

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHEs PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF
NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD,

MONDAY, May 6, 2013

5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in special and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, May 6, 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 Aaron Johnson.

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

There was absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood asked if anyone had any comments concerning an item on the agenda. He then recognized Mr. Paige who asked Ms. Miley to look at the budget in order to hire two kids from each district for summer jobs and two for the President as well. Mr. Paige then asked Ms. Miley to have that information at the next meeting.

Chairman Bedgood stated that a request was made to add an item to the agenda. Relative to this, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add adopting a proclamation observing May 12th-17th, 2013 as Police Week and Wednesday, May 15th as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a proclamation observing May 12th-17th, 2013 as Police Week and Wednesday, May 15th as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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 LaCour	<u>x</u>	—	—	—
Councilman Salter	<u>x</u>	—	--	—

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then preceded with the purpose of the meeting to discuss and amend the Parish 2013 Consolidated Budget. He then recognized President Nowlin who stated that at the last meeting of the Parish Council on April 15th, it was asked that a meeting be held to discuss the budget. President Nowlin stated that primarily there is a cash flow problem in particular with the Parish Highway Department budget. He stated the \$1.7 million dollars reimbursement from FEMA that the Parish spent over several years due to the Hurricanes had not been received. He stated that when the budget was passed the former police jury felt that the money would be in by now but the fact of the matter is that it is not and it looks like it would be several more months before the parish would receive the funds. He then stated that this is why the Highway Department is having the cash flow problem. He stated that the general concept is to transfer money into the Highway Department from the Sales tax Fund and when the FEMA money comes in the money would be replace to the Sales Tax Fund. He then asked Ms. Miley to explain. Ms. Miley told the council the parish was having a cash flow problem and then asked the council to look at the packet provided. She then went over the budget that they were asking to amend. Ms. Miley told the Council that the Highway Department was having a cash flow problem and was requesting to move \$1,148,890.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Highway Department. She also stated that they anticipated receiving money from FEMA but needed funds now due to the cash flow problem in the Highway Department. Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Paige who told the Council that he felt this transfer would jeopardize other services. President Nowlin reminded Mr. Paige that the old Jury had voted for the budget that he was now questioning. Mr. Salter asked if they would consider working 32 hours instead of 40 hours to save money. Mr. Verret stated that in order to continue maintenance on Parish roads they would need to work 40 hours.

Ms. Miley then stated that she was also requesting to transfer \$158,567 from General Fund to clear out the OCS Department old deficits, allocation of seed money for grants and Planning Department cash flow problems as follows; CSBG -\$34,619; RSVP - \$12,849 with \$5,000.00 allocated for seed money; Senior Companion Program (SCP) \$37,571 with \$15,000 allocated as seed money and Planning Commission - \$48,000.00.

President Nowlin told the council that they needed to decide whether or not they wanted to keep RSVP and the Senior Companion Programs. He stated that the Council needed to decide by May 17th for the RVSP Program and by May 24th for the Senior Companion Program. President Nowlin also told the Council that the Building permit revenue was down 56% from last year. After a lengthy discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt an emergency ordinance to amend the Parish 2013 consolidated budget.

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

Chairman Bedgood then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who told the council they had in their packet Exhibit #2 that outlined what he was asking them to do. Chairman Bedgood then recognized President Nowlin who stated that the Council has two options; one was to leave the road as is and the other would be to go back and overlay Plantation Drive at a cost of \$100,000.00, with the Homeowner Association paying \$85,000.00 of that cost. President Nowlin told the Council he recommended the Council overlay Plantation Drive. A spokesman for the Homeowners Association stated that they wanted to pay. After several comments and questions, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorizing the Director of Public Works to issue a Request for Proposals or sealed bid proposals for additional rehabilitation work on Plantation Point Drive, consisting of placement of an approved paving fabric and 2-inch hot mix asphaltic concrete overlay, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 and authorize the Parish President to award said proposal to the lowest responsible bidder.

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 special and legal session convened, does hereby approve the permanent replacement of the closed bridge, the Allen-Marthaville Road Bridge over Mayou's Bayou, with a pipe structure.

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. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the removal of the Allen-Marthaville Road Bridge from the Federal Bridge Replacement Program.

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 LaCour	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___	__	___

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Paige, duly seconded by Mr. LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the use of excess funds from the LACWEP Grant for the Creston Water System for the relocation of a water line owned by the Marthaville-Robeline Water System.

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. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby table continuing or relinquishing the Parish Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP).

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby table the discussion of changes in the Parish Senior Companion Program (SCP).

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
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

Chairman Bedgood then reminded everyone of the Ethics training that would be held on Friday, May 10, 2013, at three-thirty (3:30) p.m., in the Large Courthouse.

On motion by Mr. Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special 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 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

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Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Catherine Hamilton,
Interim Council Clerk