

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHEES PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF
NATCHITOCHEES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD,
MONDAY,

January 28, 2013

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, January 28, 2013 at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Mr. Kevin Porter and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Aaron Johnson.

There were present Councilmen: Rodney Bedgood, Aaron Johnson, Ricky LaCour, Chris Paige and John Salter.

There was absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then asked the audience if anyone had any comments concerning the agenda. Since there were none, Chairman Bedgood moved to the next agenda item.

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the Special meetings of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Thursday, January 10, 2013 and the special meeting held Thursday, January 17, 2013.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby approve the 2013 Annual Budget of the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an endorsement resolution supporting the International Paper Company to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an endorsement resolution supporting the Natchitoches Grand Hotel, LLC to participate in the Enterprise Zone Program.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the President to sign the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Sign Replacement and Upgrade Grant Supplemental Agreement No. 1.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution in support of keeping the Clarence Post Office open.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution selecting three (3) bridge sites, Jim's River, Mayou's Bayou and Coal Kiln Creek, to be included in the FY 2011-13 Off System Bridge Program.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby change the February 18, 2013 regular meeting date, due to this date being a holiday, to Monday, February 11, 2013.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table appointing two (2) members to serve on the Board of Directors of the Coordinating and Development Corporation.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Grant for the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District #1 in the amount of \$64,353.

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

	Aye	Nay
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who reported to the Council the progress made at the Parish Highway Department. Mr. Verret then presented the Council with a printout of the major accomplishments he has made in the Highway Department this month. Two of the items Mr. Verret spoke about were the implementation of a daily vehicle log and a customer request database/tracking system. Mr. Verret also presented the Council with a copy of major tasks to be accomplished within the next 30 days and a list of other plans for the remainder of the first quarter of 2013. He also told the Council he would be presenting plans for the Five Forks and Plantation Point Roads for the Council approval. Mr. Verret also informed the Council on the status of the Old River Road Bridge. He told the Council that one of the things they would be able to accomplish was the construction engineering and inspection in house and would save the Parish a lot of money. Mr. Verret stated that he was a registered professional engineer and would be able to oversee the project. In conclusion, he presented the Council with a revised copy of the emergency expenditures report.

Chairman Bedgood then recognize Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, who presented the Council with an update on the inmate and Coroner expenses. Ms. Miley told the Council that on the printout they would notice that the Sheriff was the only agency the Parish still owed in regards to inmates cost. She also stated that she was able to pay a small amount to them that reduced the balance under a million dollars. Ms. Miley then presented a cash activity summary for the Council.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who told the Council he had just a couple of things but first wanted to point out something that Mr. Verret left out. President Nowlin stated that on page 2, Item #6 on the handout relative to scheduling the LPA Qualification Core Training in which people in our Parish has to take is usually held in Baton Rouge, LA but because of Mr. Verret affiliation with the group he has received permission to teach the course here in Natchitoches and that will save travel and expenses for the Parish. President Nowlin also told the Council that Item #7 dealing with the LA Transportation Conference, Mr. Verret will be speaking at one session and attending other sessions. He stated that this was good for the Parish Director of Public Works to be speaking to others about design and construction of highways. President Nowlin then introduced his new Executive Assistant, Mrs. Linda Vance. He then told the Council on January 10th of this year, he had attended a meeting with other Parishes officials, consulting engineers preparing for a fight in the legislature concerning some new water regulations that has been put forward by DHH. He stated that these regulations are erroneous and expensive and in most cases would not improve the quality of water. President Nowlin stated that he wanted to stay involved because this would affect every water system in the Parish. Lastly, he stated that at the February meeting, he would present the appointment of members to three advisory committees: Economic Development, Personnel Policy and Solid

Waste Collection System. President also told the Council he would be submitting to the Council a reorganization plan later in the spring.

Since there was no other business, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adjourn until the next regular or called meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council.

Motion Passed

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Catherine Hamilton,
Interim Council Clerk