

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 2008, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ABSENT: Dale Wolfe

Councilwoman Hotard asked that in lieu of the prayer that we bow our heads in a moment of silence for the recent events that have taken place and directly affected our CAO, Pat McTopy. So please keep these families, friends, kids and everybody in your prayers. This whole community is going to need a lot of prayers right now. So please bow your heads.

Councilwoman Millet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Hubbard, Parish President, was present.

Legal Counsels Jeff Perilloux, Barry Landry and Kerry Brown were present.

Cheryl Millet - Presentation - River Parish Community College

Councilwoman Millet stated, "*Lisa Watson is here with River Parish Community College. She has a little presentation that she would like to make. I think it is important that the people of our community know what is available right next door to us, the advantages that we have with having this community college at our disposal.*"

Lisa Watson, River Parish Community College, thanked the council for allowing her to speak tonight. She commented that the college has been serving the parish for ten years now. They are members of Louisiana Community and Technical college system. Their vision is to be the premier system of community and technical colleges in the nation and the most responsive in meeting the higher education and workforce needs of Louisiana students, communities, and businesses. They feel that colleges do not have needs; communities have needs, and their college is here to meet those needs. They play a vital roll in offering students, especially first generation students, the opportunity to

obtain associates degrees and or general education courses needed at four year universities in classrooms that are the size of twenty-five to thirty students at a low cost. They are located a quarter of a mile off of I-10 on Hwy. 22. It is the same exit as the Sunshine Bridge in Sorrento. They are an accredited community college. They are accredited by the same agencies that accredit LSU, Tulane, Southeastern and Nicholls as well. Therefore they can provide the same student and financial aid support to their students as the four year schools, but the cost of attending full time for them is about half of a four year university or about \$935.00 including fees per semester. She again thanked the council for their time.

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "We have Mr. John Gordon, from Senator Vitter's office, he would like to say hello."

John Gordon, Community Liaison, stated, "I am here to introduce myself as the new liaison to this parish from Senator Vitter's office. So I would like for you all to think of me as a resource. On one hand to provide you with the information of what is going on at the federal level that can effect you, but on the other hand to make the resources of a senator's office at your disposal to the greatest degree that I can."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Thank you so much. We will get everything together and send you one big happy email okay."

Ronnie Smith - Mosquito Control

Councilman Smith stated, "As we all may know or may not know, there was recently a positive test that was found by Mosquito Control for West Nile Virus in our Parish. So I decided to have Mosquito Control come down and explain exactly what happened and what they did or what they are doing to make sure that our parish is safe."

Sam Stein, Mosquito Control, stated, "Thank you for the opportunity to be able to come here and speak to you on our current findings. The mosquito of interest is called the southern house mosquito. This mosquito is the major vector for West Nile Virus, St. Louis encephalitis and Eastern encephalitis. So you can see the medical importance of this mosquito. The mosquito usually has the virus after it has taken a blood meal. This blood meal enables the mosquito to become pregnant and lay its eggs. This is when we want to trap it. The mosquito looks for a highly septic area, highly organic and we mimic this by mixing fish emulsion oil with water. So as you can imagine this is pretty disgusting and perfect for attracting this mosquito. We fill a bucket with this solution and the mosquito will come to the solution to lay its eggs. It will than be sucked up by a fan to a net and the net is collected the next day and sent to LSU, the diagnostic laboratory, for testing. We place seven of these traps throughout St. John Parish once a week. We normally do new locations, but if we have a positive we will revisit the area often and frequently. The grab a trap that tested positive recently was on July 28th. The initial confirmation came from LSU on that Friday, which was four days later. We enacted our virus protocol, which is immediately notifying St. John Officials and distributing pamphlets door to door. We like to be as visible as possible. We distribute the pamphlets up to five city blocks and we go door to door, we look for situations at the residents for breeding for

this particular mosquito. Further measures are treating drains and streets. We also send the trucks for three consecutive nights, weather permitting, we were actually delayed a little bit from the weather during that week. Following this we will place three more grab a traps in the immediate area, we will collect these and send them to our biologists for testing in our lab. The reason for doing this is that we get an immediate indication of whether we have taken control of the area or if the West Nile is still apparent in the mosquitoes, which is wasn't in this case. If there are any more than 100 mosquitoes we will continue efforts for another week, spraying the three nights or if there is another positive we will repeat the measure possibly bringing in a plane to take care of the situation. We do consider this area under control and we will continue to monitor it throughout the year."

Councilman Smith asked, "You said that the community is safe at this time, correct?"

Sam Stein stated, "That is correct and we will continue to monitor it."

Councilman Smith stated, "That is what I wanted the public to realize. All of the things that had been done to ensure their safety."

Sam Stein stated, "We will also be spraying that area with a plane on Saturday."

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes July 22, 2008, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Riverlands Golf & Country Club - Labor Day Fireworks Display - Sunday, August 31, 2008 - 8:30 PM; Permit Approval - St. Hubert Catholic Church Festival - September 26, 2008 through September 28, 2008.

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of Approval of Minutes July 22, 2008, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval - Riverlands Golf & Country Club - Labor Day Fireworks Display - Sunday, August 31, 2008 - 8:30 PM; Permit Approval - St. Hubert Catholic Church Festival - September 26, 2008 through September 28, 2008. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

08-41 (Public Hearing Held)(Tabled 7-22-08) An ordinance to accept Hurricanes Katrina & Rita surge inundation and advisory base flood elevation maps as issued by FEMA as the Parish's official flood elevation reference as they pertain to the unincorporated areas of St. John the Baptist Parish. (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to remove Ordinance 08-41 from the table. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Councilman Lee stated, "At this time I would like to make a motion to reject ordinance 08-41. First of all we had lengthy discussion at the last council meeting regarding this. It was a very controversial issue. It has been going on since Katrina. I want to thank several people here."

Senator Chaisson, the head of LRA Paul Rainwater, our Parish President Bill Hubbard, the local builders and developers, but most of all my fellow council members for yielding to me and trusting me on this particular issue because since over the last three weeks, what we had hoped to take place transpired Thursday or Friday of last week. I want to thank Paul Oncale also. These flood elevation maps that came in, the actual flood elevation maps, not the advisory base maps, came in and all of us will be getting a good look at these maps over the next few days. Our contention all along was that the advisory base flood elevations were way out of whack with regards to St. John Parish and it was very clear that that was obvious and the fact that the action we took was very prudent and it prevented us from doing something that could have been very detrimental to a process that now begins, now that we have what is called the firm maps from FEMA. So I want to thank my fellow council members and be ready to go through this process because it is very important to the people of St. John Parish. I think we made an excellent decision and again I want to thank my fellow council members."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would just like to thank you Councilman Lee for your insight on this. You had a lot of history on that and it sort of help us with this item."

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to **REJECT** Ordinance 08-41. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

08-42 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending Ordinance 08-18 to rename the following Streets: American Spirit Ave. to Sugarcane Road. (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 08-42. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

08-43 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Section 26:156 by replacing it with the Following: SECTION 26:156 REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS, CATCH BASINS AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES (B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 08-43. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

08-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to amend Ordinance # 08-26 enacting the following changes to the pay scale based on the findings of a comparative study of salaries and benefits conducted on the St. John the Baptist Parish Council workforce and the approval of the Civil Service Board. Upgrade Equipment Operator I from Grade 3 to Grade 4; Upgrade Equipment II from Grade 5 to Grade 6
Upgrade Equipment III from Grade 6 to Grade 7
Upgrade Equipment Operator IV from Grade 8 to Grade 9
Upgrade Mechanic from Grade 7 to Grade 8
Upgrade Electrician from Grade 7 to Grade 8
Upgrade Carpenter from Grade 7 to Grade 8
Upgrade Wastewater Plant Operator I from Grade 3 to Grade 4
Upgrade Wastewater Plant Operator II from Grade 5 to Grade 6
Upgrade Wastewater Plant Operator III from Grade 6 to Grade 7
Upgrade Wastewater Plant Operator IV from Grade 7 to Grade 8

(B. Hubbard)

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 08-44. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

08-45 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance to provide a two percent (2%) increase for all Hourly employees of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council based on the results of a comparative study of salaries and benefits conducted on the St. John the Baptist Parish Council workforce and the approval of the Civil Service Board. (B. Hubbard)

Councilman Lewis stated, "I am going to support the 2%. I would like to see in the future we give across the board raises instead of percentage raises. All it does is make the big guy bigger and the little guy smaller. I would say if we are going to give .25 cents then give everybody .25 cents or if you give .50 cents give everyone .50 cents. The people that are making the most money are going to get the biggest raises. The little fellow is going to stay down. You are never going to have any equalization there."

Councilman Julien asked, "When will the employees see the raises on their checks?"

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would think the next pay period. Once we adopt the ordinance, it takes five days for the ordinance to become law and the next pay period after the ordinance is actually law would be when it is going to go into affect."

Stacey Cador, Director of Human Resources, stated, "That is correct."

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 08-45. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

08-46 An ordinance to amend Section 28:3 B2 (water disconnection and re-Connection fees) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances to read as follows: **SECTION 28:3B2 - The customer can only be reconnected after they have met their obligation to the utility company. If payment is received before 2:30 P.M. the service person will be called by radio to reconnect services that day. If payment is made after 2:30 P.M. services will be reconnected the following business day. To reconnect service, the service person will take the proper meter out of storage and replace it. He will then complete the work and return it to the Billing Department for processing.** (B. Hubbard)

08-47 That Section 2:3 of Sub-Chapter A, "In General" of Chapter 2 of the St. John the Baptist Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended so as to merge precincts 4-5, 4-6 and 4-8 into precinct 4-8 (J. Hotard)

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 Julien seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to take the bids for the telecommunications system under advisement, approved to take the one bid for electrical miscellaneous repairs under advisement, accepted the proposal for the St. John the Baptist Parish Historic redevelopment and beautification plan from Greg Cantrell, Inc., authorized administration to enter into contract with C.J. Savoie Consulting Engineers for engineering services for the Lions Water Plant expansion project, approved **Resolution R08-25**. A resolution authorizing the execution of the appropriate contract with South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for performance of administrative services in connection with the Lions Water Plant EDA and EDAP Grants, approved **Resolution R08-26**. A resolution authorizing the execution of the appropriate contract with South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) in the amount of \$5,500 for performance of administrative services in connection with the Lions Water Plant Delta Regional Authority Grant, authorized administration to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the state in connection with the \$1,000,000 EDAP Grant, authorized administration to purchase four trucks in the amount of \$19,397.00 each and one SUV in the amount of \$27,580.00, granted administration authorization to seek proposals for an asset management program for St. John's Geographic Information System (GIS), granted administration authorization to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with St. James Parish for the sale of surplus water meters, and authorized administration to go out for bids for the Carrollwood Road Project. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Dale Wolfe - Personnel Matters

Councilman Wolfe was absent. We wish him a speedy recovery and will carry this item over for the next meeting.

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

Ray Rials, MWH, stated, "We are on track from what we told you last time. No the water is not on. We are making progress. The tasks are being done and there is no change from what I said last time. It will be the week of August 28th, 2008."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "You are being recorded. If you have ever seen Erin Brockovitch, we were talking about it last time when they had the problems with the water. We are going to fix you a big glass every time you come up here so that maybe you will fix it up a little bit quicker."

Charles Julien - Complete/Incomplete work orders in District III

Councilman Julien stated, "Nothing at this time."

Jaclyn Hotard - Update on FEMA trailers

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I have received information from administration on this matter and they are working on this."

Jaclyn Hotard - Request administration to send a letter to the State Legislative Delegation and the Department of Transportation to adequately maintain the grass on all state highways

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I would just like to make that request, that we can send something to them."

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Oncale - LNO - BTA Oil Producers - A letter of no objection for a proposed drill site/test well for oil & gas in Garyville, LA in Section 67, T-11-S, R-06-E

Paul Oncale, Director of Public Safety, stated, "This particular BTA, several months ago this council approved a similar well on the south side of US 61. Now they want to drill another test well on the north side of US 61 in Garyville. The actual location is between Nick's shooting range and WCKW Radio station. I visited the site. We put one restriction on them. They cannot be any closer than 300 feet from US 61. They have obtained a permit from DOTD for ingress and egress off of US 61 to the property and they have applied for a joint permit application with the Army Corp of Engineers and DNR and administration recommends approval of the Letter of No Objection."

Arnold Anderson, Garyville, stated, "My concern is has anyone looked out for the welfare of the residents of Garyville. Or has anyone talked about royalties considering the residents of Garyville? Did anyone talk about the safety of drilling? Is the run off going to affect the water in Garyville?"

Paul Oncale stated, "Mr. Anderson as far as the safety of the drilling and so forth, all of that has been taken into consideration. They have gone through all of the proper procedures. I and the parish engineer has reviewed it. As far as mineral rights, that is not my field. That would be a legal matter and I cannot answer that question. I am sure if there is gas or oil discovered on that property, the property owners in the near vicinity will be compensated. I think that is how it works. It is a test well to see if there is gas or oil there. Nothing has been discovered."

Arnold Anderson stated, "I would like to know how I go about being informed of future studies in this process. This is the first I have heard about this."

Paul Oncale stated, "It was advertised in the newspaper, it has to be, which we did. I can get your address and send you information as needed."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "If you have a number we can notify you through the administration."

Arnold Anderson stated, "One other thing I would like to ask, will there be any other discussion before we just issue permits for these people to conduct business?"

Paul Oncale stated, "No sir, we always post public notices and you can always voice your concerns at the council meetings."

MOTION: Councilman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to grant a LNO, letter of no objection, for a proposed drill site/test well for oil & gas in Garyville, LA in Section 67, T-11-S, R-06-E. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Dale Wolfe - Override Planning and Zoning - Trailer Placement - Charlie Roussel - E. 26th Street - Reserve

Councilman Julien stated, "I would like to put the public on notice that we are intending to override Planning and Zoning."

Vince Lucia - Resolution - R08-22 - (Public Hearing Held) A Resolution to adopt the adjusted millage rates for 2008

Hugh Martin, Parish Bond Attorney, stated, "This resolution is part of a two step requirement under the state law to levy your millages this year. As everyone is probably aware, this year is a re-assessment year during which the assessor of the parish re-assessed all property that was on the assessment roll last year to give it the current market value. In most cases people's property came up a little and as a result of that the state law requires that you levy your millage this year at the same millage that you levied last year. It takes two steps. The first step is to adopt this resolution which levies millage at a slightly reduced rate to compensate for the increase in the assessed evaluation which results in the same amount of dollars being generated on this years current new assessment roll that was on last years assessment roll. So you have a slight roll back in those millages which are to be levied again in the second resolution."

Councilwoman Usry stated, "Mr. Martin could you tell the public how much is that slight roll back."

Hugh Martin stated, "It is very minor. The roll back would produce I will tell you the mills. The mills that were 4.11 mills would be rolled back to 4.0 mills; there was a millage at 1.01 mills the roll back would be to .99 mills. There was another that was 1 mill rolled back to .98 mill, two of those and one that was at .48 mills rolled back to 1.47 mills and another which was 98 mills was rolled back to .96. So they are very minor. This roll back does not affect under the law the millage levy to retire bonds, that millage is exempt from the roll back provisions and the council makes a separate determination as to the money amount needed for debt services as to whether it would roll back or not. The first step would roll back these minor amounts. It is a recommendation that we go in the next step to go back to those millage rates which were in affect last year, which would make it even with the exception of the fact that the bond millage rate would be reduced by

1.5 mills resulting in a reduction in the tax bill of the parish people by 1.5 mills on that base. It is a two step process. The first one is a roll back. The next one rolls it back to what it was, but also reduces the bond millage so that there is a net reduction."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "So overall we are reducing our millage by 1.5 of what we collect. Out of the 123 mills I think that a person pays, 40 mills come from us and we are rolling ours back 1.5 mills."

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Smith seconded the motion to approve Resolution R08-22. **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council in a public hearing held on August 12, 2008, which hearing was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollars of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem within said Parish for the year 2008, for the purpose of raising revenue:

<u>MILLAGE</u>		
General Alimony [OP] (1065007)		4.04 Mills
Courthouse & Jail Maintenance		.99Mills
Council on Aging [CM] (1065039)		.98 Mills
Juvenile Detention Center [MT] (1065036)		.96 Mills
Mosquito Abatement District [AO] (1065035)		.47 Mills
Public Building Men. Retarded [MO] (1065038)		.96 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2008 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same taxing authority in accordance with law. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Vince Lucia - Resolution - R08-23 - (Public Hearing Held) A Resolution to adopt the millage rates for 2008

Hugh Martin stated, "This is the second part of that process."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve **Resolution R08-23. BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council in a public hearing held on August 12, 2008, which hearing was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing authority voted to increase the millage rates, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates, on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2008 and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rates are:

<u>MILLAGE</u>	<u>Adjusted Rates</u>	<u>2008 Levy</u>
General Alimony[OP](1065007)	4.04 Mills	4.11 Mills
Courthouse & Jail Maintenance	.99Mills	1.01 Mills
Library [CM] (1065015)		10.00 Mills
Council on Aging [CM] (1065039)	.98 Mills	1.00 Mills
Road Lighting District No. 1 [MO] (1065019)		4.86 Mills
Juvenile Detention Center [MT] (1065036)	.96 Mills	.98 Mills

Mosquito Abatement District [AO] (1065035)	.47 Mills	.48 Mills
Health Unit [MO] (1065016)		.97 Mills
Public Building Men. Retarded [MO] (1065038)	.96 Mills	.98 Mills
*General Obligation Bonds		14.5 Mills

*Includes

Series 2005	Issued for \$1,200,000	1 mills
Series 2004	Issued for \$8,300,000	2.5 mills
Series 2003	Issued for \$11,365,000	4 mills
Series 2002	Issued for \$ 6,635,000	2 mills
Series 2002	Refunding \$1,525,000	1 mill
Series 1998A	Issued for \$6,000,000	2 mills
Series 1998 B	Issued for \$2,930,000	2 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2008 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same taxing authority in accordance with law. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Hugh Martin - Resolution - R08-24 - To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of The special elections held in (i) the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana and (ii) the Mosquito Abatement District of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 19, 2008, to authorize incurring of debt and issuance of bonds and the renewal of a special tax therein.

Hugh Martin, Bond Attorney, stated, "The official tabulation as you will recall, there were two propositions on the ballot. The first was a proposition for the authorization to issue advalorem tax bonds in the amount of twenty five million dollars in that particular proposition the vote was 1,710 votes for the proposition and 1,793 against. That proposition failed by 74 votes. The second proposition was one to renew the millage for mosquito control and that proposition received 1,993 votes in favor and 1,590 against for a majority in favor of 403 votes. This resolution will officially declare the results of the election."

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R08-24. A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special elections held in the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana and the Mosquito Abatement District of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana on Saturday, July 19, 2008, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds and the renewal of a special tax therein. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

Hugh Martin - Resolution - R08-27 - To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed \$4,750,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Hugh Martin stated, "In 1998 the parish sold two issues of bonds and at

the time I received some favorable interest rates and the bonds have been out there for the past ten years and they have been retired. However interest rates have now come down. So it is possible to refund these bonds. This is very similar to refinancing the mortgage on your home. If you have a high interest rate now and the rates are going lower you can get a new mortgage at a lower interest rate and take that money and pay off the old mortgage. The bond issues work the same way. You could sell new bonds now at a lower interest rate than is being paid on the old bonds, take the money from the sale of the bonds and pay the old ones off so you end up with only the new bonds at the lower interest rate. I can go through a lot of details, but the effect of this if you were to do it and this is an estimated savings, it is a conservative estimate, if you did this and paid all of the expenses in connection with the transaction that you would save \$223,000.00 in interest approximately that the tax payers would not have to pay. That is after paying all expenses."

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve Resolution R08-27. A Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not to exceed \$4,750,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana, making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Julien stated, "I would like to commend Mr. Anderson for coming tonight to show his concern for his community. I would like to encourage other individuals of my district for sure to come and participate in the meetings. I think that is how you hold government accountable. Keep up the good work Mr. Anderson."

Councilman Smith stated, "I would just like to thank the individuals in District VI that had the Night Out Against Crime. I think it was a great success. I passed by all of them and they were really enjoyable. Again thank you for participating and for thinking about District VI's safety and the concerns that we all spoke about. Again thank you."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

There were no president remarks.

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 7:10 PM, Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Wolfe absent.

/s/Jaclyn Hotard
COUNCIL CHAIR

/s/Jackie Landeche
Council Secretary