevations that have been approved?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And if there is any money left over, we can reallocate you said?"

Michael Coburn stated, "That's correct, yes sir."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And one other question. Some of these people having problems getting funds, CCC money whatever you call it. I'm not quite sure what it is, because of some, this might not be a good time, we'll talk about this another time, but I need to talk about this. I tried last week to talk about this but I couldn't, I couldn't I don't know what was going on, maybe I was busy last week. But I need to talk about this, I'm not talking about busy anymore. I need to talk about this. Will you mind calling Ms. Barber there and set me up an appointment for this?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes that will be fine, will be glad to that sir. No problem."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I can't be there Friday though, thank you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I do have a question. With this process, where does permitting fall in that? So the house has been inspected, they've decided all the things that need to be done, the contractor has to get the permit for that home before he works on it?"

Michael Coburn stated, "That is correct, that is correct. That's all their responsibility. All within their work."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Alright yeah. I didn't know if that went back to the homeowner, now they have to go back to Planning & Zoning or have to, but it will be the contractor that's going to take care of all that, complete that process and get it going. That sounds good."

Michael Coburn stated, "That's correct."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And do we have a list of contractors that we are using for house raising? Did we look at some yet?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir yes sir. We have that list. When we have our meeting I'll be glad to show it to you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "And if the individual want their own contractor, they can get their own contractor?"

Michael Coburn stated, "Yes sir. Well just like for rehab you know, what's going to happen, once they get approved and all the money is in hand like Ms. Robottom said, we're going to send them, then all these contractors can bid on say; my home and then the bottom 3 lowest prices will be sent to the homeowner and they have the choice to pick any of the 3 that they wish to do the work."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright, thank you sir."

Lennix Madere - Road concerns in District III

The above item will be carried over.

Marvin Perrilloux - Update on Parish Park Renovation

Daron Cooper stated, "Good evening. Construction on the various locations in the parks are progressing, to date new playground equipment has been installed at the following locations: Thomas Daley Memorial Park, Stephanie Wilking, Cambridge, Emily C. Watkins, REGALA, Ezekiel Jackson, Wallace Bridge Park, Harold Scott Roussel, Belle Pointe, Greenwood. Unfortunately, we have also experienced high levels of vandalism on new equipment that has been installed. In the Belle Pointe Park, perpetrators wrote all over the surface of a new playset. At the Tom Daley Memorial Park and REGALA Park freshly poured concrete was vandalized with vulgar profanity. (Power Point Presentation to accompany response)

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes, have we tried to cleaning that off yet?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Yes the contractor is working right now to try to recover that play set in Belle Pointe Park, the rain is actually kind of slowing them down, but they are trying to make best way to attempt to remove that graffiti off of the playgrounds."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Having any success?"

Daron Cooper stated, "He said it's coming off it's a slow process you know what delays them you know have to go back and correct these measures but hopefully, you know it will come off. So hopefully by the beginning of next week I'll have some results for you."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Alright thank you thank you."

Daron Cooper stated, "Also, the concrete was vandalized, looks like we will have to re-pour those areas that were damaged where they wrote in the freshly poured concrete at REGALA and Hwy. 51."

Councilman Snyder stated, "You just have to re-pour it or re-grout it?"

Daron Cooper stated, "No they may just have to re-pour it. They went into it pretty deep, you know they tried to kind of sand it, scrub it down but it's not coming out. It's a very eye soring what they wrote into the concrete you know."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That's all I got. Yeah thank you thank you."

Councilman Gauff stated, "My comment or question doesn't concern the parks and improvements but just another part of the report and that would be, I went over there and things look great so I just want to kind of pat you on the back and give us more, an update on the Council on Aging Building and the renovations on the Westbank, maybe a timetable, it looks great."

Daron Cooper stated, "It does, it turned out excellent. The facility is beautiful, we were over there today, on tomorrow they will be delivering the new appliances, on next Wednesday we'll receive our Fire Marshal's Inspection to give us our Certificate for Occupancy to move back into the facility. We just have some minor little punch missed items to complete in the building, but overall it looks great. So I'm sure I'm going to get with Paige and Baileigh and schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony at that venue."

Councilman Gauff asked, "So any date it will be turned over to them, I know sometimes we'll turn it over and then a week or two or three whenever..."

Daron Cooper stated, "When we get our Occupancy from the Fire Marshal on next Wednesday, coming to do his final inspection, but I don't foresee any problems then we'll coordinate with Mrs. Cheryl on moving dates, getting their internet service and telephone service back to the building."

Councilman Gauff asked "And plans for the trailer will get rid of that one?"

Daron Cooper stated, "One is gone already, and soon as we move them out, we'll get the trailer company to come and get that one out."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Parking is still an issue for the Courthouse so, thank you very much."

Councilman Madere stated, "Yes I just wanted to say you know I knew about the vandalism that why I saved it for closing remarks but I think it's a shame that this administration and this council have put so much effort to bring improvement to community as far as recreation for the kids, especially the little kids. Those playground equipment is not for someone 15, 18 years old, it's for the little kids and for you to go out there and not act a fool, actually you are a fool to go out there and do that type of stuff. If you feel like writing you understand, go to school and write on a piece of paper in school if you feel like writing, do that. The possibility of those whose doing that you know maybe didn't finish, you need to go back and start writing on paper and stop writing on things that's place there for the little kids in this community, that really burns me up that you have this type of action going on. Now I think anyone that has kids or had kids should feel the same way, don't hesitate to report these people and you know if they catch them, they'd get tired scrubbing, they'd get tired scrubbing and picking up trash. Okay this might make them understand you don't write on anything you see. You want to be lovely, you be in the paper, do something good. Because that's how you get in the paper, either you do something bad or you do something good. So stop wasting your time trying to get important by writing on something, there's plenty of time educating yourself and you want to have time to do that kind of stuff. That is just deplorable, terrible and I can't even express myself on this mic, you know how mad I am about this. Because it's little kids that are going to suffer they don't need to see that kind of craziness. Thank you."

Daron Cooper stated, "I just want to add one more comment and these parks are not just limited to having play sets, we also will be installing gazebos, park benches and some of the parks fitness stations, this is just the work that's been completed. We still waiting on a lot of equipment to come in as it comes our contractor mobilizes and does the installation of the ones that come in on time and we are set of a completion date of January 3rd, 2016."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Mr. Cooper and just a quick question. Are we going to be installing cameras?"

Daron Cooper stated, "Yes we are. We have been directed by administration to start that venture of installing security cameras at all of our parks."

Councilman Wright stated, "So a note to our vandals; you will be watched! Ok, thank you Mr. Cooper."

Larry Snyder - ATMOS Energy - Request to perform feasibility study to extend natural gas lines to serve more residents in District VI

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes I see where they asked our secretary to do that but I don't want to go through our secretary. I'd rather for it to go through our administration that we do this and would like to put this in a form of a motion that we do send ATMOS a letter officially from our administration from the parish to just give us a feasibility study on looking into extending some of those lines. I've been approached by some of my constituents that they want to put in generators, they may not want to use all, but they want to put in generators for sure and how hard or how easy or how expensive it going to be, I don't know for ATMOS, but at least they can do a feasibility study to see how far they can go and I need to get a second motion on that."

MOTION: Councilman Snyder moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion requesting a feasibility study from ATMOS Energy. The motion passed with Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Hotard, Councilman Perrilloux and Councilwoman Millet absent.

Natalie Robottom stated, "Back to the item you'll just voted on. I just had a similar request from a resident concerning the cost which is significant for an individuals to install gas, so 2 representatives from ATMOS actually came within the last couple of weeks and provided some information on where they are, what the cost would be, so I have some of that, right now I would love to share it with you and then you know obviously we'll follow through with your recommendation. But they are regulated by the Public Service Commission and to my understanding unlike what we do with water and what Entergy does in terms of laying the line and then you can tap into it, they're not allowed to do that. But I do have more information on where they are, where they think they may be going, what those cost are that I'd love to be able to share with you and obviously we'll follow-up on your request."

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

Larry Snyder - RPTA - Pick-up, scheduling and bus availability

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know we had a discussion on this either at our last meeting or the meeting before the last one on this same thing, but you know we've and my reason for bringing this up now is this; is that we have a new Charity Hospital in New Orleans more less and years before the other closed down and doing out, we had a lot of people going down there every day, you know there's taxis can go out there, they catch rides and now my understanding is since they're open again, people are going to start using that from this area more. I'm not asking for no special trip, I know we only go as far as Jefferson Parish line or St. Charles Parish line, but I would like to see is an earlier trip to the airport, where people can get to the airport for you know about 7:00/7:30, instead of getting to the airport after nine and they start taking patients at Charity Hospital at 9:00. This was brought up to me by an individual and it makes a lot of sense at the time,

there are a lot of people that don't have vehicles, if you remember when the Hotard used to run down this river road there, you'd have a bus full everyday going down in the morning 5:30 going to New Orleans, getting off at Krauss down there. So we got these little busses now, my understanding is they're just appealing to the working man which is fine it's fine. But the want the people that's doing, that's not work related to schedule stuff after 9:00, after 9:00 you want to be in New Orleans getting waited to get called on at a hospital and that was my only reason for bringing this up and I was just wondering is there some kind of way we can look at the scheduling and I see we're getting to put someone on there, Ms. Lemons is going to be appointed to that and look at that, if we can get people to the airport for about 7:30, that would probably be perfect, if it's just one run down Airline Hwy., I don't know something."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think that's what, this is a very limited service Mr. Snyder and we had an appointment on there but Ms. Lemons is going to be the new appointment. But they are looking at fixed routes, which would be a bus route everyday I'm going to pick-up at this time rather than having to call and schedule an appointment, so those are the kind of things that you would want fixed. You know every day this bus is going to come here, stop here and can get you like you said or wherever. So they are putting together a plan for a fixed route system, rather than just the appointment schedule that would include that in. I'm sure Ms. Lemons is making a note of that that the time is something that is important and for everyone riding, timeliness is important not just those going to work."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Exactly, because we have a lot of people that use that system down here. Thank you ma'am."

Councilman Wright stated, "Thank you Ms. Robottom."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Lennix Madere - Update and concerns regarding home on E. 30th Street - regarding health and safety conditions

Larry Snyder - Hurricane Preparation plans

Larry Snyder - Building at Cambridge and Airline Hwy. graffiti removal

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues - 133 Beechgrove, Reserve, LA

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

Lennix Madere - Water bills - amoeba update

Water District #1 System issues/State DHH order

Any and all pending legal matters

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

15-57 An ordinance introducing the Annual Operating Budgets for the St. John Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Parishwide Sewerage Construction Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 (N. Robottom)

15-58 An ordinance exempting detached residential accessory structures Less than 200 square feet in area from building code permit fees, by amending Chapter 14, Section 14-105(3)(b), to read as follows: Building code permit fees (N. Robottom)

15-59 An ordinance establishing fees for documents reproduced in response to Public Records requests by amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Section 2-193 and Chapter 14, Section 14-2(4), to add the following: Fees for Public Records Requests

15-60 An ordinance granting approval of the Re-subdivision of Parcels 1 and 2 of the New Era Subdivision into Parcels 1-A-2, 2-A-3, and 3-A-4, situated in Section 19, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PXS-15-1126) (N. Robottom)

PRESIDENT REPORT:

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Good evening, first of all I'd like to congratulate all of the candidates who were elected to office this past weekend. I'm sure it is a big relief and you will begin removing the campaigning signs throughout the parish. For those in a runoff, we encourage you to review your letter from Planning & Zoning regarding yard signs and try to keep the right of ways clear for drivers. Again, congratulations to our returning officials and those who are newly elected. As discussed earlier, we received over 7 inches of rainfall in 36 hours which coupled with high tides in the Lakes, caused flooding and power outages Parishwide Sunday into Monday. The Flash Flood Watch and Coastal Flood Advisory expired today, but we still have areas where the water has not receded. Hwy 51 at the I-55 ramp through Ruddock remains closed due to high water. Peavine Rd. is also impassable. Residents in the rear of River Forest, Cambridge and Foxwood are encouraged to proceed with caution when approaching flood waters. Crews of employees, firefighters and EOC staff worked tirelessly managing operations throughout the parish. This involves manning pump stations, removing debris from ditches, culverts and catch basins and barricading areas with high water. We want to thank our residents and motorists for their patience and cooperation the past few days. Our drainage, pumping systems and roadways were*

inundated with rain water and are still catching up. Residents can help with wastewater overflows by minimizing the amount of discharge placed into the wastewater system. Activities such as washing clothes, running dishwashers, flushing toilets should be limited. Unfortunately, more rain is anticipated this weekend, that will add to areas that are already saturated. We want to remind everyone that 911 is our source of reporting street flooding and hazards to allow crews to be dispatched immediately and to make a record of all calls. We are still recovering from the 42nd Annual Andouille Festival as presented by Marathon Petroleum, which was a huge success. It was an overall great time for all who attended. More than 20,000 festival goers attended the festival, an increase in 2000 visitors from 2014. Congratulations to our Council Members and Chef Larry Snyder for winning the Andouille Cook-off. Our celebrity panel of judges were very impressed with your dish. I want to thank everyone who played a role in its success including my staff, a host of volunteers, non-profits and businesses. To everyone who came out and supported the Festival and the vendors who participated, thank you! Our Andouille Queens, Ms. Madison King and Teen Queen Ms. Tabitha Tregre both assisted at the festival and appeared to genuinely enjoy their first official role as queens. We look forward to your reign. The committee held an after action meeting where ideas were shared on how to improve the festival next year, so if you have suggestions please forward them to the ED department. We are looking forward to implementing those ideas and making the festival bigger and better. Photos from the festival can be found on our website and Facebook page. A report of the progress and activities in St. John were recently to each resident in the Parish. Residents are encouraged to review the reports for Parish updates and information from 2014 into 2015. Reports are also available at all Parish buildings and will be available at Parish libraries soon. Congratulations to the owners, managers and staff at Corner Store for their recent grand opening and ribbon cutting. The store is located at 647 Belle Terre Blvd. in LaPlace and is open 24/7. Offerings include snacks, drinks, fresh baked desserts, hot food, water and ice. Please visit the store if you have not done so already, it is very customer friendly! The Parish Floodplain Administrator will be holding a meeting to discuss and address questions from the public regarding existing flood zones, floodplain regulations, and standards within the area of Pleasure Bend. The meeting is Thursday, October 29 at 5:00PM at the local Firehouse located at 1200 Hwy 643, Vacherie, Louisiana. The feature film "Never go Back" will be filming at Troxie Motel in LaPlace this week. There will be intermittent traffic control and a lane closure on Airline Highway from 8 pm - 4 am on Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31 for filming. The Utilities Department will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. John Community Center to discuss and receive comments on the Planned Wastewater Treatment Pond and Wetland Assimilation Projects. You are encouraged to attend to find out more about the project and to provide input. In honor of Veterans Day, the St. John Parish Young Marines directed by Lt. Brian Bertrand, St. John Parish, and the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home will host the 5th annual Veterans Parade and Celebration on November 11. The parade will began at Home Depot in LaPlace around 10:00 a.m. and travel the SELA War Veterans Home for a ceremony, food, fun and music. Anyone interested in being a

part of the Veterans parade is asked to contact Brian Bertrand at 504-628-0418. It is a very touching tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom and I hope to see everyone there. Reminder: Parish Buildings will be closed on Monday, November 2 for All Saint's Day. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, November 3 at 8:00 a.m."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 7:58 PM, Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard, Millet, Councilmen Perrilloux and Wilson absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary