

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
May 19, 2014
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, May 19, 2014 for regular Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five-thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m.

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

The invocation was given by Ms. Feamula Bradley and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Aaron Johnson.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Aaron Johnson and Councilmen Rodney Bedgood, Ricky LaCour, Chris Paige, and John Salter.

There was absent: None.

Chairman Johnson then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak and Ms. Patsy Ward-Hoover was scheduled to speak, but she requested that her Councilman Mr. Ricky LaCour read a plaque from her granddaughter Adaya Williams student at the Victory Academy in Baton Rouge, LA. The class was thanking the Parish President and the Council for being so nice to them while visiting our great Parish. The student felt like Natchitoches was the best of all the cities they toured in Louisiana and they were also proud to be able to participate in our Tri-Centennial Celebration.

Next visitor was Ms. Feamula Bradley who applauded the Council for taking the proper steps in Adopting an Ordinance to prevent smoking within twenty-five (25) feet from the entrances and exists of the Courthouse and other Parish operated, owned or used parish facilities. Ms. Bradley is from the Department of

Mr. Bob Cotton also a visitor wanted to express his concerns about the Central Loop situation. Concerning The residents on that loop if anything goes wrong medically with them they would have to wait at least 45 minutes for someone from Provencal to come verses 5 minutes from someone from Robeline. He stated that the Fire District was only concerned about money and not the well being of the residents in that area. He wanted both Fire District 4 and Fire District 7 to come to a mutual agreement to be able to take care of the residents in that area if anyone needed medical assistance.

Councilman John Salter stated that he would direct Mr. Cotton in the right direction on trying to get assistance with people that could help when ever they need medical assistance in that area. Mr. Doug Dowden, stated Fire District 7 doesn't do medical calls, but Fire District 4 is making positive changes to help with those residents in the Central Loop area and the other surrounding areas also.

There were no public comments.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, 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, April 21, 2014.

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 Johnson stated the next agenda item to discuss was to consider approving the Resolution to hold an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to authorize the renewal of a special tax.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Resolution to hold an election in Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to authorize the renewal of a special tax.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was considering Council approval for authorizing Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Coco Bed Road.

There was a short discussion on this item with Ms. Janice Perry representative for those residents of the Coco Bed Road wanting to know exactly when the process would begin. Mr. Verret assured Ms. Perry that the process would be taking place in Early Spring or if all approvals are done by August they will start, before the fall/winter weather sets in. Ms. Perry stated that she would be addressing the Council again, if this process doesn't begin then.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve authorizing Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Coco-Bed Road.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions:

- Mr. Ted E. Duggan to the Natchitoches Parish Water Works District 2 Board.
- Dr. Thomas Burns to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board.
- Mr. James W. Anthony to the Natchitoches Parish Water Works District 2 Board.
- Mr. Johnny Nobles to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 2 Board.
- Mr. Sam J. Friday to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board.
- Ms. Sandra Wiggins to the Natchitoches Parish Northwest Louisiana Human Services District Board
- Mr. William Cruse to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution confirming the re-appointment/appointments of the following members to these boards and commissions:

- Mr. Ted E. Duggan to the Natchitoches Parish Water Works District 2 Board.
- Dr. Thomas Burns to the Natchitoches Parish Library Board.
- Mr. James W. Anthony to the Natchitoches Parish Water Works District 2 Board.
- Mr. Johnny Nobles to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 2 Board.
- Mr. Sam J. Friday to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 8 Board.
- Ms. Sandra Wiggins to the Natchitoches Parish Northwest Louisiana Human Services District Board
- Mr. William Cruse to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider awarding the bid for Mosquito Abatement Control to Vector Disease Control International with the bid of \$45,000.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the awarding of bid for Mosquito Abatement Control to Vector Disease Control International with the bid of \$45,000.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval for appointing the Natchitoches Times as the official journal for the Parish of Natchitoches to the Secretary of State.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint the Natchitoches Times as the official journal for the Parish of Natchitoches to the Secretary of State.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then stated that next agenda item for discussion was for Council to approve authorizing Parish President to sign necessary documents to re-allocate LGAP funds from Shady Grove Community Center to supplement Highway Department LGAP funds of \$25,000.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President to sign necessary documents to re-allocate LGAP funds from Shady Grove Community Center to supplement Highway Department LGAP funds of \$25,000

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson, then stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to make May 19, 2014 Agnes Morris Day, founder of the Lesche Club.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby make May 19, 2014 Agnes Morris Day, founder of the Lesche Club.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following items:

- A. Consider the adoption of Ordinance #11-2014 for Preventing smoking twenty-five (25) feet from entrances and exists to any public building or public facility occupied, owned or operated by the Parish of Natchitoches or any of its agencies.
- B. Consider the adoption of Ordinance #13-2014 to remove 0.111 mile of the Massey Road, Parish Road No. 582A, from the Parish road system at the request of Mr. Charles Davis, Jr.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the public hearing.

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

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the public hearing.

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

Relative to the items discussed during the public hearing, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance #11-2014 for Preventing smoking twenty-five (25) feet from entrances and exists to any public building or public facility occupied, owned or operated by the Parish of Natchitoches or any of its agencies.

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

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance #13-2014 for removing 0.111 mile of the Massey Road, Parish Road No. 582A, from the Parish road system, at the request of Mr. Charles Davis, Jr.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to authorize Parish President to advertise for bids for the pulverization and compaction of the existing unpaved portions of Emmanuel Road, and to award to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that the cost of this work does not exceed \$100,000.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does authorize Parish President to advertise for bids for the pulverization and compaction of the existing unpaved portions of Emmanuel Road, and to award to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that the cost of this work does not exceed \$100,000.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the agenda needs to be amended by adding the following items:

A. Council to consider adopting a resolution to add William Randolph Ziegler, III to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board due to resignation of Mr. J. Michael Kenny.

B. Council to consider authorizing Parish President to award the contract for the replacement of the chiller and associated equipment for the Live Oak building to Johnny Williams Plumbing 6461 Highway 8, Bentley, LA 71407 in the amount of 107,000.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add Council to consider adopting a resolution to add William Randolph Ziegler, III to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board due to resignation of Mr. J. Michael Kenny.

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. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add authorizing Parish President to award the contract for the replacement of the chiller and associated equipment for the Live Oak building to Johnny Williams Plumbing 6461 Highway 8, Bentley, LA 71407 in the amount of 107,000.

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

Relatively to the above amendment to the agenda the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to add William Randolph Ziegler, III to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board due to resignation of Mr. J. Michael Kenny.

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. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorize Parish President to award the contract for the replacement of the chiller and associated equipment for the Live Oak building to Johnny Williams Plumbing 6461 Hwy. 8 Bentley, LA 71407 in the amount of 107,000.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his report. Mr. Verret updated Council on the Work accomplishments for each council district for the months of April. He also gave a spread sheet on the New Solid Waste Contract and the April charges compare favorable to the monthly charges under the previous contract, although the tonnage was slightly greater than the previous monthly average, which may be attributed to annual "spring cleaning" by Parish residents. Mr. Verret also touch basis back on the proposed Road Improvement Priority Plan in conjunction with LA DOTD "Right-Sizing" Program. He wants Council to give a list of roads in

their districts to be listed and presented to DOTD and he also need Council approval for the authorization for the Parish President to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DOTD accepting the transfer of LA-3191 to the Parish.

Chairman Johnson then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her monthly report stating that CSBG: 2014 amendment #1 has been submitted to Louisiana Workforce Commission, Baton Rouge awaiting review and approval. Previous amount of money of \$187,486 is available. With the LIHEAP program 141 households received assistance with payments totaling \$59,900, average payment per household is approximately \$425. Appointments will be given on the first Wednesday of each month, based on availability of funds. Food Seniors: provided 40-pound box to 202 individuals 60 and over. Commodity provided services to 126 households.

Head Start funding period ends June 30, 2014 and is awaiting to hear decision. Also from Head Start 1.3% (10,377) COLA funding request sent to Head Start Regional Office May 9, 2014 awaiting approval. Last Day for children is May 23, 2014 and teaching staff May 30, 2014. Head Start Graduation for all centers is on May 23, 2014. Head Start Family Fun Day is May 22, 2014 at all centers.

Chairman Johnson then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley then went on to discuss her reports giving status updates on the 2014 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses. Ms. Miley also brought before the Council the Audit findings for years in questioned 2008, 2009, 2012/1st quarter/2012 3rd quarter, 2009/4th quarter, and 2010/4th quarter. 2008 has been confirmed Abatement 2009/4th quarter confirmed Abatement, and 2010/4th quarter confirmed Abatements. The other years Estimated Abatement Requested in Progress. Jessica Broadway with Johnson, Thomas, Cunningham has been working with the Ms. Miley and Ms. Bernestine to rectify this matter.

All information has been sent to the IRS and is currently in progress. If the Parish do incur any penalty and interest it will have to be paid by May 23 deadline.

Chairman Johnson then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who gave an update on the IRS report given by Ms. Miley and Ms. Bernestine, which now, the Parish will be going to the Methods software to prevent future IRS problems.

Mr. Nowlin also updated Council that he will continue to meet with the City and Sheriff department related to the Animal Control issue. And hopefully later that the Parish can work something out with city to help with our Animal control issues.

Mr. Nowlin, gave an update on the Friday May 16, 2014 meeting held on Water Standards and all parts of the water standards, should be covered by August or September of this year.

Councilman John Salter then recognize J.W. Scarborough, whom was visiting the meeting he wanted to recognized him and let everyone know how much J.W. Scarborough has done for the Parish of Natchitoches.

Mr. Scarborough is then newly elected Secretary for the El Camino West/East Corridor. He wanted let everyone know that the Parish have been award the 2.5 million dollars to start on Phase I, which is the 3.10 of a mile right away from I-49 to Hagedwood to 117.

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

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Chairman 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 Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman LaCour	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> X </u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Attest:

Aaron Johnson, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk