

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF  
NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A PUBLIC  
HEARING HELD, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013.

5:00 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Government of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, met in Public Hearing in their regular meeting place, the Parish Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, October 21, 2013 at five-o'clock (5:00) p.m.

The invocation was given by Councilman Chris Paige, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Aaron Johnson.

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

There were absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then read the next item on the agenda for discussion and that was to conduct a Public Hearing to hear comments from the citizens of the Parish relative to the 2014 Budget.

On motion by Aaron Johnson, 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 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 recognizes Parish President, Rick Nowlin, who ask the Council if Ms. Debbie Miley give a brief summary on the 2014 Budget and how do it compares to the 2013 Budget. He wanted to her to inform the Council if there were any major differences between the two budgets. Ms. Miley stated the 2014 budget were mailed out to each Council member before they had to actual vote on the budget. Ms. Miley stated there were no major differences between the 2013 and 2014 budgets. Mr. Paige asked if there was anymore money put in for Juvenile costs since the Parish knows the cost is going to go up. Ms. Miley, stated she has put in for females and juveniles since both of those will be increasing next year.

Councilman Aaron Johnson asked about the old debt to the Sheriffs Office and Ms. Miley explained that the Parish is paying \$5,000 a month towards the old debt to the Sheriffs department. This is done monthly to the Sheriffs Department.

Chairman Bedgood, asked if Health Insurance is going to increase. Ms. Miley estimated 7 to 9 percent increase for Health Insurance into the budget. She want actually know until all bids come in for Health Insurance on next Friday.

After no more discussion Chairman Bedgood ask for a motion to close the hearing and vote on it in the upcoming Regular meeting beginning at 5:30pm, October 21, 2013.

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

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

ATTEST:

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Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

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Sheryl Frederick,  
Council Clerk