

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014
CHAIRMAN MARVIN PERRILLOUX
VICE CHAIR MICHAEL WRIGHT

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Saroparu Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Monday, November 10th, 2014, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Jaclyn Hotard

Councilman Perrilloux led the Prayer. Councilman Wright led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Carl Butler were present.

INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - November 15th as America Recycles Day

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for November 15th as America Recycles Day.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes - October 28th, 2014, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 28th, 2014, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

14-47 (Carried Over 10/13/14) An ordinance to amend Section 16:50 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: By amending paragraph (2) to read as follows: (2) No permit shall be issued to construct a Bonfire any closer than 1,000 feet from any petro-chemical business operating within the boundaries of the parish. (R. Wilson)

Councilman Wilson asked for this ordinance to be removed from the

agenda.

14-48 (Tabled 10-28-14) An ordinance to amend Section 109-75 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances as follows: Parish Coastal Zone Management committee (N. Robottom)

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Snyder seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 14-48 from the table. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Angelic S. Keller stated, *"This ordinance changes the committee makeup from 15 members to 9 members and is based on similar committee structures in other parishes. Appointment of the committee is requested as soon as possible to assist the South Central Planning & Development Commission with completion of the Coastal Zoning Management Plan. The plan was initiated in 2001 and never completed as a committee was never appointed. Restore Act and other coastal funding is contingent upon appointment of the committee and completion of the CZM Plan."*

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to amend ordinance 14-48 to change the ordinance to ready 8 members not 6 shall be chosen and only 1 appointed by the Parish President and the addition of and ratified by the Parish Council added to item # 8 & 9. The motion passed to amend ordinance 14-48 with 6 yeas and 2 nays (Millet & Snyder) and 1 absent (Hotard).

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-48 with the amendments. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 nays (Millet, Snyder, Wilson) and 1 absent (Hotard).

14-50 (Public Hearing held) An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of a portion of Lot 2 of Section 72 of Glencoe Plantation situated in Section 72, T-11-S, R-6-E, and a triangular portion of the Amman Estate situated in Section 73 & 24, T-11-S, R-6-E into three lots herein designated as Lots 1, 2 & 3 of Monicarlo Property, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish (N. Robottom)

Angelic S. Keller stated, *"This re-subdivision was unanimously approved at the Planning and Zoning Commission's October 20th meeting, and Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Wilson moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-50. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

14-51 (Public Hearing held) An ordinance granting approval of a Re-subdivision of Lots 4 & 5, Square 6 of Extension Number 2, to Melius Subdivision into one lot herein designated as Lot 4A, Square 6 of Extension Number 2, to Melius Subdivision, situated in Section 49, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish (N. Robottom)

Angelic S. Keller stated, *"This re-subdivision was also unanimously approved at the Planning and Zoning Commission's October 20th meeting, and Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the

motion to approve Ordinance 14-51. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

14-52 (Public Hearing held) An ordinance granting approval of a Family Re-subdivision as per St. John the Baptist Ordinance dated February 8, 1982 of the St. Pierre Tract into lots herein designated as Lot 1-SP, Lot 2-SP & 3-SP of the St. Pierre Tract, situated in Sections 5, 42 & 46, T-12-S, R-19-E, Lucy, St. John the Baptist Parish (N. Robottom)

Angelic S. Keller stated, *"This family re-subdivision was unanimously approved at the Planning and Zoning Commission's October 20th meeting, and Administration recommends approval."*

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 14-52. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

14-53 (Public Hearing held) An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Parishwide Sewerage Construction Fund for the year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (N. Robottom)

The above item will be carried over to the next council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I would like to make a motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee."*

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed Councilwoman Hotard.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Railroad concerns canal ownership

Jeff Perilloux, Legal Counsel, stated, *"Mr. Madere I think the last discussion that we had about this the issue that you had brought up was the ownership of the ditches that lie within the right-of-ways that run parallel to the track. Mr. Butler and I have done research on this matter and it is our opinion that the railroads are responsible for maintaining all ditches located within their right-of-ways including those that run parallel to the tracks and those that run under the tracks which are quite frankly from one end of the parish to the other going from parish line to parish line following along the railroad tracks. I will put that in a memo form and distribute it to the council this week."*

Councilman Madere stated, *"I know we have been having this problem for years. Is there any type of legal action we can take if the railroad doesn't step up as far as maintaining the canals because this is a problem that we have been having for years and if they are responsible then and a simple request is not getting the results then what type of legal action can we take?"*

Jeff Perilloux stated, "Well I think we will have to look into that a little further as well because railroads have some special laws that apply to them it is called federal Grampian laws that is that certain things that local government cannot do and what not we will have to be very careful in determining what action we can take. I will tell you that in the past we have attempted to meet with them and deal with them through onsite inspections. We were able to get them to repair some culverts in Reserve a few years back and that was a major challenge but when they repaired it it cured the problems. So all I can say is that we have to stay on top of them. I can't speak for the administration to say exactly what they have done in terms of communicating with them although I do know that Brian has made efforts to communicate with them and Mrs. Robottom just mentioned that she has an update on some of that but the other thing that I wanted to communicate was that we did pass an ordinance or resolution rather a few meetings back urging our congressional delegation to get more actively involved as well and I am not sure of the status of that but that is something that we can follow up on as well."

Councilman Madere stated, "I am glad for that information and in the parish in my district and I know all through the parish we need all the help we can get to get this water moving and the railroad seems to be one of the major stumbling blocks in terms of our residents flooding when we have extremely bad weather and I am pretty sure that the administration is doing everything they can to make sure that we stay on top of them to get this work done because this cannot continue to be a problem and the railroad is contributing to that problem."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Perilloux did you check on that information that I gave you where that other parish filed suit against them?"

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I haven't completed my research yet but I am looking into that."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I know years back the federal government subsidized the railroad and that is what came out that you couldn't do it. I don't know if it is like that now but certainly as far as I know people can a group of people, like if a subdivision floods and the problem is with the railroad they can file a class action suit."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "I guess that is possible. I was looking at it from the point of view as parish government taking some sort of action."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Just a comment and it has to do with speaking to one of the officials from CN railroad when they were repairing the crossings over at Pine Street and they said they were actively working and were going to work on our culverts they had gotten some communication that came about and from St. James to St. Charles they were supposed to start or maybe continue working on the culvert situation because I told him about our situation and he said that was something that they were going to be working on so it seems like they are getting some communication from up above that they have to at least address our situation here in St. John."

Councilman Madere stated, "I spoke to them the day they were in

District III cleaning out the culverts and like you said from St. James to St. Charles but I have to call them back to St. John in my district because they missed a couple as they were going down the line back to what Mr. Wilson was saying I think as the governmental body of the parish we should do everything first that we possibly can do to get this problem solved and if the individual people want to get a class action suit that would be on them but I think as the governing body we should try to enforce as much of our power as possible on them to solve the problems that effect everybody in our district. We should take the leadership role in this to make sure that they do this and I think according to what I am hearing from administration we are doing that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Do the railroads that go through the plants have the same problem with the ditches being overrun inside the plants or maybe we need to look at putting some culverts in the ditches that go through our community I know in LaPlace they don't have that problem in some parts of LaPlace but I do know of the problems in Reserve. It is really overgrown and maybe we need to look at that also but I don't think these plants have the same problems cutting grass. They just cut the grass up to the railroad."

Jeff Perilloux stated, "There is a state law that requires railroads to install culverts when the tracks are crossing canals or drainage rights of ways and there is a law that applies to those situations. The other thing regarding some of the private industry it may be that the rights of way are smaller or different than the general rights of way for the larger tracks."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think a resolution was passed and Senator Gary Smith actually hosted a meeting with Jude Tessia, who is with the UPS railroad but he is an officer in the organization of railroads and actually helped us to get someone down from CN. As you recall probably a year and a half ago when the railroad was actually attempting to get our cooperation with a project they were doing in Garyville they had committed to repairing several crossings as well as to working with us to improve the drainage under the culverts that didn't happen as quickly as they said and we had subsequent meetings Brian actually met with the railroad and went through and took pictures of the crossing, grated them and although they did some they did not do much cleaning. After this subsequent meeting with Senator Smith a representative from Chicago showed up for that meeting with Brian but they actually did something this time and they are cleaning from under the tracks from Garyville to St. Charles we actually went out with them and they are ordering some extensions because what happens is some of the rocks have fallen in the ditches, the culverts needed to be extended and that is the railroads responsibility to add some extensions on the culverts. What they are also doing and they noted with us they do this in other parishes they will install culverts that need to be repaired they supply the culverts and the back fill while they are out there doing it so we are going to try to identify the culverts that maybe damaged or collapsed and we are working on ordering what is necessary and the back fill however they ordered extensions that they need to keep the rocks and debris from falling and blocking the culverts they have started they are not finished. There are some problem areas and like I said what we are doing is ordering the material so that they can actually replace some that may not be able to be vacuumed out. You can see they are also fixing some of the cross ties I want to say we sent out an

email Pine Street was just recently repaired it was one that was bad. The W. 10th Street one I think they are going to wait and try to do it with the widening project that is being done there but there is a list that was provided to them and we are making sure that all of those are done as well any that may have been damaged from their original visit here there must be like 15 that were on the original list they did some but we think there are some others that need repair. With regards to the grass we have spent a lot of time we were actually on the track with them a part of the concern is safety but we are working with their track supervisor when they are out doing their work on the tracks and they have flagmen then maybe we can schedule and coincide with them and have our folks cut the grass but the problem is safety because you have to have flagmen on guard to be able to direct the trains to know that none are going to pass when we are on the side of the track so there is a safety concern there but they have been cooperative. I do want to thank Senator Smith who kind of spear headed that meeting with one of the executives from Chicago with CN it took them a little bit longer than we wanted it to but they are in the parish right now and they are going from one end to the next but it is not completed there are some troubled areas that we are working on with our Public Works department to either change out culverts in those areas, add some that maybe miss-sized that may have been fine a long time ago but now they need something else and they have been very cooperative thus far. We are keeping a running list of what we ask for which was the crossings to be repaired, the culverts to be cleaned and the ones to be replaced and as soon as I think one of our employees was out on vacation and he was working closely with them so we are trying to get him to come in and just finish getting them the information they need to finish the job that they are doing."

Councilman Madere stated, "I just want to make two comments like Mr. Perilloux said any culverts that are under the tracks they are required by federal law to maintain those open. There is no federal law that makes them have to keep the grass cut. Now I spoke to the guy and he told me the same concern he had from tractors getting hit and everything and that is when he suggested that the parish pay \$750.00 a day for a flag man to come and watch us cut the grass. I understand what you said if they would give us a schedule of when they are working on the track then we can kill two birds with one stone. I think it would be in their best interest to do that and let us know at least 2-4 times a year."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They attempted to spray it and that really didn't work they only spray so far out and it really hasn't worked well so we are going to attempt to coordinate with them when they actually have flag men out there because we don't want anybody getting injured but we also can't see with it sometimes because it is so bad."

Councilman Madere stated, "It isn't just the grass we actually have trees that are developing in these canals so they need to step it up."

Natalie Robottom stated, "As soon as we get a final on where they are and what was done and what has been repaired from the list and what is the schedule for the remaining ones we will be able to work towards that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I want to comment about housekeeping. Once

they are done please pick up the old cross ties, the rocks, the asphalt that they scrape off from the crossings. A lot of that seems to stay behind once they leave so that they have a points list to do their housekeeping."

Lennix Madere - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Recreation Director

This item will be taken up in executive session.

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

The above item will be carried over.

Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 10-13-14) Discussion Planning and Zoning Department

The above item will be carried over.

Larry Snyder - (Carry Over 10-28-14) Garbage can collection issues

Councilman Snyder asked that we remove this item from the agenda.

Marvin Perrilloux - (Carry Over 10-28-14) GPS on parish vehicles

The above item will be carried over.

Ranney Wilson - 2015 Budget questions

The above item will be carried over.

Larry Snyder - Update on Recreation parks & gym

Councilman Snyder asked, "I would just like to know what are we doing right now in this off season are we doing anything with the parks are the contractors keeping them up and doing everything that they are supposed to be doing. I received a few reports that the park looked great I just want to hear from the director but what are we doing? Are we painting facilities now since this is the off season?"

Debra Poche stated, "Yes Mr. Snyder we are looking at the different parks to start painting. Mr. Coburn emailed me for an update on the different repairs that we need at the park. We are doing that and the list will be provided Friday. Secondly we are advertising for tennis and an art/craft showing at Regala. We are working on other things since we do not have baseball."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay the use of the gym do we have anything down on paper as far as what is the criteria for using the gym for anything small groups or large groups?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "We actually provided a draft policy some time ago and we can approve it but there are some contradictions with the current recreation ordinance that we ask that the council take a look at. There are current policies that don't allow for certain things that would be allowed in the gym if the policy is adopted. So at this point we are ready to move forward but it is going to be difficult to enforce

some aspects of the current ordinance and allow for example I will be specific drinking. There is no drinking allowed in any of the parks and when you rent the gym there is a policy to get an alcohol permit and you can bring alcohol into the gym but it is not allowed in the park then that causes a problem. So we are just asking again the ordinance is very old it actually says that the parks don't open until 9 and close at 9 and we all know since we have added walking paths to the parks we have people out there beginning at 5 so it is difficult to enforce the current ordinance because it needs to be updated. So that is kind of where we are we do have a draft policy and we haven't changed it we are just awaiting an amendment to the ordinance. The fees were comparable to other gyms especially in St. John. We just think that the current ordinance needs to be updated and maybe more current and more in line with what people are using the park for today. I am not sure when the original one was adopted. We will work with whatever you put in it but we don't want to pass a policy that conflicts with the Parks and Recreation ordinance."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I appreciate that and I understand where you are coming from with that but if we have a draft we will look over it again. What about small groups that just want to use the area for meetings or dance recitals or something like that? Can we accommodate those people? Can someone approve that or do we have to get a policy on small things like that also?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think it would be inclusive in the policy. We definitely did some non-profit things. We worked with a lot of organizations to allow them use. We do have people using it for things other than the things that we are scheduled for but it would be good to have a policy so that it is not left up to an individual to make those decisions and we are using it more than I think we thought a lot of folks are enjoying it but we are not making any money off of it. Our goal was to not make money off of little groups but for larger events that we are hoping to generate some revenue from."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I understand that but I think that our constituents want to use the facility and I don't think there is anything wrong with that. Now if a group of kids comes to me saying they don't have anywhere to practice can we use the gym next Wednesday for practice I hate to hear that there is no policy on that you know and they have to go somewhere else. Things where the director can say yes I am going to be there why would we have to have a policy on that?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It is just a matter of making sure somebody is there and I think they have been meeting there lately. The first time they went to the Vo-tech but I think we cleared that up and they were able to have their meeting. All it is is making sure that someone is there and we can't just leave it open but we do think that a policy is in order and we want more people to use it but if there is an opportunity that people are paying other entities to use that size gym then they can pay us and this is for larger groups or large scale events but I do want to touch base on the parks we are being cautious about how much work we are doing at the parks because this is coming due the survey work and the geotechnical work for the projects that were assigned to them has been completed, they are about 90% complete on the structural calculations on the Ezekiel Jackson airnasium and they completed each of the 11 parks and the boat launch. They are about

50% complete on the design and the drawings and they should have everything complete by the end of the year they are going to put it out for bid they think they will get better pricing that way but they are designing all of the requests that were approved by the council out of the bond issue so we should start to see some activity probably by the beginning of next year but they are working on the list of items that were provided to them."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Aren't there some of the things that they can start doing now while they are doing the planning? Like for instance I don't think it takes very much to put a parking lot back there by the 51 park just go back there with some asphalt."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I don't know if that was in there."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Yes it was. It was in there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I know but you all didn't approve that. There is a specific list of items that you approved and there was updates to playground equipment, splash parks, dog parks and a whole list of items that were approved out of the 2.5 or 3 million dollars in the bond issue that didn't include expanding the parking lot but there is a bathroom at Cambridge and all of the things that you individually put in the list is what they are working on but it would have taken almost half of the money to do a parking lot. It was in the master plan but you didn't approve it out of the first round of funding."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I think she is right it wasn't in the first portion."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Okay I understand."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "You said you are offering tennis and other activities since there is no baseball anymore. Can you elaborate a little bit on that because I know that you said go to the website and check but parents just don't have time to do that so if you could kind of elaborate on the new things that you are providing because I don't know that the general public is even aware of it."

Debra Poche stated, "Okay the first thing with the general public we have been looking into ways to notify them more. I have put out a letter to the principals at the different schools asking can we come by and put our flyers out right after dismissal. I have had 4 schools to agree and we started that today. So right now we have registration for biddy-basketball going on for ages 5-14. We also have the tennis clinic which is scheduled to take place the first Saturday in December. We do have an instructor for that and it will be at the Greenwood Park. We waited to start until December because there were some repairs that needed to be done for the safety of the children. This Saturday we have the rising up program. We are also looking at an art class for the senior citizens and I am in the process of talking to the director there. We are still working with the soccer program. They needed some nets and the order has been placed."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Would that be at Regala or at the Senior Center?"

Debra Poche stated, "I am looking at Regala Park and I have spoken to Mrs. Lemmon earlier and if we cannot have it at Regala we can go to the Homer Joseph Center and have it there."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "You might want to attend the school PTA meetings and make an announcement to the parents at that time. I know there are a lot of schools but it would get the information to the parent because sometimes flyers are very costly and never make it home."

Ranney Wilson - Water bill issues

This item will be addressed in executive session.

Jaclyn Hotard - Civil Service Board

The above item will be carried over.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ranney Wilson/Lennix Madere - Drainage and Drainage equipment

The above item will be carried over.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business at this time.

MOTION: Councilman Madere moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss the Recreation Director and water bill issues. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard absent.

Councilman Perrilloux excused himself during the executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Lennix Madere - 205 E. 30th Street

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

Parish Buildings - Security

Water bill issues

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

Lennix Madere - Code Enforcement

Any and all pending legal matters

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the

motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

There was no action taken as a result of the executive session.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

14-54 An ordinance to authorize the administration to provide two (2) Rights-of-way and servitude agreements to Cypress Gas Pipeline, LLC as follows (N. Robottom)

PARISH PRESIDENT REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good evening - I'm pleased to announce that in honor of our Veterans, the St. John Parish Young Marines directed by Lt. Brian Bertrand, St. John Parish, and the Southeast Louisiana War Veterans Home will host the 4th annual Veterans Parade and Celebration. The parade will begin at Home Depot in LaPlace around 10:00 a.m. and travel to the SELA War Veterans Home for a ceremony, food, fun and music. The ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on the grounds of the War Veterans Home. This is a great opportunity to show our appreciation to our Veterans for their service and we encourage you to join us in the celebration. We're pleased to announce that we've completed the first 2 weeks of intake for the Isaac Home Repair Program and more than 900 applications have been submitted at our intake centers on both sides of the river. Those applications are being reviewed; however applications will continue to be accepted at the new Intake Service Center located at 501 Rue De Santé, St. 1 in LaPlace. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through December 31, 2014. Residents interested in applying for one of the programs may pick up an application at the Percy Hebert Building and the West Bank Courthouse and then submit it at the Rue De Sante office. Residents can also submit an application through our website. Please call 985-359-0555 or email CDBGHousing@sjbparish.com with questions. Our staff continues to work toward compliance with DHH's administrative emergency order issued on August 27th. The last day of the chlorine burn is scheduled for November 18. With DHH's approval, the Utilities Department will return to testing two sites daily. DHH will sample the water on December 3rd for the ameba. Once results are received from the sample, the chlorine burn will be lifted and the system will return to chloramine treatment. Notifications will be released to the public before the treatment of the water is switched. I am pleased with the progress the Utilities Department has made thus far and appreciate all the support from other departments and the consultants to get the job done in a timely manner. There have been no setbacks since the order was issued to St. John the Baptist Parish. We would like to thank everyone who donated canned goods during the Andouille Festival. This week those canned goods will be donated to the local Ministry of Care and a faith-based food drive as a blessing to our residents in need during the holidays. Congratulations to PetSmart on their grand opening this past weekend. PetSmart is located at 1332 West Airline Highway in the Riverlands Shopping Center. Open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the local micro shop offers Pet Grooming services, training, and adoption events throughout the year. Visit petsmart.com or call 985-212-3223 for more information on services and specials offered at the LaPlace location. Registration for Boys and Girls Bidy Basketball ages 5-14 is still

open. We encourage all children involved in football to stay busy after the season by registering for the 2014 basketball season. Registration forms are online or can be picked up at REGALA Gym between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Adults and children can also register for a Tennis Clinic scheduled to take place on Saturdays from December 1 through January 30. To register, visit sjbparish.com or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 985-652-9569. St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting the clinic in conjunction with Kidz Fitness Solutionz, Inc. Applications are available online. The Parks and Recreation Department is co-sponsoring the 2nd annual Rise Up/ Give event with Louisiana Ambassadors, on Saturday, November 15 from 1-3 p.m. at REGALA Gym. Parish children and youth are invited to attend the free event for a fun-filled afternoon. A Sewer Force Main project is underway in Wallace from Dufresne Dr. to Freddie Ct. Road closures and driveway blockages are not expected. Please be on the lookout for equipment. The force main improvements are estimated to be complete in two to four weeks. CN Railroad recently worked through St. John Parish cleaning approximately 85 culverts under the railroad. The work completed should restore much of the drainage capacity previously lost. Crews will be coming back into St. John Parish to install extensions on culverts to help ensure culverts remain clear in the future. Residents should not be impacted by the work; however, additional information will be released once timelines are developed. I would like to wish all of the parish high school football teams the best of luck this week as they enter the first round of playoffs. High School football is a tradition in the River Parishes and we look forward to seeing you in the Superdome. Live Oak Landing will be holding their Homeowners Association Meeting this Thursday, November 13 at Chung's Restaurant on Belle Terre Blvd beginning at 6:00 p.m. River Oaks Subdivision will hold a Homeowners Association Meeting next Thursday, November 20 at Chung's Restaurant also beginning at 6:00 p.m. Residents in these neighborhoods are invited and encouraged to attend to receive important information and ask questions regarding any concerns in your neighborhood. Reminder: Parish Buildings will be closed tomorrow, Tuesday, November 11, to commemorate Veteran's Day. We hope to see you at our Veterans celebration and don't forget to thank our veterans for their service, not just tomorrow but every day."

ADJOURNMENT :

At 8:45 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Hotard and Councilman Perrilloux absent.

/s/Michael Wright
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary