

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
September 19, 2016
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, September 19, 2016 for a Regular of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five(5:30) o'clock p.m. and for the Natchitoches Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish of Natchitoches was then convened as the governing authority by Chairman Russell Rachal who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Pastor Henry Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Doug de Graffenried.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Russell Rachal and Council: Rodney Bedgood, Doug de Graffenried, Chris Paige, and Patsy Ward-Hoover.

Absent: None.

Chairman Rachal advised the next order of business is to amend the agenda to place several items on it. Below are the amendments to be made to the agenda:

1. Mr. Edwin Crayton, Resident of Natchitoches.
2. To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
3. Council to consider requesting a Resolution to request a Legislative Audit/Investigation for the Parish of Natchitoches.
4. Consider renewing the lease agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Self for the Creston Polling Place in the amount of \$1,000.00 annually.
5. Consider authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Cedron Baptist Church for the purpose of tying into their water system for the Vowells Mill polling place.
6. Council to consider re-appointing Mr. Arthur Welch to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend agenda to add 1. Mr. Edwin Crayton, Resident of Natchitoches 2. To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. 3. Council to consider requesting a Resolution to request a Legislative Audit/Investigation for the Parish of Natchitoches. 4. Consider renewing the lease agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Self for the Creston Polling Place in the amount of \$1,000.00 annually.

5. Consider authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Cedron Baptist Church for the purpose of tying into their water system for the Vowells Mill polling place. 6. Council to consider re-appointing Mr. Arthur Welch to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item was for the adoption of the agenda with the added amendments.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the Agenda.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal then asked for visitors at this time.

At this time Mr. Marshall Jones, candidate for the Fourth (4th) Congressional District introduced himself by stating his age as Sixty One (61) years of age, and he's from Caddo Parish, and he's a business lawyer and business man. Mr. Marshall Jones is the only Democrat running in the Congressional race. Mr. Marshall expressed he knows our Parish is concerned, just as Caddo Parish about the same issues with roads, which they don't have enough money to pay for the roads. Now Parishes are concerned with water issues, flood control and prevention. Mr. Jones, stated, "I just want to serve the people and I will do what is best for the people."

Next visitor was Dr. Gloria Smith she has been a resident of Natchitoches for thirty two years (32). She feels Natchitoches is a very safe place to live and to raise children. Dr. Smith request of the Council is to repair or re-surface her road. She lives on a two(2) mile road. She lives right in the middle of the two mile road. She explained that both ways her road is so bad. Dr. Smith is afraid that when the School Bus goes down the road it will turn over at some point. She said, "If I would show you, the Council pictures, you would wonder how they traveled down that road, most of the road is gone, people have to drive in the middle to try get down the road." Dr. Smith explained that the pot holes are so big, she has to drive 4 to 7 miles to get to her house. Dr. Smith feels this is a fantastic city, but somebody can do something about that road, and that road should not be in that condition from the 32 years she's lived on it. Dr. Gloria Smith, stated, "If you don't care to resurface the road, please just fix the pot holes, I wouldn't even call them a pothole because they are so huge, the whole road is destroyed" Dr. Smith expressed part of her road is City and part of it in the Parish. Councilman Paige, stated, I don't mean to interrupt you, but what is the name of your road?" Dr. Smith, stated, "Flora Natchez Road." Councilwoman Patsy Hoover asked, Are you in District 5, Councilman Rachal District? Dr. Smith, stated, "Yes". Dr. Smith makes the request

that if the road can't be resurfaced please make the needed and reasonable repairs to the road, just don't come out and throw anything on the road, it's a waste of money and manpower. This was her request to the Council.

Next visitor was Mr. Edwin Crayton, he wanted to ask certain members of the Council questions concerning a letter that was written and mailed out to Council members. Mr. Edwin Crayton wanted to know if Mr. Russell Rachal was the Chairman, according to the Home Rule Charter, Why couldn't he tell the Council's employee anything or discipline the employee, Councilman Chris Paige, asked if Mr. Crayton had a copy of the letter? and if so, he should read it to the public so they could hear everything that's was written to Mr. Rachal. Councilman Paige, stated, "Mr. Rachal was putting this Government in jeopardy, because he was instructing the council's employee to fill out a particular form, the Council had not adopted for the employee to do." Mr. Crayton at this time, had the letter from Mr. Paige, and read it aloud. Mr. Crayton wanted to know, Why didn't the other Councilman, Councilman de Graffenried and Councilman Rachal receive a copy to sign? Mr. Crayton then asked both Councilmen did they receive this letter to sign? Both Councilmen stated, "No". Councilwoman Hoover, expressed she did sign the letter on the night of the meeting, she felt that they as a Council, Mr. Paige could not speak for all of them, he spoke for himself, and after they knew he was sending a letter, they wanted to know what was being sent in it. Councilwoman Hoover, after reading the letter agreed with it and she signed it. Councilwoman Hoover said, "I can't speak for if the others received or didn't receive one." Councilwoman Hoover stated, "In the paper it was stated we had a secret meeting that really disturb me, because I never see Mr. Bedgood any other place except at the Council meeting and usually he's the first person to leave out. The person with the "lying spirit" that put that in paper that we did have a secret meeting, we understand that could be a violation, we're not "stupid" that we will have a secret meeting, and that is what I was wanting to say about it." Councilwoman Hoover, asked "Who made the quote?, you have the paper, Who made the quote?, It's a "lying spirit" and I think it's very bad, that they could put out something in the paper for the public to read that is not true."

Mr. Crayton, expressed he didn't have to ask his second question, based on what Councilman Paige, and Councilwoman Hoover had stated about the secret meeting. He still had a question about the letter. He wanted to know the letter that Councilman Paige gave to the other two Councilman, Councilman Paige, stopped him, and said, "I didn't give it the other two Councilman, I gave it to the Clerk." Mr. Crayton, wanted to know, if Councilman Paige, told the Clerk to give it to all five. Mr. Crayton, started talking and other from the audience stated he don't have to tell you all that, and Councilman Paige, stated, "I think he's from the Real View." The people need to know, we need to be clear. Mr. Crayton, stated "We should participate in our Government right" "Sure", stated Councilman Paige. Mr. Crayton, expressed "I'm only trying to get some clear answers." Councilman Paige, thanked him for coming, and Mr. Crayton continued, and at this time Chairman Rachal intervened and told Mr. Crayton, "They have already answered those questions, and we need to move on with the meeting."

Next visitor was Mr. Richard Robinson, resident of Hampton Road. Mr. Robinson wanted to know, If Hampton road is still going to be on schedule to be done by Thanksgiving?

Mr. Verret expressed it was not likely to be completed by then, because for the simple reason, you're looking at the entirety of the engineering section of the Parish, Mr. Verret was referring to himself. Mr. Richards Robinson asked, "If

Red River Waterway is paying for it, can they get involved in trying to get it done too, since you're so short handed?"

Mr. Verret explained the Intergovernmental Agreement that was signed between the Parish and the Red River Waterway things like that is the Parish responsibility. Mr. Robertson, stated, "So right now you don't have no idea what so ever." Mr. Verret ask, "An idea of what Sir"? Mr. Robertson answered, "Of the road being completed or even started." Mr. Verret, stated, "I can't give you an exact date, no sir. If we had plans to do it today, there is a thirty (30) day minimum advertisement period to advertise bids and get a contractor on board, by the time we do that it will be too late." Mr. Robertson, stated, "So the Parish President didn't know what he was talking about." "No", Mr. Verret answered, "At that time a month ago we felt that it was something that could possibly happen."

Mr. Robertson, stated, "Things change pretty quick.", Mr. Verret, stated, "A lot of things changes around here." Mr. Robertson, "This only my second meeting." Mr. Robertson, stated, "I would come back to say, "Thank You", when you do finish," Thank you.

Mr. John Hodgeson, from the Pardee Road, wanted to know again, "How we're going to get our road fixed?" Mr. Hodgeson is talking about the Pardee road. Mr. Hodgeson expressed the road is getting real bad, you can't get a car in and out, his wife won't let him drive it, because they're not tearing up another car. Mr. Hodgeson expressed the Highway Department needs to come out and put something down. He also expressed that the value of their homes are going down extremely low in value due to the road. Mr. Hodgeson, mentioned his neighbor's house two years ago was worth around \$150,000, last week it was \$50,000. Mr. Hodgeson's neighbors across the pond from him sold his house and lost \$50,000. Mr. Hodgeson, stated, "The values are going down from the bad roads, this is third house within the last three months, that lost value because of the roads." Mr. Hodgeson, stated, "This is going to affect taxes for sure, but anyway I'll like to see you get out there and do something, so we can get in and out in our car. Mr. Hodgeson said he can't keep his road up any more because his tractor has broken down."

Mr. Verret, "Again I would like to point out that we have Pardee road and about 90 percent of other paved roads in the Parish System that is basically failed asphalt pavement. That is really beyond maintenance."

Mr. Hodgeson expressed it can be repaired without tearing it up. temporarily, but it won't fix it for a long term, Mr. Hodgeson, stated, "If you meet someone you had a bad day", FEMA is not going to help us, you can forget them."

