

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD**  
**VICE CHAIR LENNIX MADERE**

The Council of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session in the Rudolph Soraparu Chambers, Edgard, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ABSENT:** None

Councilman Perrilloux led the Prayer. Councilman Gauff led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perilloux and Carl Butler were present.

**INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESSES**

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - Adoption Awareness Month**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for Adoption Awareness Month.

**Natalie Robottom - Proclamation - November 15, 2013 - America Recycles Day**

Natalie Robottom read the proclamation for America Recycles day.

**Consent Agenda**

**Items:** Approval of Minutes - October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Steven Fraker to the ZBA; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Carl Hilt to the EDC; Permit Approval - Middendorf's Manchac Race - 5K Run - Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 beginning at 6:30 PM

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes - October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Regular Meeting; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Steven Fraker to the ZBA; Councilwoman Millet - Appointment of Carl Hilt to the EDC; Permit Approval - Middendorf's Manchac Race - 5K Run - Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 beginning at 6:30 PM. The motion passed

unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:**

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

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to table Ordinance 13-48. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Angelic Sutherland, Director of Planning and Zoning, stated, "The Planning Commission unanimously approved the rezoning; however, Administration is concerned about other allowable uses in I2 zoning that could result in overcrowding of land, overburden of public facilities, or oversupply of these types of land uses or zoning in proportion to the public facilities in the neighborhood. The Council members representing this area are opposed to the rezoning and Administration recommends denial."

**MOTION:** Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to deny Ordinance 13-49. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Millet stated, "The finance committee met today at 6:00 PM and I would like to ask one of my fellow council members to make a motion that we ratify those items."

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion to accept the recommendations of the finance committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:**

Councilman Snyder stated, "There is some work that was done in my district that wasn't complete and what I would like to know is what is the procedure or is there a process set up whereas a job is followed from the time of its inception until you write the check and what is that process. It was cement that was torn up on some people's property and it has been there for a few months and the job has been finished and the cement is still piled up across the driveway as you go into their home and they have talked to people and nothing has been done. I just want to know how do we follow up on these things and how can we get that cleared up?"

Randy Vincent stated, "Mr. Snyder there is a process in place Brian Nunes is not here to answer or to respond in detail about that but I will have him contact you or advise the council of what that entire process is but in this case a simple work order should have taken care

*of the problem if not we will get the name and address of that resident from you and we will make sure that someone gets out there and takes care of it."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "In there is the issue there was a work order because it was a leak that was repaired so once that was repaired the next person put some dirt on it, the next person put up a form and put the cement back because it was done from a work order and that is where the break down is. I figured it crossed a couple of departments. I think the utilities department fixed the leak and I think the public works department is supposed to repair the concrete and I think that is where the break down was and this is not the first time this has happened and if we can get that little missing piece right there then they could complete their jobs and we wouldn't have people calling us or calling you every day about things like that."*

*Virgil Rayneri, Director of Utilities, stated, "It is different on different cases like on a water repair we write a work order, issue the pictures, put it on the spread sheet and it gets reported to the construction contractor unless public works is going to do it depending on what the work load is and then we monitor the spread sheet every two weeks to see the jobs that have and haven't been accomplished and we have been having some problems with our concrete contractor."*

*Randy Vincent asked, "Do you have the address Mr. Snyder?"*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "I wrote a work order on it. The address is 3308 Essex I think but it is on Essex."*

*Councilman Madere asked, "I just wanted to ask a couple of questions concerning the repairs and the water line and sewer lines in Reserve. I think you told me at the end of the month it was supposed to be completed?"*

*Virgil Rayneri stated, "We had a meeting on that and Mr. Babin is here and we have met on the subject and we think that we have about 30 more days left or something like that to complete the project. It was scheduled to be completed in the middle of December and with the holidays I don't know if we are going to complete it by then."*

*Councilman Madere asked, "Okay one other question I have been getting a lot of phone calls concerning some of the roads in Reserve that were repaired recently and by them doing the repairs they are cutting a lot of large sections out and the residents were concerned as to how soon were those areas going to be done and the quality of the work that is being done."*

*Virgil Rayneri stated, "Well Mr. Babin and I talked about the specifications for the repair work similar like what Barriere does in their contract for us. The contractor that has the project is going to do the same thing some of these have been cut and filled with gravel and it still has not been completed. It will be."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "One other thing Mr. Rayneri I know you and I spoke about the pumps but the holes that the suction line goes into if we can get some orange fencing and put it around there I would appreciate it."*

Virgil Rayneri stated, "I remember the one that you mentioned on St. Andrews and I went and looked at it and we are going to do that sir."

**Jaclyn Hotard - Budget discussion**

The above item wasn't addressed at this time.

**Ranney Wilson - (Carry Over 10-08-13) Budget discussion**

The above item wasn't addressed at this time.

**Ranney Wilson - Utility Board**

Councilman Wilson stated, "We have a utility board and have had it for 30 or 40 years but for some reason they don't meet anymore. Can anyone tell me why?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "What was the question again?"

Councilman Wilson asked, "Why does the utility board not have any more meetings or any input into anything that happens?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "If I understand correctly the charter says that the utility board shall meet, shall meet, every other Tuesday opposite of the council meeting and we haven't had that much construction going on for the past year. We had a meeting last week concerning a small subdivision on the West Bank but we really haven't had that much jobs or construction to get the utility board's decision that is what I understand and I haven't read it lately but I believe the word says shall meet not must meet and by the way you have eleven members on the board, we have two vacancies that need to be filled."

Councilman Wilson stated, "There are other things outside of construction that concerns this board. It always has been. Has anyone been going to anyone of those members to have paperwork signed?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Not me sir. I understood in the last meeting that Mr. Hymel has received a couple of pieces of documents."

Councilman Wilson asked, "So he hasn't been asked to sign anything?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "He has received a couple of pieces of documentation for his signature."

Councilman Wilson asked, "Without having a meeting?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Correct."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Something is wrong with that picture and before that happens they need to have a meeting and all be involved in what it being signed that isn't right that is why we have a board."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Just for educational purposes do they sign off on all new construction? Do they look at the utility part of the construction and sign off on all of them or just complexes or subdivisions?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Maybe Angelic can help a little bit on planning and zoning with some of the smaller jobs but the bigger jobs like a subdivision or something big of that nature then we send it to the board and it goes in front of them."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We had this discussion this morning. We are going to ask our legal counsel to take a look at what the charter requires historically there were meetings every other week and it was required with the number of houses being built especially if there were new utility requirements and the board used to evaluate them to see if the infrastructure was in place to handle the new infrastructure but that isn't happening anymore because the construction is very limited so when there is a new facility or new building and there is a need for new infrastructure and tie ins those items have traditionally gone before the utility board but because we are not in a building phase or doing as much of that they hadn't met but based on our meeting this morning our directive is to have legal counsel review what the charter says with regards to utility board meetings and if it says shall that means they will meet which means if there is something to discuss or not they have to have a meeting and that is the clarity we are needing if there is not an item or an agenda do they have to still meet and that is what has been limited compared to what has taken place several years back when there were numerous new constructions, commercial buildings and new subdivisions and there was a requirement and our parish engineer used to attend those meetings as well to provide information but even the reports that we get from him there is very little construction going on so there hasn't been meetings but the clarity that we needed was do they have to meet regardless of if there are items are not because we know there is a stipend involved when they meet and we are asking our legal counsel to investigate what that means and if necessary that they meet they will begin meeting and our staff will be there."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "So the question is we just went through Isaac with all of the homes that were flooded none of that would come under the utility board, like the new McDonald's and the renovation that just built up none of that should go to the utility board?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The McDonald's was there before and the restoration or rehab was already existing infrastructure so there wasn't a need for that. The electricity is handled through South Central Planning we are talking water, sewer, new connections and again our parish engineers kind of reviews those plans as well and new infrastructure is what they are typically approving to make sure that we have the capacity to accept new facilities but if that is not an issue than they typically hadn't met but again I am going to defer to our legal counsel to pull the charter and see what the guidelines are but again we are requesting that the two vacancies be filled."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Will they be notified about the new subdivision on this side of the river?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Yes sir that is the one that we met on last Tuesday."

Councilman Snyder asked, "Did they look at the drainage part of it to

see how it affects the drainage because there is something in one of the ordinances that says if it doesn't improve it or make it better than we can't build it or any new structures."

Virgil Rayneri stated, "We review the utilities. The drainage would be reviewed by public works. You are right each department has its own responsibility."

C.J. Savoie, Parish Engineer, stated, "The utility board just recently met and we had the Tiger Land and we just reviewed that subdivision and I did look at the drainage which is draining toward the south towards the railroad track and that is very normal for that pattern of drainage there and there is a large canal there and that is where that water is going to and they did address drainage in that. They had a good engineering firm that did the design for it and I have looked at it also."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I would like for legal counsel to look into this to go back in history because sewer and water work is being done daily. Please go back and look at old records that charter is not a perfect document as to get down to every little detail but when you have people that are signing off on something or being asked to do that without them having a meeting there is something wrong with that picture and that isn't following what they are supposed to be following."

#### **Art Smith - Bike Trail/Path - East and West Bank**

Councilman Smith stated, "We had started this awhile back before I got ill and I just wanted to bring this up again for the East and the West Bank and see where we are with it"

Randy Vincent stated, "Funding through the Department of Transportation is available to complete the Mississippi River Trail on the east bank as a connector to St. Charles and St. James Parishes. DOTD is working to complete the east bank before moving to the west bank; however, the Recreation portion of the proposed \$30 million bond issue is a possible avenue for beginning this project."

Councilman Smith asked, "So you are telling me that if we pass that bond issue that we may have some money for the West Bank bike trail?"

Randy Vincent stated, "It is up to the council to do that."

Councilman Smith stated, "Okay so it is up to my fellow council members to allocate funds for that."

Councilman Snyder asked, "How do we pay for the other one on the East Bank? Was that through grants?"

Randy Vincent stated, "Through a DOTD grant."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well that is how we are going to pay for this one because we have very little money for recreation and recreation is growing in this parish and I don't think we should be using it for that. It is just my opinion on it. They have a lot of things over here that we can do for recreation because we are getting

involved in a few more sports and we are trying to get something going for the elderly so that can take most of that money and the little money that we have for recreation if this thing passes, I think we should try to get a grant for that bike path that is just my feelings on it."

Councilman Madere stated, "The only thing I have to say about this is along with Mr. Smith they need one but as far as how we finance it is the tricky part and I definitely believe we need to try to find some grant money so that we can get this accomplished on the West Bank side but I think we need to do everything possible to find some other funding source but we definitely need to get it done."

Councilman Gauff stated, "Being an area that I represent, I know we have the West Bank Complex, we have a really nice park that has a beautiful walking trail and lights and I know it is being utilized and I think the West Bank area is a little more rural if we do this we would try to find places that I would say would be a more residential area that we maybe put a piece or a part of on but I can't see at this time I think the main objective is to get the East Bank done. It is to tie in from New Orleans to Baton Rouge. So once we get that done and we are not even sure when that will happen because we still have a few more phases but once that is done in talking to I think it is Mr. Dupre that that is the main objective. So as far as the West Bank I feel like we need something in maybe some of the residential areas but yet we already have some parts and we do have the West Bank Complex that is in a central location that is good and has a walking trail. So I just think that is money that doesn't need to come out right now. I am in agreement with Mr. Snyder. I don't see it coming out of the budget now but if there is a grant or something that we can pursue and I even heard that St. Charles may have gotten the levee district to put some money in to help them do theirs and maybe we can look at some other things but I don't think this is the time to take it out of our recreation budget."

Councilman Smith stated, "I am not saying take it out of the recreation budget. I am just saying let's try to find funding for it. I just don't want the problem to stall. I want to keep it up front so that it can get funded some kind of a way."

#### **Art Smith - Canal Dredging**

Councilman Smith stated, "There are a couple of canals on the West Bank especially the Moll Canal that needs dredging and I am just looking for some answers from administration."

Randy Vincent stated, "All canal dredging projects are moving forward with the contract award earlier this evening. The canal at the end of Castle Drive will be cleaned once the specialized equipment ordered through Wilson Marsh Equipment of Harvey becomes available in 45 days. You just mentioned another canal and we can have that conversation with Brian Nunes when he returns to work on Wednesday and discuss where that canal might fit into the scheduling."

### **Art Smith - West Bank Community Park**

Councilman Smith stated, "I am looking at not the big park but there was a park that we were supposed to have built in Lucy and I am just trying to find out where we are with this?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The 2003 bond issue that was passed addressed all the recreational parks and the council at that time set aside money for each park Cambridge was done, Belle Pointe was done, eventually the West Bank Complex was done and there was money for a Mt. Airy park, the Ezekial Jackson Park and the council at that time voted to move the money from Lucy to do a restroom at Castle Drive. So there is no funding left for a park in Lucy however it wasn't sufficient anyways it was \$100,000.00. We have looked at parks in Lucy and again any type or property purchase or creation of a park is typically done through a bond issue again there is one up for election and any projects of that sort cannot be funded outside of a bond issue. So again an option I know the recreation projects to my knowledge none of them have been submitted or listed for this bond issue so whatever the council so chooses."

Councilman Smith asked, "So I can include that park in there at that time?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Whatever you decide."

### **Art Smith - West Bank Senior Center**

Natalie Robottom stated, "(From her seat) same thing."

Councilman Smith stated, "The center is so small and out dated and we have been, I see one of my constituents out there that wants to speak about it but it is outdated and I know you say if you build it they will come but these people aren't coming because the thing is so small you can't get ten people in there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "There are a couple of options Mr. Smith. Obviously there is a Senior citizen board that actually directs or participates in their construction projects. The center on the East Bank was built through a major bonding of funds. There is not money in the current budget to do anything however with regards to long range planning there is a facility line item in the bond issue and you may want to get with the people who govern the senior board to come up with a plan and that might be appropriate."

Councilman Smith stated, "I don't want to bash the lady because she isn't here but have you ever tried to talk to someone with the Senior Citizen Board?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well there are quite a few members and I think some of them you know there is an entire board that actually governs and manages the finances there and there is a director. So my recommendation is to get with the board for some direction on that and what their needs are and what the funding mechanism would be."

Nancy Dumas, Member of the West Bank Center, stated, "To speak to what you just said about getting with the board we have gotten with the

board many times and the head ones and you know what they tell me to go to the council. We have gotten nothing done. I will tell you I don't know if anyone has ever come to that place. I enjoy going. I go daily. I enjoy being with the senior citizens but that place is filthy. It needs cleaning. I don't know who has the contract for that place. I would like you to come over there and see it. The bathrooms stink. I called Art Smith one day and he came by he was appalled at how the center looks. It is people. It is not animals that are in there. It is people and we should be taken care of. I go there and there are quite a few that are coming now but there is no place for them. I exercise we have a group but we have to exercise not in the place we have to go outside under the gazebo, that shouldn't be. We are the West Bank we should have the same amount of certainty of helping us on the West Bank of the river and I am sorry to say but people need to do their jobs. Cleaning is one thing come and look at that floor it hasn't been cleaned in over a year whoever has that contract they go there and pick up trash and that is it. Come by and visit, I ask you to do that, come and see where we are at when you have a center on the other side that is beautiful. Stop thinking of mainly the East Bank and start thinking about the West Bank. I am hearing today that everything for the West Bank is pushed over. We count. You get our votes. When will something happen on the West Bank especially for the seniors. I look at the ones, who have been there one computer, then there are tables to eat, then a TV and sofa and equipment in one little area and it is terrible. The blinds don't need to be cleaned they need to be thrown away and more put in, put something into our center we count just as the East Bank does. So please give us some help. Thank you."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Again Mr. Smith I would encourage you to get with the board they said go to the council and there is a facility item in the bond issue so if you so choose to do something with the center that is an option."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "We don't need to go to the bond issue to get it cleaned okay. There is a contract and someone is in charge of cleaning that. The bond issue is not necessary for cleanliness. I wish the administration will check into who is responsible for that there is no excuse for them to be using a dirty facility."

Randy Vincent stated, "We will check on that first thing in the morning."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "That was going to be my question who is supposed to inspect the contract or follow up to make sure that the cleaning is taking place?"

Randy Vincent stated, "Kia Price is now coordinating that effort and we will find out who is assigned to making rounds in that particular building."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Who was doing it before she got here?"

Randy Vincent stated, "Actually I was overseeing part of that and since then we have Daron who has come on board to help us with those types of things so Kia Price is now heading it up."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you know when you were overseeing it do

*you know when was the last time that facility was cleaned?"*

*Randy Vincent stated, "No I do not."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you know when the last time this building was cleaned?"*

*Randy Vincent stated, "This building? No I don't keep up with that everyday Ms. Hotard."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Who keeps up with this building?"*

*Randy Vincent stated, "The contractors are managed by Kia Price."*

*Councilwoman Hotard asked, "How long has Kia been here?"*

*Randy Vincent stated, "From like June or July."*

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Right so she is fairly new but prior to that who was keeping up with the contractors and making sure that they were cleaning the buildings?"*

*Randy Vincent stated, "Most of that effort came up under me and with the help of public works."*

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "The reason I am asking is I haven't seen the senior citizen center and I just spent a lot of time because I am not feeling well so I am sitting in the hallway and in the restroom here and it is disgusting. It is that bad. So I am just sitting here listening to what this lady is saying if we are following the contract that we have for janitorial services then we are paying and we are stating that you have rendered this service that we are paying you for and we are paying for something that we are obviously not getting and that is a real concern."*

*Randy Vincent stated, "We will look into it tomorrow."*

*Councilman Gauff stated, "I was just going to tell Mr. Smith this is definitely one that we need to look into as far as the either renovating or doing something to remodel or refurbish the center over here and it seems like we have to do more than just that. It seems like for the cleanliness or lack thereof we need to work on the contract and getting a lot more done. So it is just something else to look at."*

*Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to tell Mr. Smith you have my support there. I am a member of the senior citizen council and I have been to this home over here. We came over here to have a dinner and we had to go next door to have the dinner and it is a dingy little place. We sat in there, I and other seniors and we were shoulder to shoulder and there weren't more than 5 or 6 of us and this lady is so right. I just haven't been involved with the group in a while but I am still a member of the senior citizen council and I was on that board that you are talking about here but like Mr. Gauff said some kind of renovation needs to take place it really does over there."*

*Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I just wanted to say to Mr. Smith and his constituents I am appalled at the way they say this place looks and*

*you have my support. I can come visit with you tomorrow or the next day and we can put our heads together to see how we can expand or make this place better because the seniors have to have a place to go and be taken care of. I am just disgusted by what I am hearing. I will come with you to check it out and we can figure out something."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "I can't do this anymore. I am sitting in these council chambers and I am looking at scotch tape holding name plates up, I am looking at the dust that is so thick I mean I don't know who is in charge of what but God forbid if we are paying these people to be this efficient we are not doing our job."*

*Randy Vincent stated, "Let's keep in mind this building is also under construction."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "I understand but we are also having a council meeting. They could have come here and dusted tonight."*

*Randy Vincent stated, "We can make sure in the future that they do that. Is there anything else on this item?"*

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I can appreciate what you are saying as far as the dust is concerned but I don't know that that little repair over there would generate that amount of dust but in the hallway if you look at the floor it is disgusting. If you go into that bathroom and I haven't gone into the men's but it is disgusting for lack of a better word. There is no construction there and it is filthy like it has not been mopped since I don't know when but it is that disgusting. It is embarrassing to say that this is the court house that this is the parish seat of St. John the Baptist Parish to have our facility look like that is an embarrassment."*

*Councilman Madere stated, "I would like to make a comment. I have been knowing Mrs. Dumas for a very long time and for her to get up and speak the way she did so passionately about that building I know without a doubt without having to look at it that it is exactly how she says it is because I have been knowing her for a very long time and for her to get up there and spill her heart out concerning this issue there is no doubt about it it is probably worse than she is describing and I agree with all of the other councilmen if someone is getting paid to clean that building and I have a lot of experience in the janitorial business. I am part owner of a company myself now so I understand how you clean. You dust high every day you dust low every other day and then you wax at least once a year to keep the shine on the floor. Now I understand about the dust through this door here but that dust has to travel a long way to get to the senior citizen place so construction has nothing to do with the problem at the senior citizen place and definitely the West Bank is not going to be left out because I know this council will move forward on this. Now as far as tomorrow I don't know what time they go to work but as soon as they get here they should be cleaning and if they clean at 5 you call them up and say at 5 tomorrow morning you better be here because something has to be done with that and not next week but tomorrow to get all of that cleaned up. Now as far as the construction area that may take a little longer but cleaning is immediately."*

**Larry Snyder - Speed controls on Madewood Drive**

Councilman Snyder stated, "We put speed bumps down on Madewood Drive and we have had some complaints that they are too close so we got with Mr. Boucvalt, myself and Mrs. Millet and we came up with some resolution and I would like for Mr. Boucvalt to explain it to us."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Administration will yield to the wishes of Council members representing this area and encourages them to revisit the current ordinance for placement of speed bumps or traffic calming devices. The Sheriff's Department will provide speed monitoring with radar to assist with deterring speeding. If the two of you agree we will support it."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well we met."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "And the agreement was that y'all would like to go down to two speed bumps and put a three-way stop at Belle Alliance/Madewood and one at Melrose/Madewood. Those are the wishes of the council people in that district. This is correct and those are my instructions."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We agreed to that and it looks like that might work. I am sure everyone will be happier. We will still have some control down there but also you said you had talked to the sheriff's department and they were going to do more monitoring of speeders on that street."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "That is correct. That is in agreement with the sheriff that was their recommendation."

Councilman Snyder stated, "The fire depart said what I know they had input into this."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "The fire department also stated that speed bumps will cause a problem for the trucks trying to respond to calls and the more you put the slower they get to a fire call."

Councilman Snyder asked, "And emergency services?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Sure same thing an ambulance going down the street with a patient in it is slowing down and getting to the hospital a little slower."

Councilman Snyder asked, "So they all had input?"

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "That is correct."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Jobe' I appreciate your comments that stated you will recognize the wishes of the council you and I had some conversation about this. My concern is that we do have a code for speed bumps in place there is a policy and if that would have been followed then possibly we would have to be undoing what we have done now so in the future if you could communicate that with the various departments to actually follow the code that is in place."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "For the record, let me make myself clear

administration encourages this council to revisit the speed bump ordinance. I don't think we are going to resolve it here tonight but I strongly advise as the Public Safety Director that this council revisit that ordinance."

Councilman Wilson stated, "We recently came up with some new speed bumps are they working today or are they any good?"

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I had the parish engineer design something and send it to Jobe' and Brian Nunes so that we can be uniformed through the parish because a speed bump shouldn't be where you come to a complete stop and go over it you should still be able to travel it at over 20 mph it is just a deterrent to stop people from speeding so I had the engineer design something and I also got with Mr. Kindrick on how it should be put down not on the entire street and we are going to look into that and see moving forward how we are going to address that."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "Again I repeat myself that I encourage this council to revisit the speed bump ordinance. If you go to B of Section 6 it tells you that evaluations should be done within the institution of transportation engineering guidelines and they say that speed bumps are recommended for parking lots. I think this council needs to revisit this ordinance and this will not be resolved here tonight."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "No it won't be resolved but it probably will save a child's life. So we understand what you are saying but we are going to try to save a child's life until we can get a handle on the speeders because I have talked to Mike Tregre and he has been putting patrols in different areas for speeders and it is all the people in the neighborhoods but we are not going to say we are not going to do something to protect a child or senior citizen who is walking on the street. If it has to be put down we will put it down and that is how it is going to be. We are protecting our citizens that is what it is all about protection."

Jobe' Boucvalt stated, "That is correct and I did not say I wasn't going to protect a child. I am here at the wishes of the council. Give me direction and I will follow it. This ordinance I cannot do my job as the public safety director the way this ordinance is written."

Councilman Wilson stated, "It is unfortunate that we even have to put these things down because it is a hindrance but I have people in my district I think they see how fast they can go until they get to the next bump and I have streets that they are going at least 50 to 60 mph and I have sat there for hours and watched this but if we have something and it helps and ambulance actually has to stop and it is hard on a patient and hard on that crew and I can understand the sheriff and the fire department having problems with this I just wish there was some way that we could just stop the speeding."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I am listening to what everyone is saying and the problem is it is the people who live here who are not being responsible. The speed limit says 20. It doesn't say 30 or 40 and if a child's ball runs into the street and you have to slow down at 40 you are going to hit a child. So I am asking the residents to remember these are neighborhoods where children are playing. They can't go in

their front yard because they may get hit. Something is wrong. We need cooperation with the sheriff. We need cooperation with the citizens so that we can all live in a safe and happy environment. This is uncalled for to have to take these actions to prevent the people that are in a rush because they didn't leave 5 minutes earlier and I know we are all guilty but the speed limit is the speed limit. We need cooperation from the sheriff's office and the residents to make sure that this isn't going to happen. We are trying to be proactive rather than reactive. A child hasn't been hit yet but God forbid it does. I do remember someone who was killed because he tried to deter a speeder. We have to be responsible citizens and pay attention to the speed limit."

Councilman Madere stated, "I think this is a hard situation because we definitely don't want to slow up an ambulance but once again we do have to slow down the speeders. I was very unfortunate to see a kid get hit by a car in my neighborhood and it is not a very good scene. We have to do something with the speeders. The ambulance and the police officer are not going down the street speeding everyday but these individuals are doing this every day. So the percentage of a child getting hit is a lot greater than someone arriving at the hospital a little late which would definitely be bad but if you have to make a choice you would have to go with the higher percentage of something happening and the young children are not aware of these things and it is not a pretty scene to see a child hit by a car."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I know we are trying to be politically correct here and not squander any votes for the next election but let me tell you something there are speed bumps all over the parish and a lot of people are glad they are in their neighborhoods. A few influential people made a few calls and now we want to change the speed bump ordinance. I wouldn't vote to change it I am going to tell you that right now. I will not vote to change it because we have a good one there we may have to make some adjustments on these wide and through streets but you go to some of these neighborhoods and they save lives where they have kids playing in the front yard where there is no front yard, no ditch, no fence and a ball went in the street but with that speed bump they are going to slow down. Go in Reserve, go in Garyville, and go in old LaPlace so that speed bump ordinance is a good one. Now you can change it if you like you can say it wasn't put down right but let me tell you something if it can save one child's life like you said it is worth it."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Just to clarify I am not against it because I have requested them put down in my district. I am trying to find out if the new ones have been put down yet or if anything had been done yet and how it was working. I have them and I request them and I put them down."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I would have to agree with Mr. Wilson. I have requested them but that was at the request of the residents. We are required to get signatures. We get the signatures and we get them put down. It is unfortunate what happened on Madewood. It is an extremely long street so they followed the procedure and put them down every 200 feet and it became 8 speed bumps. I think it had to have come under someone's guidance of how many to put or how far apart. I think they followed the code. Now I think there is a part of it that is supposed to go to public safety that you are saying that they may have missed

but I think for the most part once with get the signatures saying that the residents want this because of a safety issue they have tended to put them down. I don't remember the ones that I requested going to public safety but I think the residents were pleased we had done something with them. All of a sudden we are saying the ordinance isn't good but the ordinance has saved lives and slowed people down and I think that was the main objective for our constituents and for the residents but all of a sudden we are trying to change things but if the ordinance is bad then maybe that is what we need to do. We need to look at the ordinance and see how we can correct it but correct it to favor our residents."

Councilman Madere stated, "In district III, I am doing exactly what the residents want and they want speed bumps and I will continue to sign off on speed bumps for them. In fact on E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street they have requested even more because the street is so long and the speed bump is on the back of the street now and the ones in the front want it now. I don't think there is anything wrong with the ordinance as far as distance you are just going to get more speed bumps."

#### **Larry Snyder - Update on Cambridge Drain inspections**

Councilman Snyder stated, "They say they have been doing this inspection, where are we on that inspection and what kind of cleaning is being done?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Mr. Nunes is out sick and he will have more information about that but the rear of Cambridge has been inspected and cleaning initiated throughout Indigo Parkway as well which is one of the flooded areas but without having Mr. Nunes here to specifically address that in his department I can't give you any more details."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Indigo Parkway is not part of Cambridge and from my understanding from studies that were done years ago they have some culverts that are underground that need changing and I thought that was the reason for the testing to see exactly what is going on with that. I haven't heard anything which is why I put it on the agenda to see what is going on with it. Are we finding anything? What are we cleaning up?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Yes the rear of Cambridge has been videoed and the cleaning has started to take place there. There is also video taking place at Indigo. Again without Mr. Nunes here to directly tell you I know there are maps that show all of the areas that have been done but again that is his area and I will defer to him to explain exactly what they are finding. I know we have videos of what is there so in addition to cleaning if there are collapsed culverts or other problems that is going to be identified which would be a different project."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to carry this over to the next agenda."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thanks Larry for putting this item on the agenda. President Robottom if it is possible as these inspections are going on if we could get an update from the PW's department even if it is just a monthly quick synopsis of where did they find some collapsed

or blockages and what is the plan to remedy them. If we could just get an update then we wouldn't have to put it on the agenda and ask we will already know what is going on."

Randy Vincent stated, "I will follow up with Brian Nunes to make sure we can come up with some type of a report."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Do you know how long they have been inspecting?"

Randy Vincent stated, "No I do not."

#### **Larry Snyder - Update on waste water lift station rehabilitation**

Councilman Snyder stated, "I spoke with Mr. Rayneri and he assured me that this project is flourishing and it is coming. I was satisfied with our discussion."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "Councilman Snyder said it is flourishing but how flourished are we? When are we going to finalize this it has been going on for such a long time and I am reading the response that the parish engineer provided the worksheet and we are waiting on FEMA to move forward. Is that so and when?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Mr. Perrilloux and Mr. Snyder since I met with Mr. Snyder we had two pieces of information that went to Royal so that we could update the requirement for FEMA and Chuck has finalized the request they have been reviewed by Royal before it goes to FEMA and we have about 5-6 small items such as prices for bolts and gaskets and things of that nature nothing very serious and that should be completed then we can issue the document to FEMA and go for approval."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "You said Chuck submitted the work sheet Thursday? Royal is the guardians of it?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "It was reviewed and they found a few more items that they needed more information to it and Chuck is working on that."

Councilman Perrilloux asked, "What kind of items do they need?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Like for example how much the price of a gasket is? How much per square feet is it going to cost for sheet pilings for the lift station? Things of that nature it is being very specific with line items piece by piece and that is what we are trying to do to comply with all of the information so that when it gets to them we have no more obstructions and it comes back clean."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "That shouldn't be hard just to get the prices for the little items that you are telling me. I can't see that holding us up."

Chuck Savoie stated, "No that part is not hard I have been working on it for months. FEMA wants and I am getting this through Royal Engineers who are administering these and what they wanted was a detailed cost estimate on what it was going to take to put the new lift we started with that then FEMA wanted to know what is it going to cost to replace and repair the existing stations. Then they came back and then they

said okay we have those prices and now they want you to start detailing it they want to know every little length of pipe that goes down they want to know what they costs, what does the elbow costs, what does this valve cost every item in that lift station they want detail on it. I mean it is detailed. So we went out and got prices on each and every one and then they want to know how long it is going to take to put that in so we came back and gave them all of these costs then now they are questions about where did you get that costs from and why do you have that costs and it goes on and on. He told me today, the man with Royal, told me today that he is finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I am going to give him some more information tomorrow and hopefully with that information, now they are the experts and I am not as far as getting with FEMA because they have done this before so I have to go with what they are telling me so I am trying to get as detailed as I can. We are down to measuring square footages in cylinders of existing stations to recoat them so that if they put them back in and this is not the proposal. This is not what we are proposing to do. We are proposing to put new stations in there but FEMA wants a comparable cost and they have done this before because they did it in another parish and they know how detailed they get so trying to recover this mitigation cost and this FEMA recovery cost it gets down to they are getting pretty sticky about what they are going to pay and they want every little detail so it has been months and months of work and I can tell you it is very detailed. It is hard to explain each and every item of it but the man that I am working with we are trying to get to where they are satisfied to go in and finally give FEMA a response and that is the best I can answer you."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "You are answering me and it sounds like a lot of details is this person a mechanical engineer or does he know about this?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "The person that I am dealing with is not an engineer. He is the guy that does the details and has engineers with him. He is submitting my information and they come back and ask me the questions."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "Okay just keep us posted because this has been going on for over 16 months and this is getting ridiculous. I am riding and am still seeing the diesel pumps out there and maybe they are quiet but we need to get rid of those."

Chuck Savoie stated, "I gave him both the final proposed and the final existing about a week ago and they should finish up the existing hopefully tomorrow and the proposed they should have by the end of this week. So I am going to see."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "My question is we have Royal Engineering as our submitter to FEMA and then we give the information to them they turn it in to FEMA and FEMA comes back to Royal and tells them we need this then they come back to you and say we need this?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "We haven't gotten to that. Royal is still compiling before they go."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "So nothing has been sent to FEMA yet?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Not as far as these costs estimates. They sent lots of other stuff but as far as the pumps that is all I am dealing with. I am dealing with the lift stations."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "The ones that we have generators running throughout the parish now?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "Correct."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "So we have not submitted anything directly to FEMA yet?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "If they have I don't know that maybe they know."

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Yes we did earlier and that is when the worksheets came back and that is where we can up with an estimate and then from that point on Royal came in and they encouraged us to make sure that we do proper descriptions."

Chuck Savoie stated, "They submitted the initial costs to them and I think that is what he is saying and now they are coming back and saying okay now detail all of this."

Virgil Rayneri stated, "We don't want to send it to them and then it goes back and forth."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "So we want to make sure that our documentation is complete before it is submitted?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "I think the goal is for Royal to get it to a detailed to where they know that they think FEMA will accept it and it isn't a comeback."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I don't want to have to wait another six months for FEMA to come back when they finally review it and get back to us and then we have to keep doing something else or something else since we have hired someone to be our expert in this let's utilize that and make sure we submit and hopefully cross our fingers that FEMA says okay."

Chuck Savoie stated, "I think that is why they are drilling me to get it to where they want it."

Virgil Rayneri stated, "GOESEP is working with us too and we are all working together to make sure that there will be minimal time to get the money allocated. The project has already been designed Chuck has done this. So we have it all designed and approved and it is just a matter of getting FEMA to approve the money and then he can start."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "What if FEMA doesn't approve the money? What is the alternative?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "I don't think that will be an issue. I don't think so. We have already been approved preliminary."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "So we do have some assurances from FEMA that once they get the information we shouldn't have any issues?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Yes."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I just want to make sure that we don't have to start over and say okay FEMA said no now what do we do?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "You are correct but what happened is all of this information goes to a person and they have a procedure that says item 22 is supposed to be this and item 25 is supposed to be this they are not engineers but we want to make sure that we clear the hurdle."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "So it has taken us this long to get that information together?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "Yes and our patience is running thin just like the residents."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I do not have a problem with the paperwork part of it as you know because I have never complained about that before but what I do have a problem with is those pumps running 20 feet from people's homes and they are kicking on at all hours of the night off and on. I got a couple of phone calls do you have generators out there doing the same thing or are the generators running all night?"

Virgil Rayneri stated, "All the diesel pumps are set on automatic so it will kick on but we do take decimal readings every so often on these different lift stations and we have had some constituents to complain about it and we go and take a reading and then we try to relocate the pump away from windows."

Councilman Snyder stated, "That is something we just can't do we have to do something else and if this takes us another 14 months and these people have to put up with this another 14 months. Are we still looking for diesel pumps with the installation around them? Do we have any of those? These pumps kick on at night and make a lot of noise and that is what people are calling us about. If this is going to take longer we need to look at doing something."

Virgil Rayneri stated, "I understand that."

#### **Larry Snyder - Insurance Committee Meetings**

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to schedule one there is an issue to talk about. I think maybe we should have a meeting maybe around 5:30 or before our next council meeting. I would say before our next council meeting. We are all on that committee we may not all be able to be there but we should try."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have one suggestion before you set the time you might want to see how long the finance committee is because whatever times that one starts then 5:30 might be enough time but if you have a long finance agenda you might need to go earlier to allow for enough time. So maybe we can set it before the meeting but base the decision on time on the finance committee agenda."

### Lennix Madere - Unsafe & blighted properties

Councilman Madere stated, "I have some concerns about the process. I know we have to go to court when we write the house up and we have to make contact with the individual who owns the property and go to court and get papers signed and I know it is a long process that takes a lot of time but I also know since we have been discussing this for a long time there is an ordinance that says if it is in immediate danger or unsafe that the parish president can sign off on it and after 24 hours of contacting the people we can knock it down and also I think I spoke to our lawyer and he said that we can request that SCP comes in and take a look at it really quick and give us another opinion on it to help us out in case we have any problems as far as knocking something down and the reason why I brought this to light is I called Ms. Sutherland the other day and she responded quick but still didn't get this thing knocked down and we are going on 4 weeks and it wasn't a house it was just a little part of the property and I think with this process we need to move fast on something like this because tomorrow or tonight we are having high winds and before I came to this meeting I went back there and checked and it was down the owners came yesterday evening and took that portion down but we did have some high winds and in a situation like that and it definitely was in danger of falling down and I think in those situations you need to exercise that power that we have to solve those problems without going to court."

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Yes this particular case that you are talking about your code officer went out there immediately and she didn't in her recommendation feel it was an emergency. I then sent a second officer out there who went and inspected. He actually called Energry and had them come and disconnect the power. He actually taped off the area and in his recommendation as well it was not in immediate danger of collapsing to where it was an emergency and it would harm any of the neighboring properties that was the recommendation of two code officers. They are the ones that go out and inspect. They are the ones that according to the code deliver the recommendation so it was as per their recommendation that we would move forward with the regular process."

Councilman Madere stated, "Well I am getting conflicting information because that is not what was told to me."

Angelic Sutherland asked, "Told to you by whom?"

Councilman Madere stated, "The code enforcement officer she didn't say that she recommended that it wasn't in danger of falling because actually after I spoke to you and took those pictures it actually did fall down some more then. It actually fell down further than it was. The main concern is there was a lot of loose tin and wood and it was such a small area I thought we could have reacted faster on that. I could understand if it was a house but it was a small thing about 14 pieces of board, 2 post and 6 pieces of galvanize piping and it took us three weeks and the tape job when we put that around there it made it look even worse. It was terrible the way the tape job was done but luckily the owners came out and they said they were going to make the decision about tearing the whole structure down but they took it down yesterday evening about 3:00 and I passed there this afternoon to make sure before I came to the meeting but in those type of situations I

*think we might need to exercise the authority that we have sometimes and it did fall again from the time they went to look at it so maybe they need to readjust how they think about a building when they look at it or go back at least a few days later to look at it again and see."*

*Angelic Sutherland stated, "I don't know the discussion you had with your code officer but that is why I sent the second one out because when your officer went out that morning by the end of the day a report had not been submitted and that person had already left the shift. So in my mind to me she didn't think it was an emergency so that is why I sent somebody else out that same day to follow up but again they came back with the same recommendation so that is what we went with and the tape job I think was meant for safety purposes so that people would be aware not to make it look pretty."*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ranney Wilson - Drainage and Drainage equipment**

*Councilman Wilson stated, "I have been having this on the agenda for a little over seven months. I don't know how you guys are getting your drainage done because I am not getting anything. I have been asked about the bond issue. I don't feel I should be using my bond issue money to take care of something that should have been maintained on a regular basis when I could have used that money to do other things in my district to help the district out. I took Mr. Vincent and Mr. Nunes out after some bad weather but you are not going to see this from a vehicle you have to get out of the vehicle and go walk to see the problems. I have gotten on my four-wheeler and I have been through some areas and that is basically what you are going to have to do is get on some four wheelers to go look at it and see what is going on. This picture (holding up photo) the last time Mr. Cashio was here from 9-25-13 this is right across the railroad tract from the sewer plant in Garyville and it is still there with the exception of one of the sheets of plywood that floated back to my house when the tide came in but the stuff is still sitting there and it is almost two months now. I mean there is no excuse for that. Leave it on the agenda because I want to be able to talk about it at the next council meeting."*

*Councilwoman Millet stated, "I want to ask you a question and believe me I sympathize with you I have more hyacinths in my canals then you can shake a stick at but my question is can our equipment get to the areas that need attention in yours? You said you have to go with a four wheeler to get back there to see the problem. Do we have access with our equipment?"*

*Councilman Wilson stated, "They would have to take trees out of the way to get to it because it hasn't been maintained in so many years it is overgrown in some places they have trees in it that are 6-8 inches in diameter but I have gone in areas for instance in back of Nalco where there is a railroad spur. I road and I can see a pipe going under the tract but when you look to see where the water gets to it they have grass about 6-8 feet high that is thick and nothing is moving through there. I mean these people in Mt. Airy every time it rains they have to put up with walking in water to get to their vehicles. They have areas in Garyville that have the same problem. Everything in Mt. Airy and Garyville drains to the canal that is in front of my house as it gets*

back in between these railroad tracts they have culverts that run under the roads. Y'all have canal problems. I just want to get the water to the canals that is all I am asking for is just to get the water to the canal so the people can have some relief. I hate to have to go and use my share or my part of the bond issue to go and take care of something that should have been happening on a regular basis for life and it is the areas like District I, II and III that don't get the attention. We all roughly have the same amount of people in our districts but you can go and take 2 square miles north of the highway and come up with as many people as we have in our entire district. I have from the St. James Parish line to E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street in Reserve. Mr. Smith has the entire West Bank and part of LaPlace and Reserve. Mr. Gauff he has all of it. These are the older parts of the parish. This is from the 1700's the people have been here and there are generations of people in these areas that we serve and they need some relief and that is all I am asking is for help this is the third time I have asked for help from this council. It doesn't seem like the administration cares to do anything about it because it isn't happening. You can make noises all you want (noises coming from the audience) but it isn't happening. They can go and dig a ditch that they can see but they are not getting out and going see the ditches that need to be dug."

Councilman Madere stated, "I would like to say Mr. Wilson did hit on a couple of things. He is talking about his district and he mentioned District I, II and III. I ride through my district and the problem mainly is neglect. I even to a ride recently with Mr. Mollere and he actually showed me some canals and ditches that I wasn't even aware of that if you passed by them you wouldn't even know they were there because they have trees in the middle of them so that has definitely caused some problems in my area where individuals have been there for 40-50 years saying how the water is getting closer and closer to their homes and that is the main reason because of the lack of maintenance that has been happening now we are stuck with the problem of having to clean all of this up and it is something that has to be done to get this water flowing. We have to get out there and clean these canals and reopen the ones that have been closed by Mother Nature and from the lack of maintenance from us we have to reopen them and that will relieve these individuals and the water will start creeping back away from their homes instead of towards their homes and I guess you could say Districts I, II & III are the senior citizens of the West Bank we have been neglected and this needs to be straightened out."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I want to make one other comment. I am not blaming this administration because I have been asking for help and haven't been getting it but this is an old problem that hasn't been done in many years and to get to the point where it is it is going to take effort and I am asking this administration to please give these people in these areas some relief that is all I am asking."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We have control over two things to help our situation. We can talk about this all night like we have been doing. We can create departments and we can control the budget. You can't tell me we can't find 2% of this budget that we can clean up and cut it back 2% which would give 1.2 million dollars to hire people. I see us spending money on so much around here and you can't tell me that we can't find 2% of fat in that budget and that will be something that comes up every years. What does it cost us to put one person to work with benefits

*\$80,000.00 a year making \$15.00 an hour we can hire twelve people we are already getting the equipment."*

Councilman Wilson stated, "You have to get the people to work them."

Councilman Snyder stated, "We can create a department. How long have we been talking about a drainage department? I know since I have been on this board. We can do it."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I am just saying the workers need to work the hours they are supposed to work."

Councilman Snyder stated, "Well a drainage department is going to work every day. 365 days of the year or however many days they work and that is what we need. It isn't going to get done until we do it."

Natalie Robottom stated, "Just for informational purposes but there is a project under the hazardous mitigation for 1.7 million dollars for the Mt. Airy area. It is a drainage project that is designed to help with the flooding in that area and they are Hurricane Isaac related dollars. Additionally your request for equipment is included in the bond issue there is about 1 million set aside for additional equipment in addition to what has already been budgeted and purchased last year and of course there are additional drainage projects in this bond issue but the drainage in Mt. Airy that you have been complaining about has been included in our hazardous mitigation grant for about 1.7 million dollars and the equipment and we did increase the employees in Public Works I know it has been a topic every meeting we have removed some of the individuals who are being paid out of public works which freed up dollars to actually hire people who work in public works. We have removed people from animal control and recreation and added some additional positions to assist with that and purchased equipment and there are additional purchases for 2014 and of course if the bond issue passes but again it is small print and I wasn't sure if you read it but there is a project for Mt. Airy in hazardous mitigation dollars from FEMA at 1.7 million dollars."

Councilman Wilson stated, "I don't think that it will take all of that hopefully it won't because I still have areas in Reserve. It is 2 miles from the River to Airline Hwy and I am glad you have that money. I am not blaming you for everything but I am asking for some action. I think we have talked to Mr. Madere, Mr. Gauff and Mr. Snyder I think you were there the plan was to address the drainage in that area."

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Natalie Robottom - Resolution - R13-39 - A resolution of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council authorizing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. John the Baptist Parish and the Office of Facility Planning and Control**

Natalie Robottom stated, "These agreements are required to move both 2013 Capital Outlay projects forward. The third project is awaiting bond commission approval. Administration recommends approval."

**MOTION:** Councilman Wright moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Resolution R13-39. A resolution of the St. John the

Baptist Parish Council authorizing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. John the Baptist Parish and the Office of Facility Planning and Control. **WHEREAS**, the Office of Facility Planning and Control receives annual Capital Outlay request for the projects to be included in the State Capital Outlay Budget; and, **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist has requested and received funds from the Office of Facility Planning and Control for the installation of cameras for the West Bank Courthouse Security System and the East Bank Courthouse Security System; and, **WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the terms of administering the project by Facility Planning and Control and they will administer this Project in accordance with the Non-State Entity Capital Outlay Administrative Guidelines; and, **WHEREAS**, the Office of Facility Planning and Control requires the approval from the parish council to enter into agreement for the said projects **NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, the St. John the Baptist Parish Council approves the cooperative endeavor agreement for funds that were requested from the Facility Planning and Control Office. The motion passed unanimously.

**Lucien Gauff - Resolution - R13-40 - A resolution in support of the Garyville Timbermill Museum Association dedicated to the saving and restoring of the former Lyons Lumber Company office building and the promotion of the Garyville Historic District area**

Councilman Snyder asked, *"Is this for the saving of it with the historical committee?"*

Councilman Wilson stated, *"This is for the historical committee."*

**MOTION:** Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Wilson seconded the motion to approve Resolution R13-40. A resolution in support of the Garyville Timbermill Museum Association dedicated to the saving and restoring of the former Lyons Lumber Company office building and the promotion of the Garyville Historic District Area. **WHEREAS**, the community of Garyville has played a major role in the history of St. John the Baptist Parish for over a century; and, **WHEREAS**, in 1903, the Lyons Lumber Company was responsible for the construction of the community of Garyville that included hotels, opera houses, lounges, rail stations, schools, and electric power; and, **WHEREAS**, in 1989, members of the community formed the Garyville Timbermill Museum Association focused on the restoration of the main office building and the promotion of the cultural and historic value provided by the Garyville Community; and, **WHEREAS**, in 2001, the museum property was donated to the State of Louisiana in the anticipation of the creation of an official museum by the Secretary of State's office; and, **WHEREAS**, in 2013, the State of Louisiana donated the property back to the Garyville Timbermill Museum Association in hopes the community would once again restore the building and open the structure for tours and educational exhibits; and, **NOW THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Parish Council commend the Garyville Timbermill Museum Association for taking the initiative to save this historic building and district and hope that others in the community will provide both moral and financial support to the good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Parish Buildings - Security

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

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

Any and all pending legal matters

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances to be introduced at tonight's meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Natalie Robottom stated, "Good Evening - I'd like to take this opportunity to remember all those affected by Typhoon Haiyan (HI YON) in the Philippines and the many lives lost as a result of winds 200 mph that ravaged buildings and towns across the country leaving tens of thousands homeless from the storm. While many of our countries military head to the Philippines to offer aid, let's pray for safe travels as well as hope for all families who remain separated. Please consider voting this Saturday, November 16 on an important bond proposal that, if approved, would fund many improvements in parish services and infrastructure with no increase in taxes. By refinancing existing bonds at lower interest rates, keeping current property taxes and retiring past debt, \$30 million in bonds would be issued to fund: Drainage, canals, pumps and levees; Water Systems; Roads and bridges; Public buildings; Parks and recreation. This bond proposal is NOT A NEW TAX OR A TAX INCREASE. To watch a short video with more information about this proposal, please visit our website at [sjbparish.com](http://sjbparish.com). And please remember to vote on Saturday, November 16. 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 hosted the third annual Veterans Parade and Celebration yesterday. The parade began at Home Depot in LaPlace around 10:00 a.m. and to the SELA War Veterans Home for a ceremony, food, fun and music. The celebration had a great turnout from the community and from our local veterans - some who rode in the parade and others who joined the celebration after. It was a very touching tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom and I want to commend everyone involved. I'd like to thank Lt. Brian Bertrand and the St. John Parish Young Marines for their effort and coordination in planning the event. We appreciated the guest speakers including Lt. General Richard P. Mills, Commander of Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North. Thank you to all who attended the Land Use Meetings to discuss Phase IV of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. All comments that were obtained during these meetings will be considered for the plan that addresses land use, transportation, hazard mitigation, housing, historic preservation and resiliency. The St John Parish 40th Judicial District Children and

Youth Services Planning Board hosted the second annual Teen Town Hall meeting on October 30. I had the pleasure of welcoming the 200 St. John Parish middle school and high school students who attended the summit. A number of sessions were held throughout summit included sessions on bullying, self-esteem, social media and civil rights throughout the day. It was a very positive and encouraging event and I to thank the Children and Youth Services Planning Board for their involvement in the community. Later that evening, Walgreens Pharmacy in LaPlace hosted a Halloween community event at Cambridge Park featuring food and drinks, candy bags, free flu shots, and visits from the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department. We would like to thank Walgreens for continuing to be a community partner will continue to partner with Walgreens on this event to ensure that next year is even bigger and better. The St. John Parish Parks and Recreation Department co-sponsored a Rise Up/ Youth Night of Fun on Halloween with Louisiana Ambassadors on Halloween night. Approximately 300 Parish children and youth attended the event which included music, food and giveaways. With the evening filled with rain, we were happy that our youth had somewhere to go for a night of fun. Town Hall meetings are a very informative way to keep residents abreast of what is happening in their area. Councilman Marvin Perrilloux recently hosted a Town Hall meeting for District 4 on October 30 and Councilman Snyder held a town hall this past Saturday. We want to continue to encourage our residents to attend these town hall meetings in an effort to address concerns and ask questions while Council Representation and Administration is present. Registration for Boys and Girls Bidy Basketball ages 5-14 is still open. We know a lot of our youth are finishing up with football and we want to encourage them to stay busy by registering for basketball. Registration forms are online or can be picked up at REGALA Gym 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Registration is \$45.00. The Support Our Troops Fundraiser Basketball Game between the St. John Sheriff's Office vs the Louisiana Army National Guard is rescheduled for Saturday, November 16 at REGALA Gym. All proceeds will go toward sending care packages to soldiers of the 1084<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company in Afghanistan. Festivities and door prizes will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the basketball game will begin at 1:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children ages 12 and younger. LaPlace Resident Kyle Olasin is hosting a 5k Run & 1 Mile Walk/Run to benefit the Team Gleason Foundation on Saturday, November 16 at Hwy 51 Park in LaPlace. The entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 & under. Register online at [mindsetgo5k.eventbrite.com](http://mindsetgo5k.eventbrite.com) or contact Kyle Olasin at 504-390-0014. St. Charles Catholic High School Stage Hands presents Broadway A La Carte, a tribute to some of the greatest musical theater moments of all time. Show time will be on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John Theatre. Admission is \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased at SCC or at the ticket window on Saturday. Best of luck to the cast. Nucor is currently offering entry level positions at their steel plan located in Convent, LA. Anyone interested in applying should visit [www.nucor.com/opportunity](http://www.nucor.com/opportunity) Before closing, I want to wish all the football players and coaches' good luck this week as they enter the playoffs."

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS**

Councilman Smith stated, "I would like to send my condolences to the Charles Herbert family and congratulations to all the teams for making the play offs."

Councilman Wilson stated, "Mr. Vincent could you please get a letter to the railroad and advise them that they need to come and take care of their business and get the crossings fixed and the culverts cleaned because that is one of the big problems that we have. I am going to get my street priority list to you in the next two weeks. To the people we need your help fall is here and the leaves are falling and this is one of the big problems that we have with drainage every year. I ask that you give us some help and keep the ditches in front of your homes clean and give us a hand because we can't do everything. Also we need to say a prayer for the people in the Philippines taking a hard hit these people need help. I don't know where all these billionaires are today but they need some help over there. I would like to acknowledge Mr. O'Neal Boe he received the Silver Star and also he was our first fire chief in Reserve. He served his country well and God Bless him."

Councilman Madere stated, "I would like to say I hope all of the veteran's had a wonderful celebration. I would also like to echo what Mr. Wilson said about the people in the Philippines we know exactly what they are going through we have been there and definitely don't want to go there any time again. Also Beech Grove Baptist Church is having their 48 year celebration on November 17<sup>th</sup> the services are at 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM."

Councilman Perrilloux stated, "I would like for prayers to go out to the Philippines but also I would like to say that New Wine has partnered with a mission and are taking donations of clothes or monetary donations you can call the church at 985-653-0008. I would like to thank Lamont Bingom for the rise up for Halloween at Regala for inviting myself, Councilmen Madere and Snyder. It was a fantastic event. We had our former director Terrence Jones put on a show over there so it was nice. Thank everybody at the Veteran's Day Parade and luncheon. It was a well-attended nice event and I can't say thank you enough to our veteran's. Although the weather didn't cooperate for Halloween we still had a lot of people with umbrellas in my area."

Councilman Wright stated, "I just want to thank all of our veteran's serving to protect our country and our freedom."

Councilman Snyder stated, "I would like to thank all of those who participated in our town hall meeting and all the people who worked on the entrance sign to Cambridge and the veteran's day was very touching and you look at all of these veteran's and you wonder what they have been through. You look at all these movies on TV but these guys actually went through it because they were part of it and you have to admire them for that. I give to the Red Cross and we know they will be present in the Philippines and for sure the money will get there. I would like to thank everyone for the program at Regala on Halloween they did a really good job and it was a great time so Thanks to Lamant."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I want to reiterate I was at the Veteran's function yesterday and it was a beautiful day to get everyone out of the home and outside in their wheel chairs and I want to thank Brian and the young marines for honoring the Veteran's on Veteran's Day it made St. John proud."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I would just like to say good luck to all of

*the River Parish high schools. They all made it to the play offs so good luck on the road to the dome. Also get out and vote you have heard us talking all night get out and vote in support of us and the bond issue."*

*Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would like to remember our Veteran's on Veteran's Day. I would like to thank Mr. Snyder for hosting the Cambridge meeting it was very good and well attended. Thanks to Councilman Perrilloux for the LaPlace Park meeting I was still sick and recovering but thank you I heard it was a very successful meeting. I would like to pass along my condolences to the Flynn Family Mr. Harold Flynn, Sr. passed away and I send well wishes to all of our teams who are playing in the play offs."*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:40 PM, Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Madere seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

/s/Jaclyn Hotard  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary