

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, 2009
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 Joel McTopy Chambers, LaPlace, Louisiana on Tuesday, November 24th, 2009, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Darnel Usry, Councilwoman District V, Richard "Dale" Wolfe, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Danny Millet, Councilman District II, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV, Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII

ABSENT: Ronnie Smith & Charles Julien

Councilman Lee led the Prayer. Councilman Millet led the Pledge.

Legal Counsels Kerry Brown and Jeff Perilloux were present.

Introduction - Sandy Cunningham - New Publisher for the L'Observateur

Sandy Cunningham, Publisher for the L'Observateur, stated, "I have been in the area since September. I am the new publisher of the L'Observateur. I want to thank Jackie for giving me a call not too long after I got here and welcoming me and inviting me to a meeting and Cheryl inviting me to come tonight. So I appreciate it. I look forward to getting to know each of you and I do see a few familiar faces. I was in the parish back in the 90's. Mr. Labat was Parish President at that time. I look forward to getting to know everyone. Feel free to give me a call or come by if you need anything or if I can help you in any way."

Mark Dejarnette - Presentation - Garyville/West Bank Historic Plan

Mark Dejarnette, Greg Cantrell Inc., briefly updated the parish on the Garyville/West Bank Historic redevelopment plan that was approved last summer for four historic areas throughout the parish. The focus was on phase one of the plan which is Garyville and the West Bank.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes November 10th, 2009, Regular Meeting; Councilman Wolfe & Councilman Julien re-appointment of Leroy Williams to the Library Board of Control; Parade Permit Approval - Krewe du Monde - February 14, 2010 - Noon until 5:00 PM

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes November 10th, 2009, Regular Meeting; Councilman Wolfe & Councilman Julien re-appointment of Leroy Williams to the Library Board

of Control; Parade Permit Approval - Krewe du Monde - February 14, 2010 - Noon until 5:00 PM. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

09-36 (Tabled 11-10-09) (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance introducing the Annual Operating Budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and Parishwide Sewerage Construction Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010. (P. McTopy)

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 09-36 from the table. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

Councilman Lee stated, *"Like I said at the last meeting I think it is an excellent budget. I have certainly had sufficient time to go over it. If I have fellow council members that need more time, which I had one fellow council member mention earlier, I have no problem with that. As we all know it must be approved by December 31st and we still have quite a bit of time. So I will yield to some comments from the council on that."*

Councilman Lewis stated, *"I would like to see it done with everybody here. We have two members absent tonight and they might have something that they would like to say. I think to approve it tonight would be an injustice to them not being here. I would rather wait until the first meeting in December to pass the budget."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to table Ordinance 09-36. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

09-38 An ordinance to amend Section 27:535 of the Code of Ordinances Book: Chapter J, lines 2 & 3 to read as follows: 2. Public Street signs shall be white with 4" blue high intensity reflective lettering along with Parish logo. The size of sign shall be 6" x 36" or 6" x 48" depending on the length of the Street name. 3. Private street signs shall be blue with 4" white high intensity reflective lettering. The size of sign shall be 6" x 36" or 6" x 48" depending on the length of the street name. (B. Boe)

Buddy Boe stated, *"The administration who submitted this ordinance is asking for the denial of this ordinance. The original intention was to submit an ordinance that allowed in our historic districts a more creative sign to be installed once we started doing some projects in the historic districts. The ordinance was introduced inadvertently changing all of the parish signs to a new design. So we would like for you to deny this ordinance and we will re-submit in the next few council meetings an ordinance that allows in the historic districts envisioned in the historic redevelopment plan a different type of sign if we so choose to install that."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to deny Ordinance 09-38. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

09-39 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to add the nomenclature "Jack S. Snowdy" to the existing W. 4th Street in Reserve, LA. (P. McTopy)

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Wolfe Councilman seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 09-39. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith and Julien absent.

Proclamation - Honoring Mr. Jack Sterling Snowdy

Buddy Boe stated, *"Whereas, Mr. Jack Sterling Snowdy dedicated thirty-eight years as an educator, inspiring and challenging the students of Leon Godchaux High School, DeLaSalle High School, and St. Charles Catholic High School; and Whereas, Mr. Snowdy fulfilled his vision of establishing a cultural center for the Parish when he spearheaded the founding of St. John Theatre where he directed many plays and served as the first managing director; and Whereas, Mr. Snowdy introduced the Parish to Missoula, the Delta Ballet, Carnival Balls, the Notre Dame band, and many other cultural events demonstrating that he was a true impresario and promoter of the arts; and Whereas, Mr. Snowdy had the diligence, devotion, and dedication to make his neighborhood, community, and parish a better place to live; Therefore, be it resolved, that West 4th Street in Reserve be additionally named in his honor as a tribute to his efforts and achievements and a testament to his passion in making a personal difference in so many lives."*

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to be introduced at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Lee stated, *"At 6:15 this evening the finance committee met. I would ask that we get a motion by my fellow council members to endorse such actions taken."*

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to accept the bid from Lawson-Bonet Construction in the amount of \$133,866.00 for the Ruddock Water Station No. 3 lift station, granted administration authorization to go out for RFP's for engineering services in connection with CIAP Reserve Relief Canal, granted administration authorization to go out for RFP's for engineering services in connection with CIAP Lac Des Allemands. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith and Julien absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

There were no personnel matters at this time.

Cheryl Millet - Update NANO filtration

C.J. Savoie stated, "As you all are well aware the NANO filtration system was shut down for a period of time due to having the membranes cleaned. We sent them off. We have them cleaned. They are now back and installed. The system was turned back on Friday. It has now been about three and a half days and it takes about that to change over the system because the tanks and so forth have to empty and refill. So you should start seeing by now some change in the water system back to what it was prior."

Councilman Wolfe asked, "Are we getting any water from the Reserve system, the Lions Plant?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "I think that some of the water is going in there. I think we are pumping some additional water from Lions to assist the NANO filtration system and I think it is coming up to as far as River Parish Hospital."

Councilman Wolfe asked, "How long should that last? I am asking how long should we be taking water from that Lions?"

Chuck Savoie stated, "I think with in three and a half to four days."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "Alright that is all I wanted to know."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Wolfe stated, "At our last council meeting, I just want to set the record straight because it is politics time, we had an item on the agenda dealing with a contract that we had entered into. It was a building that we were leasing I guess from one of our local businesses. To get directly to the point, it was said that Dale Wolfe took someone's contract. I was notified and I assume all the other council members were that we had entered into a contract and we had leased a building. I was told that we weren't using the building and we were spending our money recklessly. It was on the agenda. The motion was made to terminate that contract. It passed by 7 yeas and 2 absent. So I want the word to get out and tell that young man that Dale Wolfe didn't take his contract. I didn't know anything about the contract. As a matter of fact he always told me that this administration wasn't doing anything for him. I want to set the record straight. I have a responsibility. I am going to live up to my responsibility. If he wants to feel that I took his contract and go around telling folks that Dale Wolfe took his contract feel free. At all times I will defend my actions, my character and my reputation. Thank you."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I just want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the time off. The parish offices will be closed on

Thursday and Friday and will resume normal activity on Monday."

Councilwoman Usry stated, *"I also want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Go Saints."*

Councilwoman Millet stated, *"I want to wish my husband a Happy Anniversary. We have had twenty-six years together now. I just want to make sure I let him no that."*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

There were no presidential remarks.

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Lee seconded the motion to go into executive session. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

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

Any and all pending legal matters

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to go back into regular session. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to authorize legal counsel to settle all legal matters with the archdiocese. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith & Julien absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:20 PM, Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilmen Smith and Julien absent.

/s/Cheryl Millet
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary