

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL  
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,  
June 16, 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, June 16, 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 Mr. Nick Verret and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Ricky LaCour.

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 Mr. Randy Peeples, External Affairs Manager for Swepeco wanted to inform the parish residents about important changes that's occurring with EPA regulations.

Next visitor was Mr. Johnny Smith, he wanted to ask the council for support in supporting a Resolution that will protect and support the heritage, culture and traditions of hunting deer and other game with dogs in the Parish of Natchitoches.

The Council asked Mr. Smith would it be okay if they re-visited this request at the next meeting in July, to give them more time to gather information and to check with other parishes to see what they are doing to support hunting with dogs within their parishes.

There were no public comments.

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 the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, May 19, 2014 and the minutes of a Special Meeting held on June 2, 2014.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Salter	_x_	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	_x_	___	___	___
Councilman Johnson	_x_	___	__	___
Councilman LaCour	_x_	___	___	___
Councilman Paige	_x_	___	__	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next agenda item to discuss was to consider authorizing Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, as needed, for the donation of broken concrete and other salvaged materials that may become available for the Parish use.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, as needed, for the donation of broken concrete and other salvaged materials that may become available for the Parish use.

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 Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to Introduce Ordinance 14-2014 to amend the Parish 2014 Consolidated Budget and the have a Public Hearing on this in July for the next meeting on July 21, 2014.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 14-2014 to amend the Parish 2014 Consolidated Budget and to have a Public Hearing for July 21, 2014.

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 adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointments/appointments to the following boards/commissions:

- Mr. Ricky L. Sanders for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Michael Sanders for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. William Sanders for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Charles N. Roge' for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Harry Hawthorne for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Joseph Prothro for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Ms. Ashley Prothro for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Ms. Vanessa Stanfield for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.
- Ms. Jamie Flanagan for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.
- Ms. Jennifer Johnson Karle for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Planning Board.
- Ms. Vicki Payne Parrish for appointment to the Water Works District 1 Board.
- Mr. Elvin Shields for appointment to the Water Works District 1 Board.
- Mr. Clint Perot for appointment to the Water Works District 1 Board.
- Mr. Edward W. Colbert for appointment to the Water Works District 1 Board.

Ms. Lauryn Sharplin for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission 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. Ricky L. Sanders for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Michael Sanders for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. William Sanders for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Charles N. Roge' for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Harry Hawthorne for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
- Mr. Joseph Prothro for re-appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.
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- Mr. Edward W. Colbert for appointment to the Water Works District 1 Board.
- Ms. Lauryn Sharplin for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission 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 approval of a Resolution to support Natchitoches Parish becoming a Certified Work Ready Community.

Mr. Tony Davis, explained how the program works and how the youths would benefit from this program after the completion of High School.

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 of a Resolution to support Natchitoches Parish becoming a Certified Work Ready Community.

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

Mr. Ben Lacour a resident from the Point Place community wanted to be recognized to speak on the problem their having in the community on owners that are not taking proper care of their lots. Mr. LaCour stated that there are limbs so high you can't even tell its a structure on the property, There are rodents and mosquito's generating from all this. He wanted help from the Council to make property owners to clean up their property.

Mr. Greg LeMoine, Planning and Zoning Director, stated there is nothing he can do, because the Parish does not have a Blighted Property Ordinance to enforce to make the property owners clean up.

Parish President Rick Nowlin, state he is working on an Blighted Property Ordinance and he will present it to the Council for approval after he complete compiling information from different cities to make sure everything is properly covered in this Ordinance.

Mr. Ben LaCour had another complaint that there's a tree that is in the river and can cause great harm to boaters and he wanted to know what and whom can help him with this problem. The Council and Mr. Greg LeMoine told him that this is under the Cane River Waterway jurisdiction and he need to notify them.

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 May. He also gave a spread sheet on the New Solid Waste Contract and the May charges the spreadsheet shows the charges for the first two months under the new contract. The May charges are slightly greater than the previous monthly average, but it is anticipated that the tonnage will level off in future months.

Mr. Verret also touched basis on the working cell at the Parish Landfill is nearing its approved capacity, and the Director of Public Works is seeking an exemption from DEQ to allow for disposal adjacent to this cell while the permit renewal application is being processed. This is requiring an official public notice of the Parish's intent.

Chairman Johnson then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her monthly report stating that CSBG: With the LIHEAP program 107 households received assistance with payments totaling \$41,900, average payment per household is approximately \$392. Appointments will be given on the first Wednesday of each month, based on availability of funds. Food Seniors: provided 40-pound box to 209 individuals 60 and over. Commodity provided services to 98 households.

Head Start funding period ends June 30, 2014 and is awaiting to hear decision. Effective June 16, 2014, Head Start Accountant Retired. Head Start average daily attendance for May is 74.10%. Ms. Sharon Harris also gave out a 2014-2015 Head Start School Calendar.

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. She asked the Council if they had any questions for her and there was none.

Chairman Johnson then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who discussed three topics. First he wanted to thank the Council for approving the purchase of the new Chiller for Live Oak building and reported that of June 16, 2014 it was in working condition, and they are already feeling the difference in the Live Oak building.

Secondly, Parish President updated the Council that the House Committee have approved the other \$180,000 for the Coco Bed Road, if it make it to the Bond Commission in a reasonable time they will use it in conjunction with the \$100,000, but if not it will be used in the later phase.

Lastly, Parish President informed the Council that Ms. Marilyn McMurtry, non voting member, to represent him on the Tourist Commission Board. Mr. Nowlin, expressed he has many meetings to attend and he recommends Ms. Marilyn McMurtry to fill in for him on those meetings that he can not attend.

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

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

Motion Passed

Attest:

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Aaron Johnson, Chairman

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Sheryl Frederick,  
Council Clerk