

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008
CHAIR JACLYN HOTARD
VICE CHAIR RONNIE SMITH

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, December 09, 2008, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Darnel Usry, Councilwoman District V, Ronnie Smith, Councilman District VI, Danny Millet, Councilman District II, Dale Wolfe, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Charles Julien, Councilman District III, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV

ABSENT: Cheryl Millet & Steve Lee

Councilman Smith led the Prayer. Councilwoman Usry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Hubbard, Parish President, was present.

Legal Counsel Jeff Perrilloux was present.

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to go into recess, to go back into the finance meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet and Councilman Lee absent.

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to go back into the regular council meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes November 25, 2008, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes November 25, 2008, Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

08-69 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance approving modification to the current building permits fee schedule between the Parish Government of St. John the Baptist and South Central Planning and Development Commission. (M. Henderson)

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 08-69. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

08-70 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance for a Re-subdivision of Parcel M-2-B of Riverwood Business Park, Riverwood Subdivision into Parcels herein designated as Parcel M-2-B-1 and Parcel M-2-B-2 of Riverwood Business Park, Riverwood Subdivision situated in Section 27, T-11-S, R-7-E, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. (Riverlands Residential PZ-08-025) (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 08-70. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

08-71 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to grant an additional 12-month extension of the conditional approval for Monica Estates Subdivision, Lots 1-51, situated in Sections 10 & 11, T-11-S, R-6-E, Garyville, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana. (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion to accept Ordinance 08-71. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

08-72 An ordinance to provide for the imposition of a franchise fee on cable and/or video service providers within the Parish of St. John the Baptist; to provide for occupation of or work within the right of way; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters. (B. Hubbard)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Smith stated, "*I would like to ask that the council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.*"

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to accept the one bid for pump repairs from Parson & Sanderson, awarded the bid for general maintenance to Pipeworks Plumbing and Equipment, accepted administrations recommendation and appoint Natalie Tatje as the Agent of Record for the Parish, granted administration authorization to renew the contract with Guidry Associates, LLC for two years, adopted R08-31, A Resolution declaring an emergency concerning the raw water intake structure at the Edgard Water Treatment Plant. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Lee) and 1 absent (Cheryl Millet).

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

Councilman Wolfe had nothing at this time.

Ronnie Smith/Jaclyn Hotard/Montgomery Watson/GE - Report on the NANO filtration project

Councilman Smith stated, "*At this time I am okay with this matter.*"

Administration is on top of it. From the report that we received at the last meeting, if it is okay with you unless you have further issues with this I would like to remove this item from the agenda."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "That is fine."

Paul Oncale, Director of Public Safety, stated, "This was a last minute thing. It was just authorized yesterday. It didn't make the agenda. It is an update on Carrollwood Drive. It is near completion within the next two weeks it should be in service. There is a change that is going to be made. I wanted to make the public aware of it. Actually what we are going to do is take the right hand lane of Carrollwood entering into US 61 and make it a right turn only. The same thing that we do on Hemlock, we are going to mirror Carrollwood like we do Hemlock. The left hand lane will be straight across into Hemlock or turn left into US 61. The state is in agreement with this. They are going to put the signs up, all the markings and everything is going to be in place before the road is opened and we will advertise it on Channel 15 also."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I am so happy to hear that. You know that is the way it was before and when I asked them to look at it again last year they said they didn't want to change it back."

Councilman Lee stated, "That is an excellent idea Paul, but again a couple of times I have had to mention this to you, before you bring something like this publicly and decide what is going to be done. I suggest that you give the council a written report. This is mine and Jaclyn's district and territory. We have worked very hard and close with the administration. So to tell the public tonight that this is definitive and what is going to happen I believe is out of line. I ask that you have a written report on my desk tomorrow morning outlining exactly what you and the administration are recommending and what the state is also recommending. Please."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Hubbard - Resolution - R08-30 - A Resolution supporting Marathon Oil Company's application to expand their Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Subzone

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to approve Resolution R08-30. A Resolution supporting Marathon Oil Company's application to expand their Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Subzone.

WHEREAS, Marathon Oil Company is currently located in a Foreign Trade Zone Subzone at the Garyville facility, and; **WHEREAS**, the Port of South Louisiana serves as the grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #124 and the 12 sub-zones within the Port's jurisdiction, and; **WHEREAS**, the area proposed for the expanded Subzone will include the facility expansion currently underway at Marathon Garyville, and; **WHEREAS**, Marathon's \$3.2 billion expansion investment significantly impacts St. John the Baptist Parish and when completed will create 75 new full-time contract jobs and approximately 200 new full-time manufacturing jobs, and; **WHEREAS**, Economic growth and

development are stimulated because opportunities are created for suppliers and service providers in the community, and; **WHEREAS**, FTZ was designed to promote American competitiveness by encouraging companies to expand their operations in the United States, and; **WHEREAS**, Marathon Oil Company has always been a good neighbor to the surrounding area including residents, civic groups and schools and is one of the Parish's largest employers, and; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Parish President and members of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council support Marathon Oil Company's application to expand their Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Subzone at their Garyville facility in St. John the Baptist Parish. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Wolfe stated, "I think the next meeting will be your last meeting. I want to campaign for the chairmanship. I am just clowning. We already know who is going to take your place."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I have a petition from Rising Star Baptist Church here in LaPlace that I want to turn over to administration for a speed bump. I wanted to make sure they know that I delivered it to you."

Councilman Julien stated, "I just wanted to ask administration to please check on the lights that are supposed to be going up on 3170, which is the new road in Reserve."

Pat McTopy, Chief Administrative Officer, stated, "We spoke about that today at the staff meeting. Public works is going to be soliciting for the installation of some additional lights at that location. We are trying to do it a step at a time. If you have any questions I will explain further."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bill Hubbard, Parish President, stated, "I just wanted to encourage all of our residents, you know it is Christmas time, everybody is out shopping since Thanksgiving is over. Let us try to shop LaPlace. Let's try to shop St. John Parish this year. That helps everybody out. It helps generate funds for services. We can fix your potholes. It helps the kids out. When I was a kid it was marketed very well to shop St. John. So I just wanted to let the public know it really is important to try and spend our dollars here locally. So if we could just make an honest effort to do that, we really would appreciate it. It would help me help you. The sheriff is doing a good job. He is patrolling the shopping centers. There are patrols everywhere. I was pretty impressed with that. In the next week or so council members, I am going to be holding some meetings with groups of you to talk about the bond issue. If you recall earlier this year our bond issue failed by 72 votes and we had some other items on the ballot at that time that I think really hampered our votes. We are going to dress it up a little bit. I want your input to see what we can do to make things better. It is important for our parish. Just September 1st we had Hurricane Gustav that hit us. I think we all know that we have drainage issues. We have so many issues. This would be a great help if we can get this passed. I am going to be meeting with you all and I want your input and your help. I

am looking forward to meeting with you on that."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I am just happy that you said on camera that if we shop St. John you are going to fix our potholes. So I am going to definitely make sure that I shop at Wal-Mart this weekend and get you a list."

Councilman Wolfe stated, "I got a call saying that the council meeting is not televised. Any reason?"

Richard Marino stated, "They are having problems with Comcast, but RTC is on."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "He said that the cable company is having trouble right now. If you have RTC they are not having trouble, but Comcast is having trouble. Maybe we can get a call into them tomorrow so that they can address this."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Employee Back Pay

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

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

Cable Franchise Negotiations

Any and all pending legal matters.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:02 PM, Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Millet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwoman Millet absent.

/s/Jaclyn Hotard
COUNCIL CHAIR

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary