

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2011
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 Wednesday, October 12th, 2011, at 6:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Lucien Gauff, III, Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Cheryl Millet, Councilwoman District VII, Ronnie Smith, Councilman District VI, Jaclyn Hotard, Councilwoman District IV, Darnel C. Usry, Councilwoman District V, Haston Lewis, Councilman District I, Charles Julien, Councilman, District III

ABSENT: Danny Millet, Councilman District II & Steve Lee, Councilman-at-Large, Div. B

Councilman Julien led the Prayer. Councilman Gauff led the Pledge.

Legal Counsels Tom Daley & Billy O'Regan were present.

Haston Lewis/Judge Madeline Jasmine – Candidate for 5th Circuit Court of Appeals

Candice Hamilton, Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Madeline Jasmine, on behalf of Judge Jasmine would like to express her sincere appreciation for the opportunity to speak with the council as well as the citizens of St. John this afternoon. "However as we speak our criminal court docket is actually still in progress and the Judge recognizes that ultimately her responsibility first and foremost are to the citizens of St. John to ensure that they have due process, equal opportunity and access to the judicial process. Therefore she will be unable to attend but it is this same dedication to the citizens of this parish, as well as to the citizens of St. John that she plans to take to the bench if and when she is elected to the Court of Appeals, Louisiana 5th Circuit on October 22nd, 2011. Therefore thank you for your time and we ask for your vote. Thank you."

Ronnie Smith/Gillis Windham – Candidate for State Representative District 81

Gillis Windham commented that he is running for the State Representative seat in District 81. He is a 5 term mayor of the town of Killian, Deacon of Killian Baptist Church. He is a Shiner and member of Albany Masonic Lodge. He is the board president of Quad Area Community Agency, the largest community agency in the state. He is the board chairman of Carter Plantation Community Development District. He is a graduate of Morgan City High School, the University of Southern Mississippi and Louisiana State University Banking School of the South. As state Representative he will protect our tax dollars, enhance our quality of life, make medical services more accessible and affordable,

increase educational opportunities, better our roads and bridges, create economic growth, lower insurance premiums, protect the young and the elderly, develop cooperative alliances, create better drainage and serve to the best of his ability. He thanked the council for their time and asked that everyone consider him when they go to vote on October 22nd, 2011.

Cheryl Millet/Pamela Matos – Candidate for BESE Board

Mrs. Matos was not in attendance.

Natalie Robottom – Presentation – “Keys to the Parish” to the 2011 St. John Andouille Queens

Natalie Robottom presented Teen Queen Andouille, Saige Brady and Queen Andouille, Courtney Keller with Keys to the Parish. Both girls competed and were crowned Saturday night. They will be at the Andouille Festival this weekend and throughout the year they will be representing the parish in many different pageants around the state. They both commented how honored they were and how proud they are to serve the parish of St. John the Baptist in this capacity and vow to do their very best.

Natalie Robottom – Presentation – Introduction of Trina Henderson, Executive Director, St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority

Trina Henderson, Executive Director St. John Parish Housing Authority, stated, *“Thank you for allowing me to come and greet you all. My name is Trina Henderson. I am originally from New Iberia, Louisiana but I do have some connections here in the LaPlace area. I am really excited to be here. I’m excited about the changes to come with the Housing Authority. I want to give this community, the residents a home that they can be proud of. Many of us are not as fortunate to go home and have the luxuries, the safety, and the security. I want to bring that to our residents at the Housing Authority. The only way that I can do that is with your support and I am asking that you all support me. Understand change doesn’t come overnight, give me the opportunity to show you what Housing and how Housing is meant to be and how it is meant to serve those in need. I thank you for your time. My door will be open. Just once again understand I am here for the residents. You are going to see it in everything that I do. The residents are going to let you all know. I don’t have a problem with that. I am here. I am here to give you all a Housing Agency that you can be proud of.”*

Natalie Robottom – Presentation – Toni Rice – La. Tourism Promotion District

Toni Rice, La. Tourism Promotion District, commented on promoting New Orleans as a multi-cultural destination and to provide economic opportunities for small and emerging businesses. The NCAA Access Program and the New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee Emerging Business Program presented by Entergy, are minority and women-owned business Enterprises (MWBE) initiative designed to provide New Orleans area MWBE’s with exposure, education, and opportunities to bid on business awarded by the NCAA, NFL, their partners, sponsors, vendors, the New Orleans Final Four Local Organizing Committee and the Super Bowl XLVII Host Committee. Suppliers and vendors from a variety of industries will be needed to make sure the events and festivities leading up to the

2012 Men's Final Four and the 2012 Men's Final Four and the 2013 Super Bowl go smoothly – everything from signage and fencing to A/V, electrical, transportation, security and more. NOMTN is partnering with the New Orleans Final Four Organizing Committee and the New Orleans Super Bowl Host Committee to spread the word and organize these programs. And they have made it easy for your business to connect with them. Eligible businesses must be certified with one or more of the following: Louisiana Minority Supplier and Diversity Council, Women's Business Enterprise Council South, and New Orleans State and Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. If your business is eligible, and you would like to receive the latest information on the NCAA Access Program and the Super Bowl Host Committee Emerging Business Program visit www.soulofneworleans.com/business. We'll keep you posted on the latest news, workshops, and events as they draw near. Questions regarding Emerging Business Program please email us: trice@soulofneworleans.com. For information on how to become certified, contact: Eliza Eugene Enterprises at e.eugene@cox.net or l.turner@elizaeugene.com.

Consent Agenda

Items: Approval of Minutes September 27th, 2011, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval – 10 mile/5K Run/Walk – Middendorf's Restaurant – 10/15/11 – Saturday – 7:30 AM until Noon

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items consisting of Approval of Minutes September 27th, 2011, Regular Meeting; Permit Approval – 10 mile/5K Run/Walk – Middendorf's Restaurant – 10/15/11 – Saturday – 7:30 AM until Noon. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES:

11-38 (Public Hearing held)(Carry Over 9-27-11) An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2011, of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for the rights of the owners thereof; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof to the refunding of certain bonds of said Parish; and providing for other matters in connection therewith (N. Robotom)

Hugh Martin, Bond Attorney, stated, "As you know we have had underway the proposed refunding of two issues of bonds for the parish, one that was issued in 2002 and another in 2003. Under our original preliminary figures we had hoped to achieve a savings in that service with the refunding of around \$600,000.00. Since this began there has been some softening of the bond market because of the huge volume of bonds that are being refunded now with the lower interest rates. It causes us to re-examine the transaction and we were able to come up with a recommendation to save a lot more money and that was to instead of issuing all bonds for the refunding of the two issues that were a little over ten million dollars. In analyzing the situation of the parish we found that there was some sinking funds money in the amount of about \$2,535,000.00 that could only be used for debt service under state law but was not necessary to pay the maturing outstanding bonds

which you now have. So what we have done and recommend to you to do in this transaction is to reduce the size of the bond issue from 10 million plus to \$8,545,000.00, make the cash contribution of \$2,535,000.00. By making that cash contribution that shuts off all interest that would otherwise have to run on a bond issue of that size. The result of that is that instead of saving \$600,000.00 of debt service the net savings is \$1,015,000.00. So that is a savings to the taxpayers of the parish and is very significant. We think that it is very good for the parish. There are other details I can go into if you would like."

Councilwoman Millet asked, *"Mr. Hugh, the numbers you are telling us are really incredible and I appreciate all of your hard work and this is after our expenses this is our savings correct?"*

Hugh Martin stated, *"That is correct. Your expenses are \$92,000.00 for everything. That includes bonding insurance and by the way we applied for a bond rating and the bonds were rated A+ which is a very good rating and also that pays for the bond insurance and as a result of the bond insurance you get a double AA rating."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-38. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

11-39 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance for Re-subdivision of the Jules Martin Tract into Parcels herein designated as Parcel A, Parcel B and Parcel C of the Jules Martin Tract situated in Sections 46 & 84, T-11-S, R-7-E, Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (N. Robottom)

Mike Henderson, Director of Planning & Zoning, stated, *"Administration requests approval of this ordinance for re-subdivision of the Jules Martin Tract located between LA 44 (River Road) and US 61 (Airline Highway) in Reserve. The request was approved by the Planning Commission in September."*

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-39. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

11-40 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 11-14 relative to the Annual Operating Budget for the St. John the Baptist Land Escrow Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom, stated, *"We also forwarded a copy of the specific amendments. We didn't address all of the fund balance items but all are included. Administration requests approval of this ordinance amending the Land Escrow Fund based on the December 31, 2010 Audited Fund Balance."*

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-40. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

11-41 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 11-26

relative to the Annual Operating Budget for the St. John Parish Health and Human Services Department for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Administration requests approval of this ordinance amending the Health and Human Services budget. If you recall it was based on the audit that this budget be separated from the General Fund so it stands alone now with several changes within the line items. The net effect of the amendment is a minimal increase to the Fund Balance for Health and Human Services at about \$3,256.00."*

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-41. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

11-42 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 11-22 relative to the Annual Operating Budget for the St. John Parish Utility System Fund and Sales Tax District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Administration requests approval of this ordinance amending budgets for the Utility System Fund and Sales Tax District based on the December 31, 2010 Audited Fund Balance."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-42. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

11-43 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 11-23 relative to the Annual Operating Budget for the St. John Parish General Fund, Juvenile Detention, Recreation, Economic Development, Public Works, Communication District, Airport, Public Safety, Criminal Court and Garyville Volunteer Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Administration requests approval of this ordinance amending the referenced budgets based on the December 31, 2010 Audited Fund Balance."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Hotard moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-43. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

11-44 (Public Hearing Held) An ordinance amending ordinance 10-33 relative to the Annual Operating Budget for the St. John Parish Ambulance Fund, ARC Maintenance Fund, Community Center, Health Unit, Mosquito Control, Solid Waste, Wastewater, Road Lighting, Senior Citizens, Parishwide Sewerage, Office of Fire Services, LaPlace Volunteer Fire Department, Reserve Volunteer Fire Department, and West Bank Volunteer Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011. (N. Robottom)

Natalie Robottom stated, *"Administration requests approval of this ordinance amending the referenced budgets based on the December 31, 2010 Audited Fund Balance. It also reflects an increase in revenues from rental fees collected for the Community Center, funds budgeted for*

the ARC's Capital Renovation Project, and funds for expenditures for Fire Services."

MOTION: Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilman Hotard seconded the motion to approve Ordinance 11-44. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee & Danny Millet absent.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

There were no ordinances to be introduced at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Julien stated, *"The finance committee met at 6:15 this evening. I would ask at this time that one of my fellow council members make a motion to approve the actions taken by the council in the finance committee."*

MOTION: Councilwoman Millet moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the finance committee. The committee approved to take the two bids for Governmental Complex Lighting under advisement, approved to grant administration authorization to amend the contract with Rebowe & Company for CPA services to list Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC as the contracting party, approved to grant administration authorization to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development for the Federal Off-System Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, and approved to grant administration authorization to amend the contract with Chenevert Architects for architectural services for the re-bid of the Airnasium at the St. John Parish West Bank Recreational Complex in the amount of \$2,724.09. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 2 absent (Lee & Danny Millet) and 2 abstaining (Hotard & Usry).

DEPARTMENT/ENGINEER REPORTS:

Haston Lewis – Master Plan for Sewerage & Water System

Councilman Lewis stated, *"I put this on the agenda because starting off with the sewerage, the major sewerage plant, as far as I am concerned, is in my district on River Road. I think a while back we might have borrowed some money to do the sewerage plant but nothing has been moving too much on that and I think it was better than ten million dollars. I don't know if any of you have visited that plant but it is slowly deteriorating. I remember and I am sure Ms. Hotard you remember a while back people were smelling that odor around there and everything and they have things going on and we are sitting and letting things happen. After we get the money, I think we need to make some moves because if we don't make some moves that ten million after a while isn't going to be enough. It is something like letting the roof go, then the ceiling, then the floor go. Unless we start making some moves after we get the money then this thing is going to continually do what it is doing. If we look back again at the water system, you have trouble at Ruddock. I have trouble over the river with those water plants. We aren't fixing them. We are patching them because according to the money we have. We need to look at some long range plans on how*

we are going to get some of this work done because a lot of people in this parish may think everything is nice. It might look nice right now but if something happens I can tell them we don't have any money sitting there waiting to fix it. I saw what happen over there when the intake line went out. I saw the roof. I don't see anything in the future where something is going to happen and I think what we need is a complete water plant that would cover LaPlace. I know you still like to go to the well but let's look at reality that isn't going to happen right now to do any of these things if we don't start making some moves. They always say if you don't have a plan, you don't plan on doing anything."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I know we have talked about the water system for some time and just for the public's information the time we did the NANO filtration/reverse osmosis we were under an administrative order to take that action but you are right. Long term getting our water from the river is a long term goal of mine. I have shared some of these concerns with the administration. Obviously Ruddock has served its due to the parish and I do think that eventually we are going to have to look towards a regional water plant. We did set some money aside in the past to look at that. I know there was some property available. I think going forward it is something that we definitely need to look at. We had to do what we had to do at Ruddock because of that administrative order to get the water in compliance at the time. When we came in 8 years ago that was one of the first pieces of mail I had was a certified letter stating that you are under an administrative order. So that was what we had to do in order to get the water into compliance for the residents but you are right long term definitely regional water and total rehabilitation of the sewerage system and I am going to continue to support that."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I would just like to say in just coming in and being relatively new these are systems that we need to look into. We need to get a plan, develop a plan and try to get this plan moving forward. It seems like money is always an issue so we have to work with administration to see where we can get the funding to keep these projects moving and/or get these projects moving so that they can move. This is something, just like Mr. Haston said, we have been talking about sewerage and the water and we need to do a better job of being proactive instead of letting things deteriorate to the point of where now we have to fix them. So let's work with administration to see if we can get this funded."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "Actually I wanted to say the administration has been really proactive in working with our bond counsel in refinancing of some of our funds. Just the increase from an A rating to an A+ rating can result in five or six hundred thousand dollars of savings so that increases our bonding capacity. So I think that is administration's way of taking the necessary steps to free up some other money so that we do have bonding capacity and the capacity to go out for those major capital projects that we just don't have and as a parish of our size with our tax base we will just never have that money sitting there. As we continue to look at ways to refinance our existing bonds and retire some debt we can take care of those larger capital projects that I know the administration is working towards that I have had discussions them and as a council I know we are going to work in that same direction as well collectively."

Haston Lewis – Install culverts in Milesville & Woodland (drainage problems)

Councilman Lewis stated, "I know we have been working on a lot of drainage around me and a lot of the drainage that we have been working on around me I am sure it runs in Mr. Julien's, Ms. Hotard's and Mr. Gauff's division and a lot of other districts. So we are all in this together. What I would like to see happen is I know we are bringing a lot of water in that area there. I would like to see that culverting around Persimmon Street and all up in that area there and Red Bud all those culverts be changed because we have a lot of culverts in there we are going to be able to drain a lot of other people but we aren't going to be able to drain the people that are there. I would like to see that we put some culverts there and make sure those people get some drainage there. I have been working with Mr. Julien and Mr. Gauff. We have been talking about it. It is time to start doing something about it. I would like to see that we make some effort to changing those culverts in that area there. That is all I had on those culverts there, to make sure that they are changed so when the pumping station is there that water will be able to gravity drain in that area and those that need the culverts that are all stopped up. If you walk in that area you will see what I am telling you. Something needs to happen because those culverts in that area there haven't been changed for a long time. They need to be changed. I hope we start changing them. We could let the parish do a lot of those things. I know we have money in the culvert fund so there is no reason why those culverts can't be changed."

Councilman Julien stated, "I have received calls from individuals living in those areas and they do have some concerns. As Mr. Lewis said I have spoken with him and Mr. Gauff, whatever we can do to help alleviate the problem because Mr. Lewis seems to be an expert on back drainage, so he may have an engineering degree there."

Councilman Lewis stated, "I am going to tell you something. When something goes wrong in your district you know who they call? I am sure if you are on this council you know who they call. They call you and they expect results. They don't call nobody but you. They say when you ran you said you were going to do this and do that and now you aren't doing anything that's what they tell you. Well I am not going to sit down and do nothing. I am going to tell you already. I am going to be on the job and I stay on the job."

Councilman Julien stated, "I am in support."

Councilman Gauff stated, "What I would like to say is that yes we have been getting phone calls from our constituents. We have been going out to them and trying to work with them and keep them informed on the projects that are going on, especially the Persimmon Street project. As he said they have some real concerns about the project, about culverts, about the drainage. They want to make sure that we are going to give them a good quality project. So in representing them I would just like to say that we are staying on top of things. The engineer's are working with us to keep us informed and hopefully we can keep you all informed so that you are comfortable in the job that is going on, not in the inconveniences but in the job that is going on. Give us the opportunity to continue to work for you and work with you on getting a successful

project."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I would just like to add a couple of things to that. We have been meeting on a regular basis on all of the projects. The Persimmon Street and Red Bud projects are two of the ones that are in dire need. As with Mr. Lewis, I am a working president, so I get out in the field. I was on Persimmon and Red Bud during tropical storm Lee and after and before that. One to look at the project that was underway to hear the concerns of the residents, also traveled with a couple of our council members and then we met back with our engineers based on their concerns based on what happened during tropical storm Lee. I think all of us have some clarification. We do have the engineer's who designed the projects. There are a few residents here that are concerned and we are concerned as well. You have probably been flooding for years. We are in the process of fixing that problem. It would not be in our best interest to waste tax payer's dollars. You are going to get a good project. We met again with the engineers to make sure they understood what our goal is and what your concerns were. I think we are very clear on that. Our project manager was there. Our parish engineer and the engineer's responsible for the project have been out. Mr. Gauff was with us and I think Ms. Hotard as well toured the site. It is a concern. You have a valid concern. I am sure you have been flooding for a long time. We are in the process of fixing your problem and we will make sure that it is done correctly."

Haston Lewis – Install pumping station in back of Central Avenue and Castle Estates

Councilman Lewis stated, "Well what I got from administration is that the pump is on its way. So all I can do is keep my mouth closed."

Councilman Gauff stated, "That is another issue that we have ridden through and looked at. We are trying to come up with a remedy. I am not exactly sure and I don't want to go against anybody because I am not an expert either. I am not exactly sure that a pump is what we need at this moment. That is just my take on it. That may be a temporary fix but it seems like we may need to look at the canals that are draining away from there or taking the water out of there."

Natalie Robottom stated, "You are right Mr. Gauff. There is a pump there. The canal you are referencing is one of the permitted canals that is going to be taken care of. There are a number of things that are underway. The canals, I think there are like 24 or 27 that are being permitted to be worked on. Some of the funds available through Gustav/Ike, there is some through the bond issue and of course the parish has a drainage budget. In addition to the pump work that they are doing there has to be some work done to the canals there that it drains into."

Councilman Lewis asked, "Are we talking about the same canal and pump?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "The Ben canal. That is the one."

Councilman Gauff stated, "We rode that out a couple of days ago."

Natalie Robottom stated, "It requires a permit. We actually had an agreement with the Lafourche Basin. They did what they could do until

we received a permit. So we have requested and are in the process of acquiring that permit."

Councilman Julien asked, "How long will it be before the remainder of the permits come in?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think we are only missing two. So we are actually in the process of trying to work on a plan to make the repairs. There are two that are outstanding at this point. The other ones were requested but there was a recommendation from the Lafourche Basin to acquire four more and we are going to work on that as well."

Councilman Julien asked, "So how many total do we have now?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think 21."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Mrs. Robottom the permits that you have obtained, are these going to expire?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Well they won't be expiring soon."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I just want to make sure because the last time we had permits and they expired because we didn't do the work ahead of time. I was just trying to find out what the deadline was."

Natalie Robottom stated, "I think part of the problem is not to let them expire. So actually it isn't going to take us five years to do the work but there is the maintenance process and we need to make sure that we renew those permits and not let them expire."

Charles Julien – Update on Homewood drainage issue

Councilman Julien stated, "Basically I have received a lot of calls from the residents and my constituents. They are excited about the project. I just want to give them an update because I think that will help Central Avenue and Homewood."

Natalie Robottom stated, "We do have Mr. Nunes here but just for informational purposes I think we added a couple of things on the administrative report and that is that you can see that the slab is poured, the large culverts are there. They are in the process of directionally boring under Airline Hwy. There is a process to do that. I think everything is going smoothly. They have created a little dam with sheet piling to keep the area dry. We are anticipating a very good ending to that project as well. If you have any specific questions Brian is here."

Councilman Julien asked, "What is the anticipated completion date?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "Christmas."

Brian Nunes, Shread-Kuyrkendall, stated, "As far as the boring operations are concerned, there is about 28 feet left of boring to be done under the road. They are anticipating that be done this week. We are still waiting on the pump to be delivered. The overall completion time, it was a 120 day contract time; it will be done by the end of the calendar year, Christmas."

Councilman Julien stated, "Well it took a while to get started and to get done but on behalf of the people from District 3 and the residents that live on Central Avenue and the residents of Homewood, helpfully it will help the people on Central a little more but we want to thank you none the less."

Charles Julien – Lighting permits on E. 22nd Street

Councilman Julien stated, "Just trying to find out where we are at. We are talking about permits. I would just like to find out where we are at with getting the lights completed in that area because I did have an individual call me and we did help her but as far as everyone else and new people moving into the area, it is a dark area, a hazardous area. I am just trying to find out when we will be completed with the permits."

Natalie Robottom stated, "That is a concern for us to Mr. Julien and there was some assistance provided, I think more on a temporary basis but the permit application was submitted to DOTD. However they requested something called a photometric illumination set of information that our office wasn't able to provide, so Principal Engineering that does work for us is in the process of completing that which is required for the application."

Councilman Julien asked, "Do we have any anticipated time frame?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "It won't be Christmas. Permitting is lengthy but it does require that we stay on top of that and we will. That has been ongoing probably since we got here and it has taken way too long. We have had some transition in our project office and I think the ball might have been dropped there but we are going to stay on top of this."

Councilman Julien stated, "Okay, thank you."

OLD BUSINESS:

Charles Julien – (Carry Over 9-27-11) Overturn of trailer placement denial for Kerriana Riley – 131 E. 13th Street

Councilman Julien stated, "At the last meeting I informed the community and the council that I intended to ask for an override. So at this time I would like to make a motion to override Planning and Zoning to place that trailer."

Councilman Gauff stated, "This is one of those that I have discussed with members and with people in the community. They are definitely for it. They don't mind it. I guess I continue to have an issue with the fact that we are constantly putting in these trailers in objection to our ordinance. Where our ordinance states that we don't and would not put trailers in an R-1 and all of these are R-1 classifications. So I am for it in that I want to represent my community and they are not against it but I think we need to do something with our ordinance. If we are going to continue to violate the ordinance then there is no need having it. That is what we are constantly doing. I just want to kind of throw this flag up to say we need to do something different or we need to look at the ordinance or we need to throw some of this back to Planning and Zoning but something about this can't continue to happen."

Councilman Smith stated, "Mr. Gauff, I have spoken to Mr. Henderson. The ordinance needs to actually be revised and re-written. It is actually because of the way the ordinance is written. I have spoken to Mr. Henderson and he is looking into finding a way for us to re-write the ordinance so it will benefit those who need the trailers and benefit the community where trailers won't be able to be put where they shouldn't be."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I am with that. I am for that. I have been working on it myself. I pulled the ordinance. I have gotten with Mrs. Lou. I have not gotten with Mr. Henderson but I would definitely like to see something done with this ordinance."

Councilman Smith asked, "On behalf of the council, can I ask our legal department to get along with Mr. Henderson to find a way to see if we could revise that ordinance and see what we can do with it?"

Mike Henderson stated, "If you remember, a few months back Mrs. Robottom and the administration brought to the council a contract to work with UNO through our land use plan. We also got a grant through the resiliency grant. We are in the process of developing time tables right now to identify the areas that Mr. Gauff has mentioned and Mr. Julien has brought up where we have mobile homes and stick homes with one another. We will be coming back really soon to make recommendations to the council about the areas where we have concluded that it would be beneficial to have say a R-2/R-3 zone which is multiple housing. Anytime you zone property you have to be very careful to make sure that everyone has been given an opportunity to voice their opinion. So we are just really right now working on time tables and making the presentation to the Planning Commission and the various boards before it would come back to the council but we want to make sure that we have an opportunity to interact with the community enough so that they are on board and up to speed and that we are not recommending something that comes back to be not in the best interest."

Councilman Smith asked, "Mr. Henderson my only question is I have to ask like Mr. Julien asked, do you have a time table possibly on what we are looking at because like Mr. Gauff said on a monthly basis we are overturning and violating our own ordinance. So do you have a time table?"

Mike Henderson stated, "I have a time table that we have put together for identifying when we start to hope having those meetings."

Councilman Smith stated, "No that is not what I needed, that is not the time table I am looking for."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I guess what I would like to say is it puts us in a difficult situation because we are trying to represent our constituents and we want to do it legally and do what we are supposed to do but it puts us in a bad situation to be violating an ordinance the way it is written."

Councilman Smith stated, "I agree with you on that Mr. Gauff, but on the flip side I have a concern for people that need a place to live. I have to reach out and you know Christmas is real close but those people

need a place to live before Christmas."

Natalie Robottom stated, "As Mr. Henderson explained, obviously the council has had a problem with this for a while. Many of you abstain. Some of you have problems with it and we all understand. This is people's homes. This is what they have. This is what is in their best interest especially on family property. However it puts you in an awkward position to have to violate the ordinance and it puts us in an awkward position to make a recommendation accordingly. The land use plan will be pulled together based on information from our council and our residents. We have to get their input as well before we present to you a plan that may ultimately result in a change of the ordinance. So in order to give everyone the opportunity to participate that is why I think Mr. Henderson is saying it is going to be a little while. It wouldn't make sense for us to revise an ordinance now before the land use plan is completed and all the studies and surveys and input from our residents is obtained, but we are working towards that."

Councilman Smith stated, "I do want to thank you Mr. Henderson for working on that."

Councilman Julien stated, "I think the ordinances are probably out dated as the parish is growing rapidly. I think that the main thing is having a place for people to live. Sometimes we have tough decisions to make so we just make those decisions. The bottom line is once they change the ordinance does that make it right to give some person a place to live. I think that we have to step out and do what we are supposed to be doing and that is represent the people. Before I vote on this I go and I talk to the individuals in those particular communities. If they do not want it, I don't bring it to the council. If they don't mind then I bring it to the council. My vote is not a vote for Charles Julien. My vote is a vote for the people. I am here to represent the people. So my vote is not my own. It is for the constituents that live within that area."

Councilman Lewis stated, "People have trouble with housing. You have to stay where your money lets you stay, not where you want to stay. A lot of these people that live in these certain areas; they can't go live in certain areas that have all the good lots. I can tell you some subdivisions I know they have a certain house that you have to build, so many square feet and everything else. That is fine and dandy if you can live there but I have to live where I can live. It might be family property. I don't think these laws are covering these areas. They are covering the parish in general, but not for certain areas. I think for certain areas people should be allowed to put trailers there if it is a family property as long as it isn't worrying the next door neighbors where you are. Sometimes you get people that are on other streets with the same conditions. Sometimes you have trailers look better than some houses. It depends on how you keep it. I worry more about who is living next to me rather than how his house looks because I want to sleep at night."

Councilman Gauff stated, "I think you are absolutely right but those are stipulations that we can put in our ordinance so that we can say that they need to go out and talk to the neighbors around them. We used to have that in the ordinance where you had to get the approval from the people that lived around or were affected and now that is removed

from the ordinance. So we need to get a better ordinance. One that we can vote on, we can support and that can be there for the people. As Mr. Julien said, that is who we are here for. We are here for the people. So we just need to get a better ordinance."

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Lewis seconded the motion to overturn Planning & Zoning and grant a trailer placement to Kerriana Riley – 131 E. 13th Street. The motion passed with 4 yeas, 2 absent (Lee & Danny Millet), 2 against (Usry & Cheryl Millet) and 1 abstaining (Hotard).

NEW BUSINESS:

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-41 – A Resolution authorizing the execution of the appropriate contract with South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC) in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00 for performance of administrative services in the preparation of an LCDBG Application and to serve as grant administrator in the event funding is awarded for street improvements on East 14th Street in Reserve, Louisiana

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"Administration requests approval of this resolution authorizing execution of a contract with the South Central Planning & Development Commission. This contract is for administrative services related to this LCDBG application and to serve as grant administrator for street improvements on East 14th Street in Reserve. The commission has the technical capabilities to perform the needed services and have done so for numerous other grant programs throughout the parish."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"It says in the event funding is awarded. So are we executing a contract with South Central Planning to actually apply for a grant?"*

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"Yes. They are going to handle the grant application process."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"So we are paying them upfront to get the grant?"*

Angelic Sutherland stated, *"We are paying them upfront to handle the grant application process. Then pending we get the grant then the rest of the services."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"So the \$29,000.00 is just for them to go and see if they can get it? If we get the grant or not we are paying them the \$29,000.00?"*

Natalie Robottom stated, *"It encompasses all the work that they are going to do but if we don't get the grant then we only pay them for the services they provided."*

Councilwoman Hotard asked, *"Then the street improvements, is it a total street rehab or just repair?"*

Angelic Sutherland stated, "It is the street overlay and the culverts. They usually do two streets annually. Last year they did N.W. 2nd and Historic East. Our proposal is for E. 14th and Marigold."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "What is the amount of the grant that they are trying to apply for?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "\$600,000.00 per street."

Councilwoman Hotard asked, "Something just came across my mind. We do have a grant writer and Strategic Impact. Are they involved?"

Angelic Sutherland asked, "Are you talking about the parish grant writer?"

Natalie Robottom stated, "This is something that is done annually through the CDBG. So it is specific to this program that we get two generally grants per year for this project. South Central and our parish engineer has handled all of these repairs. I think we have gotten two streets for the last six years. They are familiar with that process and administering that type of grant. That is one that you are almost guaranteed. It isn't like soliciting competitively. Although the extra point that we get for having an engineer helps us to get those funds. So it is a little bit different from the ones that they are working on for us."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-41 - A Resolution authorizing the execution of the appropriate contract with South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00 for performance of administrative services in the preparation of an LCDBG Application and to serve as grant administrator in the event funding is awarded for street improvements on East 14th Street in Reserve, Louisiana. **WHEREAS**, completion of an LCDBG application and implementation of the projects, if funded, require professional administrative services for compliance with applicable federal and state regulations; and, **WHEREAS**, South Central Planning and Development Commission has the technical capabilities to perform the needed services in the preparation and administration of the Programs; and, **WHEREAS**, the Commission has an ongoing relationship with the Parish staff on these and other grant programs and is involved in efforts to improve opportunities for funding of public infrastructure in the region it serves, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council convened in regular session on October 12, 2011, that authorization is hereby granted to execute the appropriate contract with South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) to perform administrative services in the preparation of the 2012-2013 LCDBG application for street improvements on East 14th Street in Reserve, LA, and to serve as grant administrator in the event funding is awarded and that local funds shall be used to pay all administrative and pre-agreement costs in an amount of \$28,000 for administrative services if the grant is awarded and the actual cost of survey work performed in connection with the application should outside services be required to accomplish such, at an estimated amount not to exceed

\$1,000.00. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to South Central Planning and Development Commission, Attn: Ms. Martha Cazaubon, P.O. Box 1870, Gray, LA 70359. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-42 – A Resolution concurring with payment with local funds for engineering services needed in the completion of an application under the fiscal year 2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and for design and construction inspection services pending grant award in connection with street improvements for East 14th Street in Reserve, Louisiana

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Administration requests approval of this resolution in support of using local funds to pay for engineering services for design and inspection services for the proposed East 14th Street repairs program."

Councilwoman Millet asked, "Do we have an amount on this resolution or is it open?"

Angelic Sutherland stated, "It is an amount not to exceed in an allowable amount that is approved by the LCDBG engineer schedule."

Councilman Julien stated, "I would just like to commend the administration. I had this street on the list of street overlays. We couldn't get it done. The administration said that they would try to work to do the best that they could. I really didn't think that it would be coming up this fast but I do want to thank you."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-42. A Resolution concurring with payment with local funds for engineering services needed in the completion of an application under the fiscal year 2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and for design and construction inspection services pending grant award in connection with street improvements for East 14th Street in Reserve, Louisiana. **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist Parish will submit an application to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development for funding under the FY2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program; and **WHEREAS**, professional engineering consulting services are required to complete the application in accordance with the LCDBG regulations and to provide for engineering and design and for a project representative if the project is awarded; and **WHEREAS**, the Parish Administration desires to pay for these services with local funds in order to obtain an additional point in the LCDBG ranking, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council concurs with use of local funds for professional engineering services to be provided by C. J. Savoie in connection with the preparation of an application to the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for street improvements on East 14th

Street in Reserve, LA and for engineering, design and construction inspection to be paid with local funds pending grant award in an amount not to exceed that allowed under the approved LCDBG Engineer's schedule of fees; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to South Central Planning and Development Commission, P O Box 1870, Gray, LA 70359. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-43 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application under the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for street improvements on East 14th Street in Reserve, LA

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Administration requests authorization to submit an application to the LCDBG Program for street improvements on East 14th Street."

MOTION: Councilman Julien moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-43. A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application under the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for street improvements on East 14th Street in Reserve, LA. **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist has conducted a public hearing to obtain comments relative to planning for and the submission of an application for funding under the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and **WHEREAS**, after considering all comments received, it has been determined that the activity which would derive the greatest benefit to the low/moderate income population of St. John the Baptist would be street improvements; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist, convened in regular session on October 12, 2011, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for funding under the FY2012-13 LCDBG Program for a street improvement program on East 14th Street in Reserve, LA, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that St. John the Baptist will use local funds to cover the cost of pre-agreement, administrative and engineering fees required in the implementation of the grant, if funded, in order to obtain additional points in the ranking process. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-44 – A Resolution authorizing the execution of the appropriate contract with South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC) in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00 for performance of administrative services in the preparation of an LCDBG application and to serve as grant administrator in the event funding is awarded for Marigold Street in Mt. Airy

Angelic Sutherland stated, "Administration requests approval of this resolution authorizing execution of a contract with the South Central Planning & Development Commission. This contract is for administrative services related to this LCDBG application and to serve as grant administrator for street improvements on Marigold Street in Mt. Airy."

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-44. A Resolution authorizing the execution of the appropriate contract with South Central Planning & Development Commission (SCPDC) in an amount not to exceed \$29,000.00 for performance of administrative services in the preparation of an LCDBG application and to serve as grant administrator in the event funding is awarded for Marigold Street in Mt. Airy. **WHEREAS**, completion of an LCDBG application and implementation of the projects, if funded, require professional administrative services for compliance with applicable federal and state regulations; and **WHEREAS**, South Central Planning and Development Commission has the technical capabilities to perform the needed services in the preparation and administration of the Programs; and, **WHEREAS**, the Commission has an ongoing relationship with the Parish staff on these and other grant programs and is involved in efforts to improve opportunities for funding of public infrastructure in the region it serves, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Parish Council of St. John the Baptist, convened in regular session on October 12, 2011, that authorization is hereby granted to execute the appropriate contract with South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) to perform administrative services in the preparation of the 2012-2013 LCDBG application for street improvements on Marigold Street in Mount Airy, and to serve as grant administrator in the event funding is awarded and that local funds shall be used to pay all administrative and pre-agreement costs in an amount of \$28,000 for administrative services if the grant is awarded and the actual cost of survey work performed in connection with the application should outside services be required to accomplish such, at an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,000. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to South Central Planning and Development Commission, Attn: Ms. Martha Cazaubon, PO Box 1870, Gray, LA 70359. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-45 – A Resolution concurring with payment with local funds for engineering services needed in the completion of an application under the fiscal year 2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and for design and construction inspection services pending grant award in connection with street improvements for Marigold Street in Mt. Airy

Angelic Sutherland stated, *“Administration requests approval of this resolution in support of using local funds to pay for engineering services for design and inspection services for the proposed Marigold Street repairs program.”*

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-45. A Resolution concurring with payment with local funds for engineering services needed in the completion of an application under the fiscal year 2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and for design and construction inspection services pending grant award in connection with street improvements for Marigold Street in Mt. Airy. **WHEREAS**, St. John

the Baptist Parish will submit an application to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development for funding under the FY2012-2013 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program; and **WHEREAS**, professional engineering consulting services are required to complete the application in accordance with the LCDBG regulations and to provide for engineering and design and for a project representative if the project is awarded; and **WHEREAS**, the Parish Administration desires to pay for these services with local funds in order to obtain an additional point in the LCDBG ranking, **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council concurs with use of local funds for professional engineering services to be provided by C. J. Savoie in connection with the preparation of an application to the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for street improvements on Marigold Street in Mount Airy and for engineering, design and construction inspection to be paid with local funds pending grant award in an amount not to exceed that allowed under the approved LCDBG Engineer's schedule of fees; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to South Central Planning and Development Commission, P O Box 1870, Gray, LA 70359. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-46 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application under the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for Street improvements on Marigold Street in Mt. Airy

Angelic Sutherland stated, *“Administration requests authorization to submit an application to the LCDBG Program for street improvements on Marigold Street in Mount Airy.”*

Councilman Gauff stated, *“Thanks to administration for actively seeking to help the people of Mt. Airy and Reserve with E. 14th and the Marigold project. So hopefully we can be successful with these projects.”*

MOTION: Councilman Gauff moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-46. A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application under the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program for Street improvements on Marigold Street in Mt. Airy. **WHEREAS**, St. John the Baptist has conducted a public hearing to obtain comments relative to planning for and the submission of an application for funding under the FY2012-2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program; and **WHEREAS**, after considering all comments received, it has been determined that the activity, which would derive the greatest benefit to the low/moderate income population of St. John the Baptist would be street improvements; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Parish Council of St. John the

Baptist, convened in regular session on October 12, 2011, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for funding under the FY2012-13 LCDBG Program for a street improvement program on Marigold Street, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that St. John the Baptist will use local funds to cover the cost of pre-agreement, administrative and engineering fees required in the implementation of the grant, if funded, in order to obtain additional points in the ranking process. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

Angelic Sutherland – Resolution R11-47 – A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to execute the amendment to the parish proposal, reallocating funds so that the total of 110 homes can be repaired

Angelic Sutherland stated, *“Administration requests authorization to execute an amendment to the parish proposal for recovery funds in connection with Hurricanes Gustav and Ike for the reallocation of funds to include an additional 50 homes to be repaired for the residents of St. John Parish. This increases the total number of homes to 110.”*

Councilman Lewis asked, *“How far advanced are we on these other homes that we are supposed to be doing something with?”*

Natalie Robottom stated, *“The application process was completed and there are two teams that are inspecting the homes and they determine actually how much work is required. There is a \$15,000.00 limit per home. There are certain requirements in the grant for the types of things that can be repaired and we have two teams out making those inspections now on the original set of homes.”*

Councilman Lewis stated, *“I have been seeing some come around but I haven’t seen any work going on.”*

Natalie Robottom stated, *“They have to make the inspection. We have already selected four contractors to do the work based on the inspections and estimates which is a process dictated by this grant and we are going to follow and proceed with that process as to not jeopardize our funding.”*

Councilwoman Millet asked, *“On these additional 50 homes, are you all having another application process or do you have enough applications already?”*

Angelic Sutherland stated, *“No. We had more than enough applications.”*

MOTION: Councilman Lewis moved and Councilman Gauff seconded the motion to approve Resolution R11-47. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to execute the amendment to the parish proposal, reallocating funds so that the total of 110 homes can be repaired. **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit’s (OCD-DRU) mission is to ensure that this State of Louisiana, battled by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008, rebuilds safer, smarter and stronger communities than before, and; **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit has developed an Action plan to outline eligible

activities to assist parishes to meet unmet housing, business, public service, public infrastructure and other needs incurred by the 2008 disasters, and; **WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery Unit required, as part of qualifying for this allocation, the adoption of the Plan including projects to be funded by the initial allocation and additional recovery projects that could be considered for funding in the future, and; **WHEREAS**, the Council approved the amendment to the housing application being funded under the parish's Gustav/Ike grant, via Resolution 11-37 on September 13, 2011, this resolution authorizes an amendment to the Gustav/Ike Parish Proposal and budget thereto, reallocating the \$746,250 assigned to the Inflow and Infiltration Manhole Project, less the \$6,461 for labor, to the housing budget of \$1,284,451, for a total of \$2,024,240, and; **WHEREAS**, the Parish President is authorized to sign and submit the amended proposal and any amendments thereto within the state's proposal amendment process; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby support and authorizes the Parish President to execute the amendment to the proposal, reallocating funds as heretofore described so that a total of 110 homes can be repaired for the residents of St. John the Baptist Parish. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

CORRESPONDANCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS

Councilman Julien stated, "Saturday that passed, I had an opportunity to participate in an event "Go Walk" or "Get your walk on". It was an event for the Susan G. Coleman foundation to fight breast cancer. It was a good event. It was sponsored by Taraneke Grover and Jamal Morris. As I said the funds would benefit the Coleman Foundation. They did an excellent job. It was held at Belle Pointe Park. We want to thank them for doing what they do in the community. The other thing is Garyville, Louisiana lost an icon in Mrs. Baloney. She passed this week. She was the type of person that they just don't make anymore. The type of woman they don't make anymore. She was the type of person that would invite you into her home. She did an excellent job with her family. When you mention the name Baloney, they have been around for a long time on the political scene. They are just good people. The service will be Friday. I ask that the community just uplift them in prayer. Another individual that is there in that community probably watching the meeting is Mr. Chester Lee. The reason I am mentioning his name is because the elderly people of our community need to know that we do appreciate them. We need to give them their flowers while they are here. So I just want to let Mr. Chester know and the other people of my district that we do think about you even though we may not say it enough."

Councilwoman Hotard stated, "I wanted to congratulate Ms. Saige Brady and Ms. Courtney Keller our Andouille Teen and Miss. Last night St. John Parish hosted its Night Out Against Crime, it was very well attended. I visited 35 parties. I started at Noon and stayed until it ended. Some people partied until 10:00 PM until the police told us to go inside. Again it was very well attended. It was a good event. A good opportunity for neighbors to just get to know each other and that is one of the best ways to fight crime when you know who your neighbors are. A lot of the discussion was about when you were young everybody knew their neighbors so you knew what was going on and even as a kid if your parents weren't around somebody else's parents were there to get you in line. So it was a good opportunity to get to know everyone. The

March of Dimes had their event this past Saturday at the Hwy. 51 Park. That was a very nice event as well. Also to remind everyone if you don't already know there is an election on October 22nd, early voting is going on now here at the Percy Hebert Building and across the river. It is important that you get out and vote and let your voice be heard. So don't go without doing that on October 22nd. That is also my daughter's birthday and I told her I would wish her a Happy Birthday one more time just in case she didn't get it at the last meeting."

Councilwoman Millet stated, "I just want to echo Ms. Hotard's comments on the Night Out Against Crime and I want to thank the Fire Department and the Sheriff's office for all their efforts to try and attend as many parties as they do because it takes a lot of effort, as you know, to attend that many. I had eight and made six. I talk too much. I want to thank them all and the resident's that put on these parties because it does take a lot of effort to put these on and they are well appreciated by all of us."

Councilman Smith stated, "I want to tell the constituents in my district that I know every year I normally hit all the Night Out Against Crimes in my district but I couldn't make it this year because I decided to host one. It was the first one that I hosted. I had a lot of good people that came out and we really enjoyed ourselves. Mr. Larry Snyder came out, the new council member that is going to take my place in District 6, he came out and ate some of my food. Mr. Snyder I just wanted to say hi again to you and thank you for coming to the meeting. He is catching up to speed really quickly. Again if you have any questions for me I am here for you. Also Friday night ESJ High School has a football game. I am not telling you about the football game because of football. I am telling you because during the football game we are having a can good drive. They are playing Destrehan High School next weekend. They are actually having a contest against Destrehan High School on who can raise or collect the most can goods. ESJ High School recently found out there was a high school in New Orleans that collected about 7,000 pounds worth of can goods. Their goal is to break that record. So at the game we would appreciate anybody coming out to the game to please bring a can good. It is going to a good cause. Please bring those canned goods out."

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Natalie Robottom stated, "I know it seems like there were a lot of questions but it does seem like it was a productive meeting and we got a lot done. As most of you mentioned last night was Night Out Against Crime. I didn't start until they started, so I think 8 was my limit but we did enjoy all of the ones that we did attend. I just want to remind everyone that the Andouille Festival is this weekend. We are inviting everyone to come out and join us. The grounds of the Hwy 51 will be closed for safety reasons but it will be closed until the festival is picked up. Also just a reminder October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We do have the ribbons. We have bracelets. We are encouraging all of our residents and business owners to help us in support of that. Our fire fighters have t-shirts and pens that they are selling in support of it and October is also fire prevention month and this year the theme is protect your family from fire and we are asking all of our

residents to take this opportunity to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and check for hazards around your home that could cause a fire. We do have presentations and demonstrations that are going to be made by all of our fire departments with their trailer they are going to go around to some of the schools. If you are interested in a demonstration we are asking that you call the fire department nearest to you. We had a wonderful event last Friday which was the opening of the Health & Human Services Building. If you have not had an opportunity to visit it, it came out very nice. We had a large group of residents in attendance; public works was very helpful in setting up and making preparations for the event. They allowed tours early on. The residents can actually come in and now have a place to wait that is other than Ms. Elois's office for services and some of her employees can actually meet with them privately rather than in close quarters. Our contractor did an excellent job and we invite all of you to go out and visit. Commodities are going to be distributed to all pre-registered applicants on October 20th at Edgard Oaks from 10:00 until Noon and at Beech Grove from 1:30 until 4:00. Any left over commodities will be available on Friday, October 21st at the Beech Grove Building in Reserve beginning at 9:00 AM. We celebrated today the opening of Cozy's wing bar. Again we want to congratulate our Miss Andouille Queen Courtney Keller and Teen Andouille Queen Saige Brady and of course they will be out at the festival with us. The new Bull's Corner restaurant is open and we are glad to have them back. They are open for business Sunday through Thursday from 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM and Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. We encourage you to frequent all of our eateries and help keep economic development thriving. Phase I of the Mississippi River Multi-trail is complete. We did the ribbon cutting. It went very smoothly. DOTD will be letting Phase II at the end of this month. We are very please with how it is coming along. Please check your voter registration card so you are voting in the right place. There have been changes with re-districting."

There was no executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Cable Franchise Agreement

Any and all pending legal matters

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:08 PM, Councilwoman Usry moved and Councilwoman Millet seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilman Lee & Danny Millet absent.

COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

Council Secretary