

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

March 18, 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, March 18, 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 Councilman Chris Paige and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman John Salter.

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

There was absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who asked the Council to amend the agenda to add authorizing the advertising of sealed bid proposals to repair several bridges in the Parish. Relative to this, 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 amend the agenda by adding authorizing the advertisement of sealed bid proposals to repair several bridges in the Parish.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak. Since there were none, he then asked if anyone had any comments concerning the agenda.

Chairman Bedgood then moved agenda Item #15 up in order to make a presentation to the family of the late Reverend George Stanley Lewis. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution expressing the Parish Council and Parish President's sympathy to the wife and family of the late Rev. Dr. George Stanley Lewis.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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

Chairman Rodney Bedgood, Parish President Rick Nowlin and Councilmen Chris Paige, Rick LaCour, Aaron Johnson and John Salter presented a proclamation expressing their sympathy to the Mrs. Edwina Lewis, wife of the late Reverend Dr. George Stanley Lewis and other family members. Mrs. Lewis then thanked the Council and Parish President for their expression of sympathy.

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Michael Marbut to the Fire Protection District #7 Board of Directors.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming Ms. Reba Phelps' appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission to replace Mr. Ricky LaCour.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming Mr. Clyde H. Masson and Mr. John Norman Rachal's re-appointment to the Waterworks District #2 Board of Commissioners.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming and approving the Natchitoches Parish Economic Development Advisory Commission and its members; Dr. Sue Weaver, Chairman, Ms. Shirley Rougeou - Vice Chairman, Mr. Michael Prudhomme, Ms. Georgia Hilton, Mr. Randy Stelly, Mr. Jim Kilcoyne, Mr. Don Barker, Ms. Valerie Minchew, Mr. Michael Lewis, Mr. Mike Newton, and Mr. Mike Wolff.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<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. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming and approving the Natchitoches Parish Personnel Advisory Commission and its members; Mr. Truman Maynard, Chairman, Ms. Amy Johnson, Ms. Brenda Lacour, Vice Chairman, Mr. Bryan Carroll, Mr. Tommy Chester, Mr. Jimmy Berry, and Mrs. Gail Jones.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution confirming and approving the Natchitoches Parish Solid Waste Advisory Commission and its members; Mr. Sherman Doolittle, Chairman, Mr. Ronald C. Payne, Sr., Vice Chairman, Mr. Sidney Evans III, Mr. Pat Todd, Jr., Mr. Ed Evans, Mr. Carlos Donoway, Mr. James Miller.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, February 11, 2013.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<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. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend the CWEF Grant #10-11-CWEF-NTC-0001 to request that \$20,000.00 be reallocated to the Ajax Beulah Water System to relocate water lines at new Rocks Creek Bridge site.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<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 introduce Ordinance #3 of 2013, exchanging P. R. #225, the Five Forks Road, to the State of Louisiana for a portion of LA 486.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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

There then ensued a conversation concerning a public hearing for the exchange of the P. R. #225, the Five Forks Road. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add setting a public hearing on the adoption of Ordinance #3 of 2013, exchanging P. R. #225, the Five Forks Road, to the State of Louisiana for a portion of LA 486.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby set the public hearing on the adoption of Ordinance #3 of 2013, exchanging P. R. #225, the Five Forks Road, to the State of Louisiana for a portion of LA 486 for Monday, April 15, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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 approve entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Natchitoches allowing them to purchase CRS-2 asphalt emulsion from the storage tank owned by the Parish of Natchitoches.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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 introduce Ordinance #2-2013 amending Section 2 of Ordinance #112 adopted July 20, 1988 by restructuring the Natchitoches Parish Communication District Board of Commissioners.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby award the bid received Thursday, March 7, 2013 for glauconite "black rock" to the only bidder, James Rock Company.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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 authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit sealed bid proposals for Liquid Asphalt CRS-2 for the Parish Highway Department.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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 proclamation proclaiming the month of April, 2013 as "National County Government Month."

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Salter who discussed agenda item numbers 17 and 18. After a short discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Lacour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby table Agenda Items #17 and #18.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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

Chairman Bedgood recognized Mr. Salter who told the Council that he had been contacted by Justin Gremillion, Parish Sanitarian, concerning agenda item #19, the hiring of a part-time sanitarian at the Natchitoches Parish Health Unit. Mr. Salter asked the councilmen their thoughts to this matter. After several comments and questions from the councilmen and Parish President, it was agreed that President Nowlin would contact some people on at the State of Louisiana.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Parish President Nowlin who told the Council he had mentioned to the Council at the last meeting about adopting a resolution opposing the new regulations issued by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals for water systems. After a brief discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, and duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution expressing the opposition of the Parish of Natchitoches to the new regulations issued by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals requiring the design and construction of water systems within the state to be in strict compliance with the ten states standards, and requesting the assistance of our Legislative Delegation in the revision or reversal of the new regulations.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Johnson	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Bedgood	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	—	—	—
Councilman LaCour	<u> x </u>	—	—	—

Motion Passed

The Council then received reports from Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director and Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer.

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who gave the Council an update on matters involving the Parish.

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

On motion by Mr. Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Johnson	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Paige	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman Bedgood	<u>x</u>	---	---	---
Councilman LaCour	<u>x</u>	---	---	---

Motion Passed

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Catherine Hamilton,
Interim Council Clerk