Mrs. Hodgeson wanted to know, If she could have a culvert put on Pardee Road Cut-Off? She explained that it's bad, at that time Dr. Gloria Smith asked, "Are you saying to us that you don't have anything to resurface or to repair the roads, or you just not doing anything? We're not getting any answers, you're shaking your head, but you're not saying, I have limited supply here or no resurfacing material. What are you saying to us?" Mr. Verret, stated, "I'm basically saying meeting, after meeting, after meeting." Dr. Smith responded to let Mr. Verret know this was her first time at the meetings; so she didn't know what he had been saying at all those other meetings, so he would have to repeat. Mr. Verret stated two things, "Number one (1) most of the roads that everyone is mostly here about they are beyond maintenance." Dr. Smith agreed she understood that. Mr. Verret continued by saying, "They are failed, you can not maintain a failed pavement." Dr. Smith, replied, "You're saying to us that there is nothing going to be done to our roads?" "I did not say that," stated

Mr. Verret. Dr. Smith stated, "You haven't told us anything" Mr. Verret said the other thing, then Councilman Rachal, asked Mr. Verret could he say something, Councilman Rachal expressed to the audience he wants to hear from them but they must keep it down so everyone can hear what's going on, if anyone wants to speak, please come to the podium to be recognized and this will keep some type of order in the place.

Mr. Verret continued to explain that they do not have the equipment to do the patching the way it needs to be done. Mr. Verret, stated, "We need a steel wheel roller to do hot mix asphalt patching, this is what we need to work with, on Pardee road there is not enough vital pavement left on that road to even do any hot asphalt patching, the road needs to be reconstructed." Mr. Verret expressed that he will be presenting to the Council as part of his work plan for next year a listing of roads that he feels needs to be scarified, and turned them into aggregate surfaced roads. Mr. Verret knows some citizens are opposed to that and he understands that, but in the absence from being able to do a reconstruction, that is the only thing he can do.

Councilman Paige asked Mr. Verret to break down the term scarifying, because the people don't know what he's talking about. Mr. Verret started to explain that scarifying they would take the scarifying teeth on a motor grader and basically break up the exiting asphalt surface to where basically you're creating an aggregate surface. Mr. Verret went on to explain they did five (5) roads last year and they are holding up good. Posey Road was one of those roads and they are holding up even with the rain. Mr. Verret feels they in a better position to maintain an aggregate road than to try to keep up something that's not maintainable.

Councilwoman Hoover commented by saying all Mr. Verret is saying, "We're going backwards to dirt roads." Mr. Verret disagreed with that statement. Mr. Verret think its going forward from the standpoint the Parish will be creating a road that we will be in a better position to maintain, he did express, "Yes, its backwards in a way of thinking when you go from paved to aggregate, but really it's not a vital paved road anymore."

At this time Ms. Miley wanted to ask Mr. Verret, "How much will it take to fix Pardee Road?" Mr. Verret stated, "That road will take about \$275,000 a mile and that is for based reconstruction and overlay. Ms. Miley asked, "How many miles is Pardee?" Mr. Verret didn't really know, but Mr. Hodgeson stated, "Its 2.1 miles." Mr. Verret stated it will take a half million to fix Pardee road. Ms. Miley stated what she wants to bring out, "The Budget for 2017 is three million three hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (3,355,000), If one road cost a half a million, "Where you're going to get the money?"

The next visitor to speak was Ms. Janice Perry. Ms. Perry wanted to know when Coco Bed road was going to be fixed, because she's not asking for money, because there is money already been awarded to fix this road. Ms. Perry told the others she understands their frustrations because she's been working on trying to get only 9/10 of a mile fixed on the Coco Bed road which has nothing done on it for fifty (50) years. Ms. Perry wanted to know, "When is the money for this road is going to be used to fix the road?"

Mr. Verret explained that as he mentioned the last time she was at the meeting the Parish was being held back to the State design standards, because it's the state that has the money for the road. Mr. Verret stated, "Mr. Nowlin and I in early August went and met with the Facility Planning and Control. Basically we have a plan going forward that if we can provide them documentation as to the design standards

that were in place on that road at the time it became part of the Parish system, then they will allow us to proceed with matching the existing width and not meeting the current State design standards. One of the issues in trying to obtain the documentation, the historical documentation of when roads came in the Parish system, and what standards was placed at that time the historical records are really hard to find. We're having to dig to find the documentation, but if anybody out there can tell us about when that road became in the Parish system this will really help us to expedite the process."

Ms. Perry wanted to know if he didn't come up with the documentation that he's needing, "What are those people suppose to do? What is going to happen to the money and the road?"

Mr. Verret answered Ms. Perry by saying, "We will have to meet State design standards." Ms. Perry wanted to know, "How long is that going to take?" Mr. Verret, stated, "I can't answer that question."

Ms. Perry, stated, "You have tons of people here and roads now that is dangerous to people health. I know you're talking about we don't have the money there, But what happens if someone goes down those roads and has an accident, and GOD forbids if there is a fatality, you're going to find money then, because you're going to have a law suit. Somewhere we need to get with the Governor or somebody. Are we really letting these people know what shape these roads are really in? Coco Bed road, honestly, should have been done, just 9/10 of a road. Every time I come up here it's a different story and we're put back even further." Ms. Perry went on to speak on her time sitting on the Home Rule Charter Commission. Ms. Perry expressed she asked the Charter Board, "Will the Parish Council do any better than what the Police Jury was doing? She expressed the Charter Committee said, "They will get this done, and they will get that done. The people roads will be done. Everything will be better. Since the Parish Council has taken over, you have more roads now in worse shape than they have every been. You have more people in contempt of losing jobs, lose jobs, than it ever been. I said to Sue Weaver, Mayor Posey, and all that was on the Charter Committee, "What will happen to the current employees of the Police Jury, if the Parish President took over? Oh, their jobs are safe. None of them will lose their jobs, their jobs are covered by the State. I wish you can see what has happened since we turn this over to the Parish Council. My recommendation to the Parish Council today or to whom ever, we need to put the Police Jury back on the ballot, I set on the Charter committee, and these people's roads are no better. We're trying to say that this form of Government is a better route, I don't see this as no better than what we had, that's my take on it."

Mr. Verret, stated to Ms. Perry, "I have told you the same thing every time you come. We have told you the State is the one who has the money. We must abide by their rules."

Mrs. Betty Smith wanted to ask Mr. Verret about something earlier he had stated, about not having the equipment to do what was needed for the hot asphalt mixing. Mrs. Betty Smith wanted to know if Mr. Verret had this piece of equipment allocated into his budget to purchase equipment that was needed to use for hot mix for the roads?

Mr. Verret stated, "I did have it in the budget this year to buy the Asphalt Roller, but instead I had to buy a truck, that was involved in an accident, which the parish employee wasn't at fault, so that kind of took money away from what was available for the roller."

Councilman Bedgood wanted to let the people know, "The Council had approved a roller, we approved to allocate in the budget to add it, now it didn't get done, he didn't have the money and he bought

something else with it, but the Council did approve the roller, it was allocated to purchase one."

Mr. Verret stated, "Mr. Bedgood, we had to have that mechanic vehicle." Mr. Bedgood stated, "I understand that, but we did approve it, I want the people to know we're not just sitting up here doing nothing"

Mr. Verret, stated, "That was circumstance beyond our control." Mr. Bedgood replied, "I understand that." Mr. Verret, explained the main thing beyond our control that really impacted our budget for this year is the storm event in March which has caused us to spend over \$300,000 that certainly not budgeted, we're hopeful of getting those reimbursements back that will reimburse that amount when we get it in this fiscal year or next year, that still remains to be seen. There were circumstances beyond our control and knowledge, certainly it was our intention to proceed with that, but with the mechanic truck that was minor compared to the expenditures cause by the storm events. It was not like we were shifting around and changing our minds here; we had to respond to situations and circumstances when they arrived."

Mrs. Betty Smith, is asking the Council to please consider allocating that in your budget again.

Mr. Benedict Lacour wanted to know about the issue of the Out-Fall Pipe that runs under his property that runs into Cane River. This has caused erosion issues on his land. Mr. Verret expressed that Mr. LaCour he has been so patiently in waiting, and that he does apologize. Mr. Verret expressed due to the conditions that the Highway Department had to work with this year, has put the department so far behind. The Parish had 150 roads that was damaged by the storm events and this has caused everything to be put behind.

Mr. Verret began to give out weather information that has kept work from being done on a routine schedule. There was a discussion between Mr. Verret and the Council about this issue of Mr. Lacour's land and the Out Fall Pipe that is running under his land, a question was asked from Councilman de Graffenried, "Could the Cane River Waterway help with this?" Mr. Verret expressed The Cane River Way probably would not because the pipe is on the Parish side. Mr. Verret explained that he needs the mini excavator to do that work, this piece of equipment is the most heavily utilized piece of equipment that we have in our whole fleet. This piece of equipment does drainage work, culvert replacement and the repairs of the rock on most of our paved roads. It has been very difficult to break that loose in order to accommodate one citizens, compared to accommodating many citizens.

Mrs. Joella Collins, stated, "I went to St. Paul Church, Sunday, yesterday, that road is horrible. I just want to know, How long it's going to take to fix that road? I just want a road, somebody road to be fixed, somebody road needs to be fixed somewhere."

Mr. Verret, stated, "Mrs. Collins, every month I give a print out of all the work that has been done the previous months by Districts to the Council members. The month of August we accomplished 282 road repair projects. We are doing some work, we're just not able to get everything done that is needed to be done." Mrs. Collins, wanted to know exactly what type of roads was being worked on? Mr. Verret explained he has a separate sheet showing the cold mix repairs on paved roads 161 different roads since March over a period of 84 days. He expressed, "My department is doing work, but it's so much work that needs to be done. The Highway Department has limited manpower and equipment to do it, the department is chipping away at it but it's going to take a long, long, time to get all of it done." Mrs. Collins,

asked, "So what is going to happen?" Mr. Verret, stated, " The bottom line problem there were no investment made in the roads in the past 40 years, you just don't build a road and expect it to last for eternity, you have to have reconstruction, preventive maintenance. there has to be all these done in order to keep the roads up, and this hasn't been done over the years."

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, August 15,2016.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood , duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, August 15, 2016.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Paige

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to conduct a public hearing with the Natchitoches Parish Council sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the public hearing with the Natchitoches Parish Council Sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

At this time Tax Assessor Mrs. Dollie Mahoney informed the Council she had received two(2) formal complaints. The first complaint was from Prog Leasing, LLC and they Property value was assessed at \$1200 and they are requesting it to be \$0 market value. The second compliant was from Aaron's Inc. and their assessed value was \$92,730 and their requesting \$4,903 market value. Both of these person(s) were not present to explain or defend their requests.

So relatively to this Councilman Chris Paige motion this public hearing to be closed.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the public hearing with the Natchitoches Parish Council Sitting as a "Board of Review" to hear any and all protests or complaints on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves and agreed to uphold the assessed value levied by the Tax Assessor, Dollie C. Mahoney.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next agenda item was for Council to approve the Introduction Of Ordinance #07-2016 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

Mrs. Miley gave the Council the Budget and Historical overview and she told them to look over and if they have any questions to let her know and to give her a call.

Councilman Paige wanted to ask a question about what he got in the mail from the Local Auditors, and people been telling him they have been looking at it on the internet, Councilman Paige, said, "The letter explains that its only for our knowledge and not for the public." Mrs. Miley stated, "She didn't know what the letter stated, but she did know the auditors was responsible for sending the audits out so they mailed them out themselves." Mrs. Miley, stated, again, "She didn't know what the letter stated." Councilman Paige, stated, "He just wanted to know since we are talking about money. Was she's the one?" Mrs. Miley, stated, "I didn't mail it, the auditors did." Mr. Paige wanted to know, "Are these people coming before this body to explain this at a certain date and time? I'll save it until then if so." Ms. Miley explained I'm trying to get them to come to the next month's meeting, we have had some problems in trying to it scheduled." Councilman Paige, stated again, "They sent me a letter saying the we are not to supposed to talk of this, it's just for the Council and President, but when you talk about taxpayers money missing, I think, "Who money is it? It's tax payers money and they have the right to know, I have great difficulties with this, Mr. Crayton, that's something you might want to take on your task later."

Councilman Paige, wanted to know if this was the right time to talk about the monies from last year, not this year. Councilman Paige, asked, "Are we trying to re-coup the money? Ms. Miley, stated, "That money has already been re-coupe already." "All of

it", asked Councilman Paige. Ms. Miley shook her head in the motion of yes.

Councilwoman Hoover responded by saying, "The Audit didn't say that." Ms. Miley, stated, "It was after the Audit was done." Councilman Paige, stated, "They need to come on over to explain all of this." Councilman Rachal, asked Ms. Miley, "They are coming next month, right?" Ms. Miley said, "Yes."

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilwoman Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance #07-2016 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Russell Rachal stated at this time he would like to go to the amendments that was added to the agenda. He would like to start with number three (3) Council to consider requesting a Resolution to request a Legislative Audit/Investigation for the Parish of Natchitoches.

Councilwoman Hoover explains the reasons why a Legislative Audit needs to be done is based on the local audit findings. The findings had reported that there was a lack of Internal Control in the Finance Department, and misappropriation of funds. The CPA has written that this information is intended solely for the use of the President, Parish Council members, and management of the Natchitoches Parish Government and not intended to be and should not be used by no other than the specific parties. Councilwoman Hoover is expressing this is why she's asking for the Audit to have some transparencies. There was a number of things she feels the Parish is not putting out in the public and she stated, "I would like for the Legislative Auditor to come in and review our books after we have finished our local audit. I would like for the Council tonight to take a vote on to have a Legislative Audit done."

Councilman Rachal, asked, "Is there a certain item you're looking for or the whole working of the Parish Government?" Councilwoman Hoover, replied, "The entire Parish Government." Councilman Rachal, stated, "I will like for it to go back to January 2008 to see why we're in the shape we're in now, to pick up from where it started at."

Cory Poole wanted to know will this cost the Parish any money to have this Legislative Audit done? All responses was no, it doesn't cost the Parish anything.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover , duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in

regular and legal session, does approve a Resolution to request a Legislative Audit/Investigation for the Parish of Natchitoches.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda is to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

At this time Councilman Rachal wanted to asked a question of Ms. Miley. Councilman Rachal asked, "Do you have knowledge of how much year to date you have on salaries that have been spent on the Highway Department?" Ms. Miley wanted to know if he wanted salaries and fringe or just one of the other. Councilman Rachal wanted both, then he said just salaries. Ms. Miley gave out salaries on the Highway Department as from January 1-September 14 the Highway Department in salaries were: \$452,379, and Library was \$611,326. Councilman Rachal also asked for Hospitalization from both Department and Highway was \$116,542 and Library was \$180,726. Councilman Paige, asked, "Are those the only two you wanting?" Councilman Rachal, replied, "Yes at this time."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige , duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider renewing the lease agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Self for the Creston Polling Place in the amount of \$1,000.00 annually.

Mr. Self was being paid \$500 a year for the lease agreement between him and the Parish. Mr. Self request an additional \$500.00. The total amount would be for \$1,000. Councilman Bedgood, stated, "He has been drawing since January, 01 2016 an amount of \$2,000 for the year."

Councilwoman Hoover repeated, "\$2,000.00." Councilman Bedgood instructed her to look at the spreadsheet that was sent to them showing this. Councilman Bedgood went on to explain that he called, the Parish President to ask him about it and the Parish President said it was a mistake an employee had made, and Councilman Bedgood, stated, "I'm not going to call any names." and the Parish President would get in contact with Mr. Self. Councilman Bedgood stated, his contract was for only \$500.00 a year, but he had been given \$2,000.00. Councilwoman Hoover wanted to know if Councilman Bedgood, had spoken with Mr. Self,

and Councilman Bedgood, replied, "Yes, I asked him about it, and he laughed and said, "Yes, they paid me \$2,000."

Councilman Rachal, asked Ms. Miley, "Is this correct?" Ms. Miley replied, "Yes, it's correct, it was paid." Ms. Miley, replied, "The person is not here, and I can't explain why it was done." Councilman Bedgood, replied, "The person is not employed with the Government, anymore." The Council had a lengthy discussion concerning this matter and after the discussion the Council came to a decision to table this matter to gather more information concerning the lease and the payments.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal , duly seconded by Councilman Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table renewing the lease agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Self for the Creston Polling Place in the amount of \$1,000, annually.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Cedron Baptist Church for the purpose of tying into their water system for the Vowells Mill polling place.

Ms. Miley explained there is a new owner, the property has been sold and he is not wanting to keep the water turned on, so the New Cedron Church has agreed to let us use their water system for a flat rate. The owner expressed the building is on his property, but he's not going to keep the water on.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover , duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Cedron Baptist Church for the purpose of tying into their water system for the Vowells Mill polling place.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider re-appointing Mr. Arthur Welch to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal , duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Arthur Welch to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Abstain: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

a. Confirmation of Mrs. Jamie Flanagan for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children & Youth Planning Board.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover , duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mrs. Jamie Flanagan to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

b. Confirmation of Mrs. LaQuita Collins for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige , duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mrs. LaQuita Collins to the Natchitoches Parish Housing Authority Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

- c. Appointment of Tracy Brown to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Tracy Brown to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

- d. Confirmation of Mr. Tony Brian Swords for appointment to the Saline Lake Commission.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Tony Brian Swords to the Saline Lake Commission.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood , duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Tracy Brown to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to consider keeping the same agents to seek insurance rates for the Parish of Natchitoches for 2017:

Risk Management of LA (Cunningham Agency): Property, Worker's Comp, Public Officials, Auto, Bond, and In-land Marine.
Jim Sandifer: Health, Life, Dental, Vision, and AD&D
Terry Downs: Supplemental Insurance

Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover wanted to ask a question to Ms. Miley, "Have we seek other proposals to compare?" Ms. Miley replied, "They will seek them for us, that's why we want to keep the same agencies, I do not have the staff." Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, stated, "That brings me to my next question, "Why can't the Parish receive all of the proposals and give recommendations to the Parish Council for approval?" Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, then went along to say, "Other companies have been interested in giving proposals or bids to the Parish, and she feels they should have more companies to seek from, so the Parish can save some money and can get better benefits."

Ms. Miley, stated, "They do get other proposals from different agencies we have a least three to four companies, I do not have the staff to that work load."

Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, stated, "We don't ever see who those person(s) are that is putting in the proposals." Ms. Miley, stated, "Yes, you do, we give the Council an update with recommendations at the November meetings." Mrs. Patsy Ward Hoover, stated, "She wasn't in office at that time."

Councilman Russell Rachal, stated, "So those companies listed, they are the ones who seek out other insurance agencies for us?" Ms. Miley, replied, "They will seek out for us and they will get three or four or what ever it is, we just don't have the capability and staff to do this." Councilwoman Hoover, replied, "We will see who will be putting a packet or bid in, the Council will?" Ms. Miley, replied, "Yes".

Councilman Paige, stated, "Those people that are seeking insurance from other insurance agencies for the Parish, I know they're not doing it for free." Ms. Miley, replied, "No, they do charge a fee about 5% or 6% or up to 10%" Councilwoman Hoover requested Ms. Miley if she could provide a percentage of what the Parish is paying these companies to seek out insurance agencies for the Parish so the Council can compare it, and give it to the Council Clerk so she can get the information to the Council. Ms. Miley, replied, "Yes, if we seek it out we still have to get an agent and they're still going to get money." There were other discussion on this and then Councilman Doug de Graffenried asked, "Can you prepare an Operating Budget without this information? Ms. Miley, stated, "I did a projection, but you have open enrollment in December if you don't get out there you don't get insurance,"

Councilman Paige, stated, "We should just move forward with this, we don't want to hinder anyone from getting insurance, they have been doing this for the longest. We just need to let the public know how much money their getting, let's just move on."

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby keep the same agents to seek insurance rates for the Parish of Natchitoches for 2017:

Risk Management of LA (Cunningham Agency): Property, Worker's Comp, Public Officials, Auto, Bond, and In-land Marine.
Jim Sandifer: Health, Life, Dental, Vision, and AD&D
Terry Downs: Supplemental Insurance

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda is to authorize the Parish President to execute a Right of Way and Easement to Southwestern Electric Power Company.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richie, a new resident was present, and asked if the Council would please approve this, because they have spent a lot of money, and is waiting on their electricity.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute a Right of Way and Easement to Southwestern Electric Power Company.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to consider a project for selection for the 2017-2018 LGAP Program.

Mr. Verret explained this application is due October 4, 2016 for the submittal of applications for the Local Government Assistance Program for State Fiscal Year 2017-18. Mr. Verret is recommending that an application be submitted for the purchase of equipment for the Parish Highway Department. There are no pre-determined funding limits for which an application can be submitted, but projects funded under this program generally fall under a \$100,000 threshold. Mr. Verret express that it's according to how much the Parish would receive to make a decision on what pieces of equipment that would be purchase. The Parish is in dire need of a Dura-Patcher and Asphalt Roller.

Councilman Rachal asked, "If this was a grant and it would be used only for equipment that is recommended and not anything other than that requested, and not something like a utility truck,"

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve a project for selection for the 2017-2018 LGAP Program. The project approved is for purchase of equipment for the Parish Highway Department.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda is for Council to consider authorizing Parish President to submit an application for funding under the Federal Lands Access Program(FLAP)

Mr. Nick Verret made the recommendation that improvements to the Odra Levee Road be pursued under this program, as this road provides access to a National Wildlife Refuge area. Specifically, additional aggregate surfacing is needed on this road, at an estimated cost of some \$250,000 for the material, which would require a \$50,000 local match, a portion of which could consist of "in-kind" work performed by the Parish.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to submit an application for funding under the Federal Lands Access Program(FLAP)

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal stated the next item on the agenda was for Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance 008-2016 for speed limit change on Eight Mile Loop.

Mr. Verret went to explain that Mr. Hubert Wilkerson, who resides at 1048 Eight Mile Loop, requested a reduction in the posted speed limit on the unpaved portion of Eight Mile Loop. Currently, the posted speed on the entirety of this road is 35 mph. Mr. Verret done an evaluation of the road and his recommendation is to adopt an Ordinance to lower the speed limit in this section to 25 mph, in order to improve safety to the traveling public.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover , duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 008-2016 for speed limit change on Eight Mile Loop.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Before Chairman Rachal could read the other items on the Agenda, Councilman Doug de Graffenried, expressed he would like to remove his three items to next month meeting. Councilman de Graffenried is still working on this items. Those agenda items are:

1. The Council to consider Ordinance 9-2016 that the salaries of Parish Government Department heads directly reporting to the Parish President are reported as individual line items in the preparation and presentation of the Parish Government Operating Budget.
2. The Council to consider Ordinance 10-2016 that beginning with the 2017 Operating Budget no Parish Government Department head reporting directly to the Parish President shall have a salary and benefit package as reported on form W-2 that is equal to or exceeds the salary package of the Parish President.
3. The Council to Consider Ordinance 11-2016 directs the Parish President to present to the Council for approval by January 2017 a plan to broadcast in real time the proceedings of any properly called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council. The digital record of each meeting, both audio and video shall be archived on the computer servers owned by Natchitoches Parish and readily and easily accessible to the public.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby remove the three(3) Ordinances to discussed at next month meeting.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Chairman Rachal then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, Mr. Verret wanted to revisit something from earlier, because he was distracted by the laughter in the audience. He wanted to talk about another issue on the Hampton road a critical factors that has impacted the schedule of the reconstruction of the road is the possibility of having SWEPCO to relocate some power poles on portion of that road. Mr. Verret will try to contact Mr. Robinson about this factor that he didn't inform him of. Mr. Verret explain generally utilities relocation can take up some time.

Chairman Rachal then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her reports.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP)

Provided utility assistance to 94 households totaling \$35,900.00.
Issued appointment September 1, 2016; next issuing of appointment will be October 4, 2016.

Food for Seniors which provided 40-pound box to individuals 60 years or older.

182 individuals. Food boxes will be issued on the Parkway Cinema Parking Lot on September 22, 2016 from 6:00a.m.-9:00am.

Commodity provided food items to:22 families

**Issuing date September 22, 2016 at 1016 Keyser Avenue
first come first served.**

HEAD START:

Head Start attendance should be 85% or above, but in the month of August it was 62.98%, the reason for that is school has just begun and it was only 13 days as children came they would leave, some went to public school and they have to be replaced. Another problem we had some trying issues of getting our Teachers and Aids placed. Hopefully this will be done by the end of the month, we didn't have our full capacity of Teachers and Aids in HeadStart and this was an issue.

Ms. Harris expressed for the month of September all Centers are filled with children, she received confirmation of that from the Head Start Director, Dr. April Wade.

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (SCP)

47 SCP volunteers

3,377.5 volunteer hours \$8,950.38

5,716 miles

59 Clients

Chairman Rachal then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, She stated she mailed out all her reports and asked if there were any questions at this time, there were no questions.

Ms. Miley covered the 2016 Active Booking for Inmates and Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expense. Ms. Miley also went over the HEAD START American Express Expenditures. (attached to minutes) and she asked if the Council had any questions.

Chairman Rachal then recognizes Ms. Miley who gave the Parish President report in his absence. She just gave the report and asked if they would look over it.

The chairman stated that he motion that the Council come out of regular session and go into Executive Session to discuss two (2) items.

Executive Session

1) Report from Parish Attorney regarding pending litigation.

Robert E. Morgan, et ux Vs. Parish of Natchitoches. 10th Judicial District Court, Docket: 87534-A

2)Report of Performance Evaluation (Personnel Matter)

Councilman Paige wanted to know about the second item in the session. He stated, "Ms. Roy being an investigative report, you must give what it's about." Ms. Roy asked, "Is this a Personnel Matter?" Councilman Russell Rachal, replied, "Yes." Ms. Roy,

asked, "Has that person been notified?" "Has that person been given a right to have an attorney or to not go into a Executive Session and keep in Public?" Councilman Rachal didn't respond. Councilman Rachal then asked the District Attorney to address that.

District Attorney Kip Fair, stated, "You're correct, but this is about Parish Business and do we want to put it in the public? Councilman Paige, asked, "Is this about an individual?" District Attorney Kip Fair, stated, "This is about several individuals."

Ms. Carolyn Roy, asked, "Is this about Policy?" Mr. Kip Fair stated it was about things that have already happened by Council, accusations, and with letters, just a whole lot of things." Mr. Kip Fair, stating he's there to give them a legal opinion to the Council for their information, it's no actions to be taken at all. Mr. Kip Fair, stated, "I just need to get permission to say what it is, I can do it in public or in executive session." Councilman Paige, replied, "We can do it in Executive Session, I just don't want to blind side someone and we just get to talking, like we done before, you know that, I don't like handling business like that."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby enter into "Executive Session"

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried

Motion Passed

After the Executive Session, the doors were opened and Councilman Paige stated, "We had an Executive Session and no action was taken on any matters and I would like to move on the next item on the agenda, which is to adjourn."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman de Graffernied
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood

Motion Passed

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

Russell Rachal, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk