

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 18, 2013
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 18, 2013 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 Rodney Bedgood 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 Aaron Johnson. After the roll call there were present Chairman Rodney Bedgood and Councilmen Chris Paige, Ricky LaCour, Aaron Johnson and John Salter.

There was absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then asked if there were any visitors who would like to speak. He then recognized Mr. William Jackson a resident of Natchitoches Parish who resides on the Hampton Road. Mr. Jackson expressed his concerns about people are using their road as a dump site. People are dumping mattresses, logs, and guts of animals on the road. The Sheriff department is working along with the residents to try to stop all of these violations that are happening on Hampton Road. Mr. Jackson is asking the Parish Council for help in this matter also. He is asking for posted signs and guard rails for Hampton Road. The Council along with Mr. Nick Verret will be trying to come up with a solution to help the Hampton Road residents out in this matter.

There were no public comments.

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 minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, October 21, 2013.

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

The Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby congratulate Ms. Mattie Demars on her 36 years of service as an Educator and also congratulated her on her 60th Birthday by presenting her with a People's Involvement Award.

The Parish Council along with Ms. Mattie Demars took a group picture, with her receiving her Award from the Parish Council and Parish President Mr. Rick Nowlin.

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment to the following Boards/Commissions. Mr. Greg Burke to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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 the resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Greg Burke To the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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 Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Thomas J. Guess to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 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 of Mr. Thomas J. Guess to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 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>	___	___	___

Chairman Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mrs. Carol R. O'Quinn to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5 Board.

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 resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mrs. Carol R. O'Quinn to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5 Board.

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 Bedgood then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Darrell "Buster" Roque to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5 Board.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, 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 of Mr. Darrell "Buster" Roque to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 5 Board.

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

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

Motion Passed

Conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following items:

- a. Ordinance #16-2013 for purchasing the Red River Credit Union in order to renovate it to be the Campti Library Branch.
- b. Ordinance #17-2013 for the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, 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 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

Mr. Black, Mr. Minturn, and Attorney George Celles gave the status updates on the purchase of the Red River Credit Union. Attorney Celles stated a 30-day Inspection Period needed to be included in the contract of purchase. A Termite Inspection is also needed to be done on this building.

Mr. Rick Nowlin gave his updates on the Capital Improvements Budget with changes to some of the previous figures that was given at the last month introduction of the Ordinance.

After discussion with the Council members, the following action was taken:

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.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Paige	X__	___	__-	___
Councilman Johnson	_X_	___	___	___
Councilman Bedgood	_X_	___	__-	___
Councilman LaCour	_X_	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	_X_	___	__-	___

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 convened, does hereby adopt Ordinance #16-2013 purchasing the Red River Credit Union in order to renovate it to be the Campti Library Branch.

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

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

Motion Passed

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does adopt Ordinance #17-2013 adopting the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood then stated the next item on the agenda was to Introduce Ordinance #18-2013 to consider approving revisions to the 2013 Budget.

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 the Introduction of Ordinance #18-2013 to revise the 2013 Budget.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda was to consider the awarding of the bids received on October 25, 2013, for all Parish Insurance's for the Parish of Natchitoches.

Ms. Debbie Miley went into lengthy and detailed information concerning all of the Insurance's that the Parish offers. She gave comparisons of each agency that submitted a bid for these different types of Insurance's. She stated that we should keep our same Health Insurance coverage with the same provider with a 9% increase that was already voted on in the 2014 Budget. PGRMA is the company that we will keep our MCO Plan/Standard Plan for Health Insurance with Agent of record will be Jim Sandier. Dental, Life, and Accidental Death and Dismember Insurance will be with Lincoln National. Property and Auto will be with CNA, agent of record will be Louisiana Risk Services. Worker's Compensation will be with Luba, Public Official Liability will be with CNA, and Inland Marine will be with Continental Casualty.

Relative to this, a lengthy discussion was done on this item. After this discussion, 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 approve the Health Insurance coverage with PGRMA with the 9% increase that was already budget into the 2014 budget.

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. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby approve the Dental, Life, and Accidental Death and Dismember Insurance will be with Lincoln National .

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. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby approve the Auto, Property, Worker's Compensation, Public Officials Liability and Inland Marine with Louisiana Risk Services .

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>	___	___	___

The Council asked how was it advertised and was it advertised due to only two companies sending back bids. Ms. Debbie said there were not many companies interested in it this year.

Mr. David Dauzat explained there is not enough time given for the companies to get the bid packets back to the Parish. Instead of 30 days we need to allow between 60 to 90 days to get the packets back to The Parish.

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the Agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to submit an application to FEMA asking to join the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System and to appoint a coordinator for this program.

Parish President, Mr. Rick Nowlin and along with Ms. Janice Bolton, president of the Board of Realtors explained this program and Ms. Bolton went further into detail about the Flood Insurance expectations of residents purchasing homes that are required to purchase flood insurance and have a flood elevation certificate to purchase the flood insurance. These premiums are very high. This program also allow for CBG funds. Ms. Bolton warned the Council that re-mapping is coming and we need to be prepared for it. Ms. Bolton wanted the Council to know that this would be a great program for the Parish of Natchitoches to be involve with. Five percent reduction of flood insurance premiums for residents that is allowed under this program just for applying for this program.

After a detailed discussion of the Council, Mr. Rick Nowlin and Ms. Bolton the following occurred.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish President to submit an application to FEMA asking to join the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was Introducing Ordinance 22-2013 authorizing the Parish President to go into a Cooperative Agreement to Support and Administer with LSU-AgCenter and the Parish of Natchitoches.

Mr. Nowlin, stated that some things was opened ended but those things was taken out. Providing support of computers and software those things were taken out. The salary support and associated fringe benefits will remain at the rate of \$7,500.00.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Parish President to go into a

Cooperative Agreement to Support and Administer with LSU-AgCenter and the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to Introduce Ordinance #21-2013 to introduce the Personnel Manual for the Parish of Natchitoches.

All Council agreed they haven't finished reviewing the manual and they would be ready for this particular item when it comes up for approval next month.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance #21-2013 Introduction of the Personnel Manual for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider an Introduction of Ordinance #23-2013 to grant a Cable Franchise to AT&T with a 5% Franchise Fee.

Relative to this, a short discussion was done on this item. After this discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance #23-2013 to grant a Cable Franchise to AT&T with a 5% Franchise Fee.

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 stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider the awarding of the Parish Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract.

Mr. Verret gave his report on the different break down and cost estimates of the Bids and he suggest that we keep the current way the Parish is doing service with Progressive with the Bins and Compactor Sites that will be operated by the Parish.

Mr. John Salter ask Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Verret would Progressive agree to a two (2) year contract instead of a five(5)year contract with the Parish of Natchitoches. Both Mr. Nowlin and Mr. Verret did not know, but Mr. Nowlin states, Mr. Verret and himself will set up a meeting with Progressive to explain to them the Parish would like a two year contract.

If Progressive doesn't agree with the two (2)year contract we can go back out for bids.

Relative to this, a long discussion was done on this item. After this discussion, the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President Rick Nowlin to contact Progressive to seek a two (2) year contract instead of a five (5) year contract for the Parish Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution on the Enterprise Zone.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a resolution on the Enterprise Zone.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to approve the Parish Head Start Program Extension Application from March 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and authorize the President to make any adjustment necessary for the submission of the Application.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the Parish Head Start Program Extension Application from March 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 and authorize the President to make any adjustments necessary for the submission of the Application.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) funds dedicated for purchase of Generator for Goldonna water system in amount of \$30,000.

Mr. Bedgood presented a quote that was cheaper than the other quotes and this quote was for \$45,500.00. The town of Goldonna along with Mr. Bedgood is asking the Council to amend the \$30,000 to \$45,000.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to reflect the amount of \$30,000 has been

change to request funds for the amount of \$45,000 for the purchasing of Generator for Goldonna.

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. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) funds dedicated for purchase of Generator for Goldonna water system in the amount of \$45,000.

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

The Council Clerk read each individual items to be amended to the Agenda the following are the read items to be added by amending the agenda by Council vote.

- A. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Live Oak Building in the amount of \$30,000.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add consider adopting a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Live Oak Building in the amount of \$30,000.

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

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

Motion Passed

- B. Adopt a resolution permitting the employees of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission to participate in the Parish employee health, dental, and life insurance program with the cost of participation to be the responsibility of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Aaron Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add consider adopting a resolution to permit the employees of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission to participate in the Parish employee health, dental and life insurance program with the cost of participation to be the responsibility of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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

- C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Flora Community Center in the amount of \$30,000.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add consider adopting a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Flora Community Center in the amount of \$30,000.

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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

At this time Chairman Bedgood ask the other Council members and Parish President Mr. Rick Nowlin to excused him, that he had to go, to be with his family at the Funeral Home. At this time he turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Chris Paige.

Vice-Chairman Chris Paige stated the next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Live Oak Building in the amount of \$30,000.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Live Oak Building in the amount of \$30,000.

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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

Vice-Chairman Chris Paige stated the next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution permitting the employees of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission to participate in the parish employee health, dental and life insurance program with the cost of participation to be the responsibility of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution permitting the employees of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission to participate in the parish employee health, dental and life insurance program with the cost of participation to be the responsibility of the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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

Vice-Chairman Chris Paige stated the next item on the agenda was to adopt a resolution adopting a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Flora Community Center in the amount of \$30,000.

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 adopt a resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit a request to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for funds dedicated to repairs of the Flora Community Center in the amount of \$30,000.

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

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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

Vice-Chairman Paige then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his monthly report and gave a status of Ongoing Projects such Local Road Safety Program Signing Project 1 Final Acceptance of the contractor's work was made on November 13 and Payne Subdivision The CDGC application is on track to be submitted by the November 21 deadline, and also, a plan is being developed for making drainage improvements along several of these streets with Parish forces in advance of the CDBG project.

Mr. Verret also gave updates on The Shady Grove South Bridges over Middle Creek and the Charlie Howell Bridge over Dry Bayou. Mr. Verret stated that Bids for New Maintenance Material Contracts have been mailed out and advertised and bid openings scheduled for December 4,5, and 6. Mr. Verret also wanted the Council to know that his part-time Engineering Technician is doing a very good job and he gave a listing of all his major accomplishments.

Vice-Chairman Paige then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, stated that she had nothing to discuss but ask if there was any questions for her. There were no questions.

Vice-Chairman Paige then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley then went on to discuss her reports giving status updates on the 2013 Active Bookings for Inmates & Outstanding Coroners/Inmate Expenses. She also gave a Quarterly Budget Report on the Consolidated Report. Mr. Paige was happy to see that the Balance on the Sheriff Department Arrears has dropped.

Vice-Chairman Paige then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who gave his report on the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, Inc., that they will be co-hosting and supporting two national conferences in our state in 2014. The Louisiana Parish Engineers and Supervisors Association (LPESA) will be hosting the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) 2014 Conference April 13-17, 2014 in Baton Rouge, LA and the annual National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference will be July 11-14, 2014 in New Orleans.

President Nowlin also went over the Policy for Appointment of Members of Parish Boards and Commissions. Vice-Chairman Paige, then ask Parish President Rick Nowlin about the Step and Strut. Mr. Nowlin, explained there were some minor complaints, but the overall event was a success for Natchitoches Parish.

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

On motion by Mr. Aaron Johnson, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, 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	Absent
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

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk