

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
APRIL 21, 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, April 21, 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 Chairman Aaron Johnson.

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 we had a visitor from Teen Challenge, Mr. Ed Trimmer, Donation Manager who discussed placing drop boxes at the Parish compactor stations and controlled bin sites. Mr. Trimmer discussed what Louisiana Teen Challenge was about. They are asking the Parish to place a clothing drop box on the Parish compactor stations and controlled bin sites. Louisiana Teen Challenge will be responsible for keeping the boxes and surrounding areas clean, everything outside the box will be removed, and they carry liability insurance on all drop boxes. Mr. Trimmer wanted the council to know that all donations go to support the local Teen Challenge Center. Louisiana Teen Challenge has been in existence for over thirty years.

After Mr. Trimmer finished speaking on the Louisiana Teen Challenge request for permission to place clothing boxes at the Parishes Compactor stations and controlled bin sites, the Natchitoches Parish Council stated to take care of this agenda item at this time,

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 Teen Challenge drop boxes to be placed at Parish Compactor stations and controlled Bin sites.

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

There were no public comments.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, 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, March 17, 2014.

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

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

Councilman Paige	<u> x </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<u> x </u>	___	___	___

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson stated the next agenda item to discuss was to consider adopting a Resolution making April 2014, Fair Housing Month for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 a Resolution for making April 2014, Fair Housing Month for the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 considering the Introduction of Ordinance 11-2014 Preventing smoking twenty-five (25) feet from entrances and exists to any public building or public facility occupied, owned or operated by the Parish of Natchitoches or any of its agencies.

There was a short discussion on this item with Ms. Donna Isaacs who is the Executive Director of the Fields of Dreams (Campti Museum) gave some good recommendations and facts on why the Council should approved this Ordinance for the health reasons of the public due to the damages of second hand smoke. She also answered some questions that were asked by Councilman Paige.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 11-2014 for preventing smoking twenty-five (25) feet from entrances and exists to any public building or public facility occupied, owned or operated by the Parish of Natchitoches or any of its agencies.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Meryland Robinson to the Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Meryland Robinson to the Natchitoches Parish Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Clay Dupuy to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Board.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution confirming the re-appointment of Mr. Clay Dupuy to the Natchitoches Parish Children and Youth Board.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that the next item on the agenda was to consider adopting a resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Michael M. Richardson to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board replacing Brian Miller.

On motion by Mr. Chris Paige, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Michael M. Richardson to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board replacing Mr. Brian Miller.

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

Chairman Johnson then stated that next agenda item for discussion was for Council to approve a Resolution honoring the Natchitoches Central High School Boys Basketball Team, Coaches, and Staff.

Mr. Nowlin also wanted to congratulate Lakeview High School Boys Basketball Team also for doing such a great job this season.

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Chairman Johnson, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Resolution honoring the Natchitoches Central High School Boys Basketball Team, Coaches, and Staff.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson, then stated the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Campti Field of Dreams, Inc.(Campti Museum).

At this time, Councilman Paige stated he was glad to see that the Campti Field of Dreams, Inc. was doing something positive to help keep the building up. He stated that the Council would help them in any way they can. Ms. Isaacs and Mrs. Silvie wanted to amend the current Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by adding the wording to be included under the section **OPERATION OF MUSEUM** to include: shall utilize the premises as its administrative offices and for the operation and maintenance of programs including, but not limited to, community outreach programs and a museum for the benefit of the public and shall make no other commercial or private use of the facilities.

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 the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Campti Field of Dreams, Inc.(Campti Museum).

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 the next item on the agenda was to consider authorizing the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish Law Enforcement District Detention Center.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish Law Enforcement District Detention Center.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to conduct a public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following items:

- A. Consider the adoption of Ordinance #07-2014 for Budget Revision for \$75,000 for Health Unit for Mosquito Control Services.
- B. Consider the adoption of Ordinance #08-2014 for re-adopting and correcting fees for Residential Development.
- C. Consider the adoption of Ordinance #09-2014 for amending Chapter 2, Section 2-8 of the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinance that provides for the organization of Parish Government and its principal operating departments.
- D. Consider adoption of Ordinance #10-2014 to give Parish President authority to submit precinct surveys to the Secretary of State requesting exemptions from mergers and to merge one precinct with less than 300 active voters.

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

There were no comments on A or B there were a brief discussion on C. Parish President Rick Nowlin gave a brief summary on Ordinance #09-2014 he also gave out a color coded Natchitoches Parish Government Organizational Chart to help the Council to understand the amending of Chapter 2, Section 2-8. Chairman Johnson opened discussion on D, Ordinance No. 10-2014. Parish President Nowlin stated that Precinct 1-04B would be merged into Precinct 1-04. He added that they are adjacent precincts along University Parkway and that they share the same polling place. Nowlin also stated that the Parish has a temporary exemption to the merger of Precinct 3-03 (Village of Robeline) and Precinct 3-08, the rural precinct that surrounds Precinct 3-03. This ordinance would maintain

Precinct 3-03 as a single precinct municipality to include the annexed area along La. 6 (the Natchitoches highway) and would redefine Precinct 3-08 to exclude the revised Precinct 3-03 that it surrounds.

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

Relative to the items discussed during the public hearing, the following action was taken:

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 Ordinance #07-2014 for Budget Revision for \$75,000 for Health Unit for Mosquito Control Services.

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. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance #08-2014 for re-adopting and correcting fees for Residential Development.

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

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

Motion Passed

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 Ordinance #09-2014 for amending Chapter 2, Section 2-8 of the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinance that provides for the organization of Parish Government and its principal operating departments.

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

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 Ordinance #10-2014 to give Parish President authority to submit precinct surveys to the Secretary of State requesting exemptions from mergers and to merge one precinct with less than 300 active voters and to amend Ordinance for Precinct 3-8 should include less all of the territory contained in Precinct 3-3.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to consider introducing Ordinance 12-2014 to levy millage rates for the 2014 tax year.

A brief discussion was done on this by the Councilmen, and they finally agreed to notify the public of a public hearing to be held on May 19, 2014 in the Parish Courthouse on the second floor in the Council Boardroom.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does consider to introduce Ordinance 12-2014 to levy millage rates for the 2014 tax year.

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 Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to award of lease contract for two rubber-tire tractor/loader/backhoes for Parish Highway Department.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does consider to award of lease contract for two rubber-tire tractor/loader/backhoes for Parish Highway Department.

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 Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to authorize Parish President to solicit proposals and enter into professional services contracts as necessary for the completion of the application for renewal of the DEQ permit for the Parish Landfill.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does authorize Parish President to solicit proposals and enter into professional services contracts as necessary for the completion of the application for renewal of the DEQ permit for the Parish Landfill.

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 stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to authorize Parish President to advertise for bids for the pulverization and compaction of the existing unpaved portions of Emmanuel Road and to award to the lowest responsible bidder, provided that the cost of this work does not exceed \$100,000.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table this item until further investigation on the road condition and give Mr. Verret more time to visit with some of the residents about what is needed for improvements to this road.

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 Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to consider Introduction of Ordinance-13-2014 to remove 0.111 mile of the Massey Road, Parish Road No. 582A, from the Parish road system, at the request of Mr. Charles Davis, Jr.

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby consider Introduction of Ordinance-13-2014 to remove 0.111 mile of the Massey Road, Parish Road No. 582A, from the Parish road system, at the request of Mr. Charles Davis, Jr.

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 Johnson stated the next item on the agenda was to consider Council approval to appoint an Interim Coroner to replace Dr. Brett Ferguson due to his relocating.

After a brief discussion they were at agreement of appointing Ms. Sharon Green to be Interim Coroner to replace Dr. Brett Ferguson.

On motion by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Mr. John Salter, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby consider approval to appoint Ms. Sharon Green as Interim Coroner to replace Dr. Brett Ferguson due to his relocating.

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

	Aye	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Councilman Bedgood	<u> X </u>	___	___	___
Councilman Salter	<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 agenda needs to be amended by adding the following items:

- A. Council to consider adopting a resolution to consider authorizing Parish President to solicit price quotes for construction of a fence across the access point to the Vowells Mill garbage bin site, thereby converting it to a controlled bin site.
- B. Council to consider adopting a resolution to consider authorizing Parish President submit the split to Dallas for the 1.3% COLA for all Head Start Employees for the period of March 1, 2014-June 30, 2014.

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 amend the agenda to add Council to consider adopting a resolution to consider authorizing Parish President to solicit price quotes for construction of a fence across the access point to the Vowells Mill garbage bin site, thereby converting it to a controlled bin site.

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. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Ricky LaCour, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby amend the agenda to add Council to consider adopting a resolution authorizing Parish President submit the split to Dallas for the 1.3% COLA for all Head Start Employees for the period of March 1, 2014-June 30, 2014.

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

Relatively to the above amendment to the agenda the following action was taken:

On motion by Mr. John Salter, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution to consider authorizing Parish President to solicit price quotes for construction of a fence across the access point to the Vowells Mill garbage bin site, thereby converting it to a controlled bin site.

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

On motion by Mr. Ricky LaCour, duly seconded by Mr. Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in special and legal session convened, does hereby adopt a resolution authorizing Parish President submit the split to Dallas for the 1.3% COLA for all Head Start Employees for the period of March 1, 2014-June 30, 2014.

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

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

Motion Passed

Chairman Johnson then recognized Mr. Nick Verret, Director of Public Works, who presented his report. Mr. Verret stated that the grading work on the Beasley Cemetery Road was completed on March 18. And within two weeks the Gilgal Baptist Church road will be completed.

With the retirement of Mr. Earl Townsend on April 1, Mr. Steve Rachal was selected as the new Assistant Director. Mr. Verret asked the Council to look over the Proposed Parish Road Improvement Priority Plan in conjunction with LA DOTD "Right-Sizing" Program to get their input for finalization of this Road Improvement Priority Plan.

Mr. Verret gave a status update on the Five Forks Road and the work that have been done between the City and the Parish according to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Parish of Natchitoches.

Chairman Johnson then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, Ms. Harris stated that herself, Ms. Miley, Mr. Nowlin, and Mrs. Vance has all pitched in to help with Head Start since Mrs. Barnum and Mrs. Washington is both are out on sick leave.

Ms. Harris also stated that the Logansport Head Start Center may close after May 30, 2014. Ms. Harris is also concerned that they still haven't heard from the application submitted for Head Start. Head Start funding ends June 30, 2014, and they are still waiting to hear from the Regional Head Start Department.

Ms. Harris gave out a OCS report to each Councilman about different events that has happened within OCS. She asked were there any questions and there was none.

Chairman Johnson then recognizes Ms. Debbie Miley, Parish Treasurer, Ms. Miley gave out a Quarterly Budget Report and asked if there were any questions. Ms. Miley also gave a detailed report on the 1.3% (\$10,377) COLA funding that was awarded to Natchitoches that is due in May.

Chairman Johnson then recognized Parish President Rick Nowlin who gave an update on NACO, which will be held in the month of July in New Orleans, LA. Each parish; will represent themselves on a night in the Mercedes Benz Superdome. Each parish will be able to promote themselves by doing something that represents their parish, Natchitoches is considered to be in the Northwest Region. Parish President and others have met to discuss what they will do to represent Natchitoches Parish for this night.

Mr. Nowlin also discuss that the Head Start Accountant, after she returns from sick leave, will be housed in the Accounting Office in the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse so that all accounting staff will be together.

Mr. Nowlin also discuss the meeting held April 16, in Baton Rouge with DOTD. This meeting was about the El Camino Corridor East/West. The project was given 2.5 million to start Phase 1 for the right-away and hopefully next year the other 2.7 million for phase 2 will be given.

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

On motion by Mr. John Salter, 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:

	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

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Attest:

Aaron Johnson, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk