

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 16, 2015
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, November 16, 2015 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 John Salter who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Pastor Roland Smith and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Chris Paige.

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

Chairman Salter then asked for visitors at this time and Mayor Roland Smith of Campti wanted to give the Council clarification on the Town of Campti and on the Field of Dreams. He clarified that the Field of Dreams is operating as a 501C3 and is not umbrella under the Town of Campti. The Town of Campti and the Field of Dreams are not in any type of partnership. There will be a meeting set up with the Field of Dreams, Mayor of Campti, Parish President, and Councilman Chris Paige at a later date.

Ricky Jefferson from the Coco Bed road wanted to get a status update on the Coco Bed Road project. Mr. Verret, again stated their working on another method to speed up the process without having to buy any right of ways from anyone. Mr. Jefferson wasn't concerned about any of that he just wanted the 9/10 of mile that was promised to them. They was also concerned about losing the money for the project but they were promised by Mr. Rick Nowlin and Mr. Verret the money will be there. Mr. Verret still don't understand why there is a problem with wanting to do all of the 2.3 miles when they will have to funds to do it.

Mr. Jefferson stated their end of the road haven't been done in 55 plus years and he's really not concerned with the other end. They have been fighting for the 9/10 of a mile and now Mr. Verret is wanting to do the entire road. Mr. Verret said it would make it easier to maintain the upkeep of the road for the parish. Mr. Verret stated this project probably want begin until Spring of next year.

Ben LaCour from Points place wanted to know about the drainage problem he's still having. This a drain that's lateral to Patrick Lane and goes through Mr. Lacour's land. Mr. Verret stated he must install a pipe that runs underneath Mr. Lacour's property to drain into Cane River. Mr. Verret stated this was not a priority at this time. He's working on safety issues first with roads. And Mr. Lacour is also concerned about all the garbage that is being dumped on the roads and ditches. Mr. Verret stated the Sheriff's department only gives him 1 crew for litter and he doesn't have the man power.

Jackie Myles from Sisson Loop Road stated there is still pot holes and water coming over the road. He have attended several meetings to report this and nothing still haven't been done to his road. Mr. Verret stated he put rocks down in a hole which Mr. Myles had reported, but he wasn't told about grading the road Mr. Myles was on only about the road behind Mr. Myles property. Mr. Myles is very upset about this matter and stated he will get the news involved in this matter if nothing is done.

Mr. Shelton Ross of Sisson Road wanted to know why was the asphalt graded off the part of his road. This was an asphalt road, who made that call to do this. Mr. Verret, stated he made that call, he was trying to help the situation, because Mr. Myles was complaining about he holes and things, he thought if he would do this road like Posey Road it would help, but after doing it, it didn't turn out the way it should, but he assured Mr. Ross they would come back out to correct the problem they made on his part of asphalt road on Sisson. Mr. Ross was satisfied with this, he stated he just wanted to hear they would come back out to re do it.

Ms. Donna Isaacs, wanted to get an update on the Ordinance 14 that was table last month concerning the three (3) parcel of land. Ms. Isaac was told by chairman Salter, a meeting is going to be set up with herself, the mayor of Campti, Parish President, and Councilman Chris Paige. The chairman stated this was not on the agenda to be discussed. Parish President did state the titles to the three (3) parcels did come back clear. He will be getting something in writing from the attorney that was handling the title search.

Chairman Salter asked were there any other visitors who would like to speak and there was none.

There were many public comments.

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, October 19, 2015 and a Special meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, 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, October 19, 2015 and a Special meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

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

Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes:	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to give award the other Parish of Natchitoches insurance's for 2016.

At this time, Mr. Terrance Holden gave a list of different proposals and gave us the best choice, the Parishes need to take. Based on information from the only companies to provide quotes it is recommended that the Parish continues to use CNA for Property and Inland Marine and use AIX (Hanover)for Public officials and Auto Coverage and to continue to use LUBA for the Parishes Workmen Comp coverage due to the fact they are A rated.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve **CNA for Property and Inland Marine and use AIX (Hanover)for Public officials and Auto Coverage and to continue to use LUBA for the Parishes Workmen Comp coverage due to the fact they are A rated.**

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the CACFP Application/Budget. This is the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its up for renewal.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the submission of the CACFP Application/Budget.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the introduction of Ordinance 16-2015 to Amend the 2015 Operating Budget.

Parish Treasurer, Debbie Miley passed out an amended Budget for inspection prior to public hearing that will be set for next month to the Council.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the submission of the CACFP Application/Budget.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was to authorize the award of new dozer lease and execution of lease agreement by Parish President.

Mr. Nick Verret gave a brief report on the three vendors that submitted proposals:

Three vendors submitted proposals, which were opened on November 2, 2015. Their proposals are summarized below:

Louisiana Machinery - 2016 Caterpillar D5K2 @ \$935.09 per month

Doggett Machinery Services - 2015 John Deere 650K @ \$1,927.88 per month

Scott Equipment - 2015 Case 850M @ \$3,983.69 per month
[lease/purchase]

A review of the specifications furnished with their proposal indicates that the Cat D5K2 dozer proposed by **Louisiana Machinery** meets the requirements of the RFP. Therefore, it is recommended that their proposal be accepted, and that the Parish President be authorized to enter into a contract with them for the lease of this machine for a period of 36 months.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to authorize the award of new dozer lease to Louisiana Machinery and the execution of lease agreement by Parish President.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

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

- A. Carol R. O'Quinn to be re-appointed to Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5. Board.
- B. Darrell Lynn Roque Sr. to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5 Board.
- C. Benjamin Roy Dupree to be appointed to the Saline Lake Commission.
- D. Lattney Trey Brewton to be appointed to the Saline Lake Commission.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the appointments/re-appointment to the following boards/commissions.

- A. Carol R. O'Quinn to be re-appointed to Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5. Board.
- B. Darrell Lynn Roque Sr. to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5 Board.
- C. Benjamin Roy Dupree to be appointed to the Saline Lake Commission.
- D. Lattney Trey Brewton to be appointed to the Saline Lake Commission.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider authorize Parish President to execute agreement with Municode for the legal review and recodification of Parish Ordinances.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President to execute agreement with Municode for the legal review and recodification of Parish Ordinances.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider approving a pay raise for the Council for the upcoming new term.

Mr. Bedgood wanted to let everyone know this was on him. He didn't discuss it with any other of the Councilman. He felt that the \$461.00 that a Councilman makes is a disgrace. He discussed that he has large area to cover and when the residents calls a councilman should be able to get into their vehicle and travel to those person(s) that is calling. He stated the Parish doesn't pay for the Council mileage's, gas money, or retirement.

Parish President stated, if this going to take place it must be voted on at the next meeting. If they wait until January, it will be another four years they can bring this back up. So the council decided to introduce it and it will be voted in next month meeting. The Council came up with a salary of \$1200 a month for the Parish Council.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance 17-2015 to approve a salary of \$1200 for the Natchitoches Parish Council.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter, stated at this time he would like to amend the agenda by adding:

- A. Council to approve the 2016 Tourist Commission Budget.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add:

A. Council to approve the 2016 Tourist Commission Budget.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the 2016 Tourist Commission Budget.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Chairman Salter then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his report.

Wet weather during the periods of October 31 - November 2 and November 7-8 have caused serious problems on the unpaved roads throughout the Parish system, resulting in the need for placement of significant amounts of Winn rock and the hiring of contract trucks for hauling this material in order to keep the roads passable. During the week of November 2-5, an average of \$5,000 per day was spent on Winn rock, necessitating budget adjustments to stay within the total amount budgeted to the Highway Department.

New Capital Outlay Project Submittals - Applications were submitted on October 30. The prioritization of the four projects that were re-submitted remain as per the previous submittal, as follows:

- #1 - Payne Subdivision
- #2 - Harmony Road
- #3 - Goldonna Road
- #4 - Fish Hatchery Road

For the five new projects requested by the Parish Council, the recommended prioritization based on road classification and traffic counts is as follows:

- #5 - Bermuda Road [Arterial]
- #6 - Independence Street [Collector with estimated ADT of 570]
- #7 - Pardee Road [Collector with ADT of 222]
- #8 - Bayou Derbonne Road [Collector with ADT of 100]
- #9 - Miscellaneous Roads Along LA-6 East [all are classified as Minor roads]

Chairman Salter then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her 2014 year report with other reports:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP)

Provided utility assistance to 75 households totaling \$27,469.00
Call for an appointment on October 7, 2015.

*2014 DHHS Carryover: September 18, 2015--\$25,640.81

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

October: 219 individuals.

Next distribution date November 19, 2015

Commodity provided food items to:

August: 127 families.

Next distribution date November 19, 2015

HEADSTART:

1. Enrollment as of today, 309 children
2. Waiting List 11 include all centers
3. Operating Days: 19.33
4. Attendance 88.84%

November 23-27, Thanksgiving Break for students and staff.

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP):

- Number of days meals served-22
- Average Daily Participation (ADA)
- Meals: Breakfast-4,953-ADA =225
- Lunch 4,958-ADA=225
- Snack 4,954-ADA=225
- Total Reimbursement Request \$27,781.93

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM (SCP)

- 43 SCP volunteers
- 6,212.5 volunteer hours - \$16,463.13
- 7,200 miles
- 48 clients
- 9 new SCP Volunteers

Chairman Salter then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley discussed her reports giving status updates on the 2015 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses.

Ms. Miley also went over the Head Start Grant/Disabilities Grant for March 2016-February 2017 Due in System before December 1, 2015 Comparison with 2015-2016 Grant. Ms. Miley also asked would the council amend the agenda to add approving the Head Start Budget for 2016 with the 2% increase included. The Head Start Policy Council have approved the this budget prior to this Council meeting.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add the approval of the Head Start Budget for 2016.

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

Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the Head Start Budget for 2016 with the 2% increase included.

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

Ayes: Councilman LaCour
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood
Ayes: Councilman Johnson
Abstain: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Ms. Miley also went over the American Express Card purchases. which will be attached the minutes.

Chairman Salter then recognizes Parish President, Rick Nowlin who gave his report:

OCS/HEAD START:

Head Start Director Search: The Director Search Committee has received 6 applications and has plans to complete the interview by the end of business on November 16th. The committee will submit its report with comments, conclusions and recommendations on Friday, November 20, 2015.

He also gave a listing of Parish Holidays:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 26, 2015
Friday, November 27, 2015

Christmas: Thursday, December 24, 2015
Friday, December 25, 2015

New Year's Day Friday, January 1, 2016

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

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, 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:

Ayes:	Councilman LaCour
Ayes:	Councilman Paige
Ayes:	Councilman Johnson
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood
Ayes:	Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

Attest:

John Salter, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk