

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**  
**CHAIR RONNIE SMITH**  
**VICE CHAIR CHERYL MILLET**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Soroparu Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Darnel Usry, Councilwoman District V, Charles Julien, Councilman District III, Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Danny Millet, Councilman District II, Raydel Morris, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Ronnie Smith, Councilman District VI

**ABSENT:** Cheryl Millet & Jaclyn Hotard

Councilman Julien led the Prayer. Councilman Morris led the Pledge.

Legal Counsels Judge Tom Daley, Billy O'Reagan and Kerry Brown were present.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

**10-31** (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to re-zone The Thomas Brown Tract to show the change in the current zone of C-3 to zone I-1, the C. Cureaux Tract to show the change in the current zone of C-3 to Zone I-1, & A portion of the R. Buissier Tract to show the change in the current zone of C-3 and R-1 to Zone I-1 situated in Sections 58 & 59, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (PZR-1001) (N. Robottom)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Morris seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 10-31. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**10-32** An ordinance by adding definitions and additional regulations concerning animal control. The Code of Parish Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following (C. Millet)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to table Ordinance 10-32. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**10-33** An ordinance introducing the Annual Operating Budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Fund and Parishwide Sewerage Construction Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (N. Robottom)

The administration requested to carry this item over to the next agenda.

Councilman Lee stated, *"I would like to thank the administration for giving us quite a detailed budget this far in advance. It really allows us to have input in the budget and any issues that we may or may not have communicated openly with the administration. So I want to thank the administration for the actual chance to go over this."*

Natalie Robottom, Parish President, stated, *"No problem. We actually look forward to those meetings. As we said it would be premature to bring it up for discussion tonight."*

**10-34** An ordinance amending Sections 14-42(8) and 42-113 of St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, and renaming Chapter 42, Article V, of St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances, all to read as follows (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"We are also requesting this item be carried over. We are evaluating the complete fiscal impact of the ordinance and will be prepared for the next meeting. We anticipate some possible amendments to the ordinance that would actually reduce rather than increase the rates. So we will get that to you prior to the next meeting."*

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**10-35** An ordinance ordering and calling a special election to fill the vacancy of Councilman-at-Large, Division A, of St. John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana, and other matters in connection therewith. (R. Smith)

**10-36** An ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ of Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series ST-2010, of the St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (N. Robottom)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman Lee stated, *"The finance committee met at 6:15 this evening to discuss the finances of the parish. We had a limited agenda. At this time I would ask that a fellow council member make a motion to ratify the actions made by the finance committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to grant administration authorization to go out for bids for Labor/Service and Materials for Residential Electrical repairs for the ARRA Weatherization Program, approved to grant administration authorization to go out for bids for Labor/Service and Materials for

Residential Electrical repairs for the ARRA Weatherization Program, approved to grant administration authorization to go out for bids for Labor/Service and Materials for Residential Plumbing Repairs for the ARRA Weatherization Program, approved to grant administration authorization to go out for bids for Labor/Service and Materials for HVAC Repairs for the ARRA Weatherization Program, approved to grant administration authorization to renew the contract with Quality Janitorial Services, and approved to grant administration authorization to renew the contract for auditing services for Rebowe & Associates. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

**Charles Julien – Update on N. W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – ditches**

Councilman Julien stated, *“Basically I’m just trying to find out where the project is at. I know they are almost bringing it to a close. I would like to ask to have some paint put on the speed bumps that they had laid down and basically give us an overview of where we are at right now in the closing process.”*

Chuck Savoie, Parish Engineer, stated, *“Okay as you all are well aware, the N. W. 2<sup>nd</sup> project is a community development block grant project that is being funded through the state division of administration via the federal funds for community block grants. The project, at this point, is at substantial completion. The streets have been paved. The concrete drive-ways have been poured. The ditches have been cleaned and the culverts have been installed. So the project is at substantial completion. Now there are some punch list items that we will have to go and address. I heard some complaints about the shoulder gravel falling into the ditch and getting into some of the culverts. I am planning to, as of tomorrow, to be making an inspection on this project again with my inspector. We have had a full time inspector on the project. As you know the twin project to that is Historic East, which is over in Garyville. It is presently going on. This project is at substantial completion. I am not asking for substantial completion at this point but I will be bringing that up at probably the next finance meeting once I get all of the items completed.”*

Councilman Julien stated, *“I would like to thank you. I would also like to thank Simmons Construction for doing such an outstanding job with the cement. He is a great business man here in St. John Parish. Thank you Mr. Simmons.”*

Councilman Morris stated, *“Chuck I had an opportunity to walk the project Monday. There are several residents in the area that have some problems with it. So after the meeting, another time or maybe tomorrow when you walk I would like to express those complaints with you so we can work it out.”*

**Charles Julien – Update on the Reserve Boat Launch**

Michael, Murray Architects, stated, *“The architect of record for the project. The current project the dredging has been completed, the demolition of the existing docks has been completed. The mobilization of the bulk head has begun. We are waiting on the pole driver it should be delivered tomorrow or Friday and then they will start doing the dock*

construction of putting all of that in place. We have on the schedule for the end of November to have 80% of the project completely finished with the asphalt being the majority of the project to be finished. We are shooting to have that done in a short period of time right after Thanksgiving within a three to five day time period to cut down on the impact to the residents that use that facility on a day in and day out process. So we are looking at the total project with the lighting and everything being installed December 31<sup>st</sup>."

Councilman Julien asked, "So December 31st, will be the completion date?"

Michael stated, "Yes that is when we will be giving substantial completion."

Councilman Smith asked, "Chuck I have a question for you. If it is possible I don't see Mr. Carmouche here. Can you give us an update on the Riverlands drainage project? That bad rain we had about a week or so ago I started getting phone calls again. Can you give us an update of where we are at or when construction is going to begin?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "As you know we had gone out for bids and you all accepted the bids. To come out point blank and say that I know they are going to start within a week, I don't have an actual answer to that but I would suppose that they would probably be starting construction within the next two weeks."

Councilman Smith stated, "Thank you Chuck. I just wanted to give the public to get an idea of about when they were going to start construction."

Chuck Savoie stated, "I will check on it and let me get back to you on it and give you a better response. Oh I am so sorry I was talking about the wrong project. We haven't received the bids for that."

Natalie Robottom stated, "They originally came in over budget. So we re-bid them."

Councilman Smith stated, "So we are still waiting for them to come back? Okay."

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mike Henderson – Resolution R10-37 – (Tabled 10-12-10) A resolution providing support for a Special Use Permit to allow Pilot Corporation Tennessee dba Pilot Truck Stop to develop Pilot Travel Center #082 Casino, a truck stop with video poker, at 4301 Hwy. 51, Section 18, T-11-S, R-8-E in LaPlace, Louisiana**

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to remove Resolution R10-37 from the table. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

Councilman Lee stated, "This is an item that I had asked, along with some other council members, to be tabled twice to make sure that we managed this properly. When it comes to gaming or gambling in this parish it is always a controversial issue. I want to thank the

administration for doing such a good job Mr. Henderson, Mrs. Robottom obviously for delivering us with all of the necessary information. My position has been and will continue to be on gaming or gambling issues, I will not support any zoning conditions or zoning variances to assist with the gaming industry, not in my division. In this particular case, none of these issues were required. It met all the qualifications. I want to thank Pilot, well let me go back to the administration they are responsible, they delivered us with quite a bit of information, which aside from the fact that there is no legal justification for us to deny this, they supplied us with considerable justification to support it. The business plan that Pilot laid forward will deliver close to \$200,000.00 directly to the Recreation Department. That goes back to an ordinance done years ago by myself and Mr. McTopy authored it, Mr. Lewis was here, and Mr. Wolfe was here. We said if we are going to deal with the gambling issue let's put it some place where we know it is going to do some good and our Recreation budget can surely use this \$187,000.00. Also dialogue with the Parish President and the Sheriff's Office made me aware that when we have clothed or official deputies, not security service but the Sheriff's Department pulling security on this, the Sheriff and the Chief gave me some stats as to how much it improves the quality of police protection in that area. So in essence this from my position was a no brainer. I am glad that we as a council and administration took the time to study it thoroughly but prior to our vote I want to make sure that this council understands this is my position on this and I feel strongly about it. Thank you."

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R10-37. A resolution providing support for a Special Use Permit to allow Pilot Corporation Tennessee dba Pilot Truck Stop to develop Pilot Travel Center #082 Casino, a truck stop with video poker, at 4301 Highway 51, Section 18, T-11-S, R-8-E in LaPlace, Louisiana. **WHEREAS**, the St. John the Baptist Parish Zoning Ordinance requires both Planning Commission approval and a supporting resolution of the Parish Council for a Special Use Permit to develop a truck stop with video poker; and, **WHEREAS**, Pilot Corporation Tennessee dba Pilot Truck Stop has requested special permission of the Planning Commission to develop a truck stop with video poker; and, **WHEREAS**, The Planning Commission approved the request at its public meeting of September 20, 2010; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby provide a supporting resolution for Pilot Corporation Tennessee dba Pilot Truck Stop to develop a truck stop with video poker at 4301 Highway 51, Section 18, T-11-S, R-8-E in LaPlace, Louisiana. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 absent (Hotard & Cheryl Millet) and 1 against (Usry).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Haston Lewis – Overturn of Planning & Zoning's denial of a trailer placement for Curtis Young Sr. – 220 Spruce Street – LaPlace**

Councilman Lewis stated, "I am just putting the public on notice of my intention to overturn the denial of this trailer."

**Hugh Martin – Resolution R10-39 – A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District, on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein**

Hugh Martin, Bond Attorney, stated, "As we all know we had an election on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, to re-dedicate the current sales tax which had been levied in the parish for some time to add the additional purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, improving and maintaining the parish wide water works treatment and distribution system. The election was held and the results are that there were 7,060 votes in favor of the proposition, 3,816 votes against for the majority in favor of 3,244 votes. The resolution before you would authorize the canvassing of the returns declaring that to be the result of the election."

**MOTION:** Councilman Lee moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve Resolution R10-39. A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District, on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein. BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in St. John the Baptist Parish Sales Tax District, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election. SECTION 2. Process Verbal. A *Process Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. John the Baptist, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority. SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**Marie Brown-Mercadel – Authorization for the Parish President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between LA DOTD and St. John the Baptist Parish for Off-Bridge system program**

Marie Brown-Mercadel, CAO, stated, "This Cooperative Endeavor Agreement allows the DOTD to provide inspection services and funding for

*maintenance to our bridge program. This federal and state funded program is at no cost to the parish."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Morris seconded the motion to grant the Parish President authorization to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the LA DOTD for the Off-Bridge system program. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**Raydel Morris – Housing Authority Board**

Councilman Morris stated, *"I would like to take this item off of the agenda. I would like to get the audit report from HUD to the District Attorney. At the next meeting, I will ask him to come back and give us a report on his findings."*

Richard "Dale" Wolfe, Reserve, stated, *"The only reason I am here tonight, I want to explain to the council, administration and the general public in terms of the headline 'Richard "Dale" Wolfe on 6 month probation for violating the procurement policy'. The only reason that was done, as far as I am concerned, was because at the last meeting I appointed Raydel Morris in my place. Raydel Morris in turn put the Housing Authority Board on the agenda. I was accused of asking or telling Raydel Morris to put that on the agenda. I have to be a plum fool to ask Raydel Morris to put something on the agenda that would affect me and my administration. I don't appreciate it Raydel, I'm telling you right now. You need to be a man or be a mouse. You put me and my job in jeopardy by putting this on the agenda. If you didn't intend to deal with it then you shouldn't have put it on the agenda. I really don't appreciate it. It deals with my character and my reputation. My character doesn't address disrespecting people or disrespecting my supervisor. My reputation doesn't entail not being loyal to the people that are loyal to me. I don't appreciate the head line. I don't appreciate the affect it is having on me and my administration. I quit a job at the School Board. I gave up my Division A seat to take a job with housing knowing that I, myself and the staff we as a whole can put it together and bring St. John Housing where it should be. Now we have a cloud over our head because of you Raydel. I want you to explain to the general public that I had nothing to do with your agenda item. You need to apologize to the public. You need to apologize to me. I don't appreciate it. I am going through enough. I am going through a troubled agency where we all should get together and work towards helping the people that the agency is designed to help. The only thing I did wrong, let me explain, I hired two people. I hired one in finance. When I went there they had nobody in finance. I hired one in maintenance. The maintenance department was in deplorable condition. I needed people on staff, on site to help with this troubled agency. As a result of that, I get feedback that you Raydel if you back off of your agenda item, we will back off of Dale Wolfe. Well let me just tell you something. Dale Wolfe doesn't need backing off and I am not being cocky and I am not being smart. I am speaking from my heart. I don't need anybody to back off of me because I am not going to do anything wrong. I am going to try and help everybody. Those five people on the board know Dale Wolfe. No I am not that type of person, if I had to do anything in terms of the board I would have asked to be on the agenda to dismiss the board. I don't need Raydel or anybody else. I would have done it. I am man enough to do it. So board members you all*

know me. I am going to say it like it is. I don't appreciate it. Dale Wolfe didn't do anything nor will I ever do anything. I will tell you to your face what I am going to do. I am not going to go behind your back. So Raydel I am going to close now. You did me an injustice."

Paula Hart, 1621 Jefferson St. LaPlace, stated, "I am a commissioner on the St. John Housing Authority Board. There are several other commissioners here tonight. Unfortunately, this is a very unfortunate situation that has come up and as far as Mr. Wolfe the board does plan on working with Mr. Wolfe. That is what we are doing right now. As far the probation, that really has nothing at all to do with the comments that were made, everything has been blown completely out of proportion. We as the commissioners are working together. So as far whether Mr. Morris plans on asking anybody to be removed or asking the council to remove anybody that is totally up to them. Whatever happens happens but I have been on the board for a year. When I got on the board it was a chaos. There was no working together. As of right now, the board every decision that we have made thus far has been together. We voted. We voted together. So our point is to get with Mr. Wolfe and get the budget. The budget is our concern and yes the Housing Authority is in bad shape. If we didn't feel like Mr. Wolfe was one who could come in and make a difference believe me he wouldn't have gotten the job. So Mr. Wolfe we do plan on working with you. Mr. Morris whatever your plans are than so be it but we know for a fact that the board is working together. Everybody who has attended meetings for the last couple of meetings can see where the board has been together and that is what we plan on continuing to do is to work together and move the board forward. Especially as far as the budget is concerned and the people, we are concerned because believe me if we weren't concerned we don't have to be there. So we are there because we care and that is what we are trying to do. Thank you."

**Marie Brown-Mercadel – Authorization to sign a lease agreement with Satellite Shelters Inc. for the use of a trailer for the Code Enforcement Officers – 102 E. Airline Hwy.**

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "This is authorization to sign a lease agreement with Satellite Shelters Inc. for the use of a trailer for the Code Enforcement Officers. As you all are aware we are moving the staff from the Department of Public Works to the Department of Planning and Zoning. This trailer lease will accommodate the staff that is moving."

Councilwoman Usry asked, "How much is this going to cost us?"

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "There is a \$290.00 a month charge and some nominal set up fees. I think that they are less than \$1,000.00. The trailer is being placed adjacent to the current Planning and Zoning Office."

Councilwoman Usry asked, "How big is the trailer? Will it accommodate all of our officers?"

Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "Yes, it is 14' x 16'."

Councilman Smith asked, "The property that we are putting this trailer on, is that our property?"



Marie Brown-Mercadel stated, "Yes."

**MOTION:** Councilman Julien moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to grant administration authorization to sign a lease agreement with Satellite Shelters Inc. for the use of a trailer for the Code Enforcement Officers – 102 E. Airline Hwy. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

**CORRESPONDANCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS**

Councilman Millet stated, "On November 11<sup>th</sup>, they are going to have a premier at Reserve, St. John Theatre. It is a documentary film on the 150 years if anyone would like to go it is free to the public."

Councilman Julien stated, "I have a calendar here and it is also about the 150 year anniversary of Reserve. They are having on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, they are having a fun fair at Regala Park that will be from 11:00 until 5:00 PM. They will have rides for children, horse shoes, a jambalaya cook-off and there will also be a band stand for different choirs. Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the one hour lecture series will continue at the Lacour Center, which is on W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. I want to commend all of the individuals who are working on that committee. They are doing a great job. Every Thursday they are putting on different functions that are great and we just want to encourage everyone to come out."

Councilman Smith stated, "I only have one comment, the East St. John's boys basketball team had an all night, what they call an all night madness last Saturday and the only reason I am bringing this up is because our friend Angelic Sutherland led the alumni cheerleaders. Look for it on YouTube. I am just kidding. She did a great job. They did a great job. We had a lot of fun. It created a lot of community spirit and Angelic really I was saying that to thank you for doing what you did and for your support to the basketball team. Thank you."

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Natalie Robottom stated, "I would like to thank all of the residents and our employees who went out and voted on November the 2<sup>nd</sup> to expand the sales tax to include water. Obviously, it passed overwhelmingly and we are very pleased with those results. We are going to continue to provide updates to our residents with everything happening in the parish. You can stay abreast of those by logging onto our website at [www.sjbparish.com](http://www.sjbparish.com) and also sign up to receive email alerts when there is action. Veteran's Day is this Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, just a reminder that our offices will be closed. On behalf of myself, my administration and obviously the council we want to wish all of our veterans a Happy Veteran's Day. Of course on November 11<sup>th</sup>, the day celebrated to honor America's Veteran's for their patriotism, their love of the country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for common good. We think it is important to celebrate on November 11<sup>th</sup>, but of course everyday we encourage all of our residents to support our veterans. Our war veteran's home is a perfect location to go out and provide good company to our veterans there. They are planning a celebration tomorrow from 2:00 until 3:30 and I will be there for part of that and invite any of you to come as well. Again the 150 year celebration of Reserve is ongoing, I think most of the council members

have listed some of the upcoming events but some of the previous successful events were the cemetery walk, there was a performance by the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra at San Francisco Plantation this past Sunday that was delightful and the lecture series has been ongoing and has been very well attended. Of course the one for November the 18<sup>th</sup> is on the German prisoners of war in Reserve during World War II. I will add some times to what has already been addressed. This Thursday they are going to have the premier of the Reserve 150 year film at the St. John Theatre beginning at 7:30 PM. The fun day at the park is from 11:00 until 5:00 and Mr. Julien has already listed all of the fun activities. I think you will have an opportunity to purchase if you are not able to attend or make a donation for a DVD on the history and they will also be playing it at the fun day. You can get more information at their website at [www.Reserve150.org](http://www.Reserve150.org) or there is a link to their website on [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com) website. Again November holidays, November 11<sup>th</sup>, the parish offices will be closed and for Thanksgiving holidays they will be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. November is adoption awareness month and our office will be participating in an adoption celebration honoring families who have answered the call to adopt during this past year. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 until 6:00 PM on the grounds of the Percy Hebert Building. There will be a balloon release for adoptive families and children. We invite all of you to come. The West Bank Civic Association is hosting its meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 PM here at the Edgard Courthouse. I apologize for missing the last meeting but we will be here on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and look forward to visiting with all of you. Coming up the national center for health statistics, which is part of the center for disease control and prevention, will be conducting a major study on the health of people living in the United States and St. John has been selected as one of the survey locations. So they will be soliciting a sample of 432 people from our area to participate in the survey which will take place from November 29<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are contacted know that is what it is about, of course you will want to make sure whoever is contacting you is credentialed but they will be in the parish. I think we submitted some information to the council as well should you receive questions. There has also been out reach to law enforcement and some of the other local officials to let them know that they will be in the parish during that time based on the surveys they may also be doing some health screenings and all of that information will go into producing the results of the study. A quick ferry update, we are getting some conflicting information with regards to the start date. We were told a month, it might be a month or two. We are going to follow those comments up to the top of the ladder in Baton Rouge and try to get a more precise time frame for restoring that ferry but to date we have received inconsistent time lines. We are continuing to do some work at the West Bank Park. We have heard some of the concerns and we are going to work on doing some things to make sure that the project is complete to all of our satisfaction. We look forward to adding the airnasium to the existing facility and it is my understanding that the walking path as it is is already getting a lot of use. So we are looking forward to completing that project."

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) Coverage's, any/all material changes

Cable Franchise Agreement

Any and all pending legal matters

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:10 PM, Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Hotard & Cheryl Millet absent.

/s/Ronnie Smith  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary