

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,**  
**January 28, 2019**  
**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, January 28, 2019 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 Patsy Ward Hoover who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Chairman Rodney Bedgood and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Doug de Graffenried.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Rodney Bedgood and Council: Russell Rachal, Doug de Graffenried, and Chris Paige. Patsy Ward-Hoover came in after the roll call was done.

Absent: None.

Chairman Bedgood then stated the next item on the agenda were the election of a new chairman and vice-chairman. Councilman Chris Paige motion to open the floor for nominations and Councilman Doug de Graffenried seconded it. Councilman Chris Paige nominated Councilman Rodney Bedgood for Chairman and Councilman Doug de Graffenried seconded it and then the floor was closed for nominations. Councilman Rodney Bedgood is the new Chairman for the Natchitoches Parish Council for 2019. Chairman Rodney Bedgood motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman and Councilman Doug de Graffenried seconded. Councilwoman Patsy Hoover nominated Councilman Chris Paige, and Councilman Doug de Graffenried seconded it and then the floor was closed for nominations and Councilman Chris Paige is the Vice-Chairman for the Natchitoches Parish Council for 2019

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item was to recognize any invited guests. There was none.

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item we will hear the report of the Public Works Director, Mr. John Richmond. Mr. Richmond had already sent his reports and asked were there any questions or comments, there were none. Mr. Richmond wanted to give an update on some of the larger projects that's going on. Mr. Richmond, "We moved in equipment Friday, on Bermuda Road to start taking care of the large culverts there. We started work today pumping out the water and digging out the roadway, we'll continue that tomorrow look like the rain is going to blow through, it doesn't look like its going to be too bad, so we'll continue that work tomorrow and we hope on Wednesday to be placing dirt back on top of the pipes and hopefully get through most of that this week. Hampton Road is continuing to progress, now since we had a few dry days some good things going on out there, lots of rocks already down getting ready for things to be prime coated and ready for asphalt; so I'm very pleased of what's going on there, those of some of the bigger projects, but of course there is the ongoing every day pot hole patch and grading of roads." The rain days was a problem, but work continued to be completed on things that could be done not affected by the rain. Mr. Richmond is starting to schedule Town Halls with the Council members prior to the ballot that's going to be out there in March. Mr. Richmond thanked Councilwoman Hoover for being Proactive in her District and now he's working on somethings in Councilman Rachal and the other Districts. Mr. Richmond stated, "I'll be available for whatever you need me to do so that your constituents can understand where we sit with regards to the roads in the community and conditions of roads in your Districts, more than happy to help in

any way that communications gets across your point and your point that we want to take care of the roads, the best we can."

Chairman, Bedgood wanted to let his constituents know, District 4 was without a grader, it wasn't no fault of the Highway Department or him, the graders were traded in and for some reason we were short some, but many roads couldn't be graded anyway because it was so wet. Mr. Richmond, replied, "That's is right the lease was up at the end of the year, those graders had to be turned in, we are still operating off loaner leases, the good news is that it's costing us anything right now. The loaners are given to us free of charge we do now have five, but we just got the 5<sup>th</sup> one last week, so you were three weeks without a grader in your area."

Councilwoman, Hoover, wanted to tell Ms. Roy if she could be kind enough to put this in her newspaper that Mr. John Richmond and Mr. David Kees, Jr. will be in Natchez on February 7, 2019 at 6:00 at the regular Council meeting in Natchez to do questions and concerns in the Village of Natchez.

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her reports in the Council's packets and wanted to know if they had any questions, comments or concerns on the reports. Ms. Harris also gave an update on the Government Shut down, that it didn't affect OCS, because all the funding had already been passed so we weren't in any harm's way. Now for the February 15, 2019 if another Shut Down is scheduled then she would have to let us know at that time.

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley reported that she sent all the reports in the Council packages, Inmate report, and reports for Head Start, Credit Card transactions, all checked written. Ms. Miley stated we've received all the Head Start funds and the Head Start Minutes. Mansfield had a meter base to burn, and the children was going to be out for at least two days. They are waiting on the City of Mansfield to come out and inspect so they can turn the electricity back on.

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Mr. David Kees, Jr. Mr. Kees, begins by saying, "I sent out a report that was an annual total of all the permits done in 2018 and I included a letter in there telling you we keyed in about five permits in 2019 so it brought total number down for permits. We had somewhere around 360 in 2018 with a total about a \$198,000 dollars in permit fees and I also put on the table because I didn't have a chance to run it yet, is a supplement to that on the back pages of that which I gave you , it actually has what we did from 2014, 2016 and 2017 so you can get a comparison of our developments from this year and total permit fees we took in as opposed to previous years, to see a trend. The total permit fees we took in quite a bit more in 2018 than we had in previous years even though the total number of actual permits was a little bit lower than the previous years. In the front you also have IBTS information, we contracted with them in October to handle the Planning and Zoning, to do our inspections, and take care of Building Official things, the first three pages are revenues form October to November that Ms. Miley provided me and after that we got a payment to IBTS for \$19,210 dollars, I think for October and November for what that payment covers we took in about \$43,000 we paid IBTS #19,000. November through December, in December we took in \$13,000 dollars. You can see from October thru December we take in a little more than we paid the IBTS, which is necessary, if we keep them in the interim for six months we need to clear that so we can make sure Planning and Zoning Office is funding itself basically and if we continue with them in the future we need to keep on track, but right now, I think talking

with Ms. Miley that arrangement has been beneficial for the Parish."

Councilman Paige, wanted to know if we're paying IBTS per inspection? Parish President, replied, "There is a fee schedule what they charge us for inspection, but it's per inspection." Mr. Kees, responded, "It is per permit. On a mobile home permit IBTS will need to go out and do two inspections one for the electric and the other for plumbing and structure and they charge \$75.00 per inspections and that will be \$150.00 which will be paid to them and we'll do a flood determination on each mobile home which is \$35.00 we end up paying \$185.00 to IBTS on a \$300.00 permit fee for every mobile home."

Councilwoman, Hoover, wanted to tell David she was very impressed with his itemized report, that she could read it. David Kees, let Councilwoman, Hoover know that he received that report from Ms. Miley, Parish Treasurer, she was helpful in the process. Councilwoman, Hoover wanted him to know it looks good that its been a long time since she seen where our money is going and who it been put out to."

Councilman, Paige, replied, "I've been getting a lot of calls around the community about singlewides in Payne Subdivision area, and I'm understanding, I don't know maybe you can elaborate on it and I won't have to make any comments, but is it something about the two back streets, I don't know." Mr. Kees, replied, "I'll elaborate quickly, there is some confusion, I think on what was done in the past with the Planning Commission and what is allowed in Payne Subdivision. I currently sent a quite lengthy email to Mr. Mansour to get an opinion from him, I know he and Mr. Harrington is working together to try to resolve some issues, I think it's going to come down to subdivision covenant versus actual Planning and Zoning laws and we have to make sure moving forward we do what is fair for the people in Payne Subdivision."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Parish President.

Parish President stated, "I attached to my report pictures regards to Hampton Road there is some photographs to show some of the construction work that has been down. They have made a lot of progress since the first of the year.

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- A. Payne Subdivision, Phase I: The Parish has been waiting on the State to provide the Priority 5 funds (300,000) in the first half of 2019 so that the Parish can move forward with the project to get it constructed by mid-2019. The State has indicated that it would be after the start of the new state fiscal year (July 1) before funding would be in place.

#### Courthouse Security Improvements:

The administration met with the project architect and engineers on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Judge Dyess also met with the team that day. On January 17<sup>th</sup> the courthouse security committee met to receive an update on the work to date. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the architect met with the DA and Judge Sylvester to obtain their input in the project. Based upon the work to date, the architect is preparing a preliminary project scope with design alternatives for review and discussion by the Council. There are two funded projects which are the replacement of the electrical service equipment (\$450,000 budget) and the inmate access to the courthouse (\$150,000 budget). Funds for these two projects are in the existing Parish capital budget.

Councilwoman Hoover, asked about Security for the Council, she said that no one was down stairs, but the Officer was in the

Council Board room. Parish President thought he was going to be at the door, maybe there was a failure to communicate, but that will be corrected next time.

Councilwoman Hoover, asked, "Can you be kind enough to provide us with your report in our packages?" Parish President, replied, "Point well taken."

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next item to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, December 17, 2018 and Special Meeting held Thursday, December 6, 2018.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover 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, December 17, 2018 and Special Meeting held Thursday December 6, 2018.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions:

A. Trichel to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Monty Trichel to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	<b>Motion Passed</b>

B. Council to consider re-appointment of Mr. Cecil Wade Ebert to the Fire District 9 Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Cecil Wade Ebert to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	<b>Motion Passed</b>

- C. Council to consider Mr. Troy Gardner to the Natchitoches Parish District 9 Board.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Troy Gardner to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 9 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

- D. Council to consider re-appointment of Ms. Doris Kochinsky to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Ms. Doris Kochinsky to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

- E. Council to consider re-appointment of Ms. Dallas Russell to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Ms. Dallas Russell to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

- F. Council to consider appointment of Ms. Ramona Guin to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Ms. Ramona Guin to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried  
Ayes: Councilman Rachal  
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover Motion Passed

G. Council to consider appointment of Mr. Gary Conlay to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Gary Conlay to the Northwest Louisiana Human Services District.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried  
Ayes: Councilman Rachal  
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover Motion Passed

H. Council to consider appointment of Mr. Ricky LaCour to replace Joe Darby on the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Ricky LaCour to replace Joe Darby on the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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

Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilman Rachal  
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover Motion Passed

I. Council to consider re-appointment of Mr. James Anthony to the Water Works District 2 Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appointment of Mr. James Anthony to the Water Works District 2 Board.

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

Ayes: Councilman Rachal  
Ayes: Councilman Paige  
Ayes: Councilman de Graffenried  
Ayes: Councilman Bedgood  
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover Motion Passed

- J. Council to consider appointment of Mr. John Morgan to replace Mr. Justin Shilling on the Fire District 1 Board.

Councilman Rachal offered, but at this time Councilwoman, Hoover begins, "Before we go any further I have a question to the President, Mr. President, I have the appointment on Mr. John Morgan, I personally don't know him, I don't know Mr. Morgan, I want to thank the President for making the applications available to me, and David provided them to me. I picked up these applications on December 14, 2018 at that time there was two applications, Mr. Chris Posey and his applications were dated 12/3/2018 and Mr. Keith Benefield, Sr. it was dated on 12/06/2018, Mr. President, there positions are volunteered, and yes, you do make the recommendations to this Council, when we vote to approve those persons, like I said, I don't know Mr. Morgan, but in all fairness to Mr. Posey and Mr. Benefield, Sr. my vote will have to be no on that, you told us last month, when we told you about the applications that we had and why you didn't make those appointments we know that a board consists of seven members, we only have five and I think, and you quoted that the Board has seven members and we have two members based on the information that I received have not made the required number of meetings and based on that they will be replaced at the January meeting, this is your quote from last month, like I said, Mr. Chris is here, and Mr. Benefield is here, like I said, this is a volunteered; so how do you jump from their application being the first of December up until Mr. Morgan's coming in much later, can they come up and say what they need to say, Mr. Bedgood?" The Parish President at this time, had his hands to be recognized and said, "Can I say something? I don't know the exact date Mr. Morgan application was received when I went over the list of applicants with Mr. Keys, I was presented with three applications and I look over them, and I talked with the existing members of the Board and chairman of the existing Board and when I said that at the December meeting that I'll make the recommendations in the January meeting, two things I'll like to say, one is, I thought we could fill some slots for people that haven't made the required meetings for January and the Ordinance that was adopted by this Council said, the report comes to me in March in the following year based on the previous years so those two slots, we have two individuals on the board that missed more meetings in 2018 than they made, but for whatever reasons they might have had good reasons, but they couldn't attend the meetings so one of those has term out and that's the open seat, which I recommended Mr. Morgan for the other one is still serving and will serve until we get the official report, right now, I have requested some attendance records to indicate the other one has also missed 7 or 8 meetings in a row. If we appoint one tonight, we will have a full board, with the expectation that very soon we'll have another opening because of the attendance record of that member and we'll have to fill that slot also, with those comments, I yield."

Chris Posey spoke, "I'm a resident in Cloutierville and he'll be to the meetings several times fighting this battle. I have a copy of an email from Ms. Vance stating that she had received my application and accepted it, on December 6, 2018 and it was received on the December 3, 2018." Mr. Posey gave a summary of what he had served on and his qualifications to

be on the Fire District 1 Board. Mr. Posey stated, "There's a lot of people behind me that would like to get on the Fire Department, but not going to do it, until they can get someone in there they can trust. It's time to make a change, and I want to be part of that change."

Bryan Benefield, "I'm a resident of Cloutierville, I don't know the whole nine yards of what's going on, I have heard and I'll to multiple of people. I have property on Patrick Road, and speaking of road, that road needs some work on it. There needs to be more transparency, and I'll like to see this situation change around, it would make a big difference to family down in Cloutierville."

Councilman Chris Paige, responded, "Lord knows, Mr. Chris has been up here several times, and Lord and behold that if they wouldn't have been coming, I'll don't know what may have happened or if any of this investigation would have went on, but we appreciate somebody must step forth and blow the whistle or whatever you want to call it and I appreciate that."

Parish President, "Let me start with the last comment first, the investigation have been going on for some time it takes quite a while to get things done, the request for the investigation and Audit by the Legislative Auditor was made by my office based on some research by the late Mr. Harry Hawthorne at my request. The Parish is blessed when we advertise or announce openings on boards we have a lot of people apply, I was afraid that wouldn't be the case when I became Parish President, so it's a blessing to have two, three or four sometimes ten people to apply for a position because they want to volunteer to help the Parish, the only problem it makes it hard to choose sometimes who to place on the Board, with regards to the number of the people on the Board I think the State rule on the Fire Boards is that the Fire Districts can have five members on the Board there are a couple of exceptions and this allows the Parish of Natchitoches to have two representatives to be placed on the Fire District Board."

There was a discussion between the number of persons that could be on the Fire District Boards and Councilman Paige, stated, "At one time there wasn't a rule on the number of persons that could be on a Board, it may have recently changed, I don't know. Thanks for telling me that, but I do know we had Fire Districts that had way more than seven peoples serving, now what you're telling me they are limited to seven, okay that's good to know."

Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "We actually have five on that Board right now, and we need two more." Councilman Paige, replied, "Well, that's not what he's saying, it's only one tonight."

There was more discussion concerning the number on the Board, whether you don't have to have seven or you can keep the five. The Parish President begins to explain, "You have a member on the board and he stays there until he's replaced, unless he just walks away and leaves, the Board because one of the Board members terms expires, and it happens to be one of the two that didn't make the meetings, so we have an opening on the

Board, we will have another opening coming up very soon because of the Ordinance passed by the Council last year concerning attendance which I supported, as soon as that occurs the Council would have to remove that person and we can do that, then we'll have an opening, right now that person that didn't attend very many meetings are still officially on the Board until we take him off the Board, that's why I say we have one opening tonight for which I appointed Mr. Morgan, subject to your approval."

Councilwoman, Hoover, responded, "Did you provide this paper right here, after we vote for John Morgan one way or the other, How the Council vote, if they vote no, can we nominate Billy Benefield or Chris Posey can we do it that way?" Parish President replied, "If the Council decides not to approve the appointment of Mr. Morgan, I would like to sit down and talk with Mr. Posey and Mr. Benefield and make a recommendation at the next meeting. I highly recommend that you approve Mr. Morgan."

Councilman Chris Paige, spoke by saying, "It's up to him to make the recommendations and then Councilwoman, said, "I can live with that, but I will like to make a motion that we table this appointment to next month." Councilman Rachal, replied, "There is a motion already on the table for Mr. Morgan, on the floor right now." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Okay so we need to vote, okay."

The attorney at this time said it wasn't a second to that motion, the Clerk tried to explain the motion was not carried out due to the interruption of the roll call. Again Councilwoman Hoover asked could she make a motion to table it to next month. The Attorney again, replied, "We have a motion on the floor and it wasn't if there is no second, then it will die, but if it's a second then you take a vote." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "It died." The attorney replied, "It was not given the opportunity to get a second or it may not get a second."

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appointment Mr. John Morgan to replace Mr. Justin Shilling on the Fire District 1 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried
Nayes:	Councilman Paige
Abstain:	Councilman Bedgood
Nayes:	Councilwoman Hoover Motion Not Passed

Chairman, Bedgood, begins to say, "I think it's more than fair that Mr. Morgan can speak.", and the Parish President replied, "Sure, he should have the opportunity to speak, he should have spoken before you took the vote."

Councilman, Rachal wanted to ask a question, "After everything has been done however what shakes out, since it was a tie, anyone can bring it back up for reconsideration before we

adjourn right?" At this time Mr. John Morgan came to the podium to speak. Mr. Morgan begins, "I'm retired, and I live in Cloutierville and I'm a member of the volunteer Fire Department; so, I put my name up to be on the Board, so I can try to help the situation other than just being a volunteer fireman."

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to make a motion to table the appointment until next month and Councilman Rachal wanted to make a motion to accept Mr. Morgan. During this Parish President responds by saying, "I don't see any point in tabling this, the man is retired, and he's qualified and he's already a volunteer on the Fire Department working with it and I think it's wrong to treat him that way."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "I think it's wrong to that you would look at these applications dating December 3 and December 6 and overlook these people who have already put their applications in before Mr. Morgan did, I think it's wrong that you're wanting to do that. Chris has been here, and we're would have never known what was going on at that Fire District until Chris came before this Council and made us aware, Chris is also a volunteer Fireman and been a Fire Chief as well; so, we have two people you say he so retired and I think we have qualified people so, I think it will be in order if we gave Mr. Chris Posey as well as this is volunteer, and they put their applications in before."

Councilman Rachal wanted to ask a question to Mr. Posey, "Are you an active volunteer, fire fighter right now? Mr. Posey, replied, "Yes." Councilman Rachal replied, "For Fire District 1?" Mr. Posey responded, "No, not in District 1 but, I'm in Fire District 5." Councilman Rachal, replied, "Mr. Morgan, you are District 1?" and Mr. Morgan, replied, "Yes, Sir." Councilman Rachal, replied, "Then, I stand by my motion." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "I make my motion to table it." At this time the Attorney said, "Let's take one motion at a time." Councilwoman, Hoover, said, "We'll voted." Councilman Rachal, replied, "I reconsidered because we haven't adjourned yet, I can bring it back up for reconsideration."

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appointment Mr. John Morgan to replace Mr. Justin Shilling on the Fire District 1 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried
Nayes:	Councilman Paige
Abstain:	Councilman Bedgood
Nayes:	Councilwoman Hoover Motion Not Passed

Councilwoman, Hoover said, now I make a motion and then Councilman Paige, replied, "You don't have to make a motion to table this, the President of this Parish has the right to submit somebody completely different for next month if he cares to, so if we don't want that individual, we vote that person down or

vote for him. Plan and simple it's his selection, at that time Councilwoman Hoover replied, "His recommendation." Councilman Paige, continues, "So, he has the right, there are three good individuals out there and I'm sorry this has happened, but it did, so let's move on."

Councilman Paige, stated, "This gentleman kept coming here time and time again, and you keep telling us about Mr. Hawthorne, but I know who came here and put us on the trail of their wrong doings in that District." Parish President replied, "It was him." Councilman Paige, replied, "Call it what you want, but we know very well what happened."

K. Council to consider appointment of Mr. Ronald Payne to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint of Mr. Ronald Payne to the Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission.

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

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

First Adoption of proposed Ordinances:

A. Council to consider Introduction of Ordinance 001-2019 to remove Benjie Colvin Road from the parish road system.

Mr. John Richmond begins by saying, "Benjamin Colvin Road is off 8-mile Loop and Mr. Colvin owns the property on both sides and owns the property at the end it's about a quarter mile long or less than a quarter mile long, he has agreed if we come in and grade it and fill the potholes one time and get it a little better than what is he will take it from there and he will handle it, he will take it from there, that's the whole issue, that gives us a chance to get something off the books."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 001-2019 to remove Benjie Colvin Road from the parish road system.

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

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Councilman Paige wanted to understand clearly what he's voting on. Councilman, Paige, replies, "So we're going out and fix patches in the road, and then we're going to remove it? I never seen that happened."

Mr. Richmond, explains, "The amount of work to be done is truly minimum it really consists of moving the motor grader down the road and back and calling it done."

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

Public Hearings: None

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

Action on Proposed Ordinances: None

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

Resolutions:

- A. Council to consider approving a permanent change in Polling Place. Kisatchie Community Center will permanent change to the Kisatchie Baptist Church due to the condition of the Community Center.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves a permanent change in Polling Place. Kisatchie Community Center will permanent change to the Kisatchie Baptist Church due to the condition of the Community Center.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

- B. Council to consider approving a resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 4, 2019, to authorize the levy of a parcel fee therein.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves a resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 4, 2019, to authorize the levy of a parcel fee therein.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

Other Agenda Items:

Council to authorize the Parish President to advertise for public bids the first phase of the Payne Subdivision Street Improvement Project upon receipt of authorization to advertise from the State of Louisiana, Facility Planning and Control.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to advertise for public bids the first phase of the Payne Subdivision Street Improvement Project upon receipt of authorization to advertise from the State of Louisiana, Facility Planning and Control.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Bedgood read the next agenda item.

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Mr. John Hodgeson from Pardee Road wanted to know about the Capital Outlay for the roads that was submitted on the application. Parish President replied, "No, Sir we didn't get anything last year, and we applied back before November 1, and we haven't heard anything from that, those applications will be considered at the Legislative Session from April 8 through June 6, I'll be down there several times."

Mr. Hodegeson asked Mr. Richmond to please come down and see the shape of the road.

Mr. Junior Johnson came to Introduce himself he was appointed last month to the Fire District 1 Board and he just wanted to let the Council know he's going to try his best to be a help to the Board, he can't fight any fires, but he can handle applications and other things needed.

Councilman Chris Paige wanted to know about the ROV

Mr. Mansour, stated, "Yes, Sir I'll address that, the DA's Office has asked for an Attorney General Opinion and they are working on that opinion I expect an opinion to be rendered any day. Soon as that Opinion is released the DA's will review that Opinion and make a recommendation or opinion to the Council."

Councilman Paige, responded, "With that recommendation if the results come back as the Assistant District Attorney has said it was the Parish Council appointment, I imagine a Committee the Chairperson, Mr. Bedgood, can appoint a committee being with another Council member, The Attorney, if this is what the Council is wanting to do to interview these people fairly for the Chairman to appoint another Council member and Ms. Sheryl Frederick, you can't have three to interview the applicants and with that since people has embarking this process hasn't been fair or it's been fair whatever, should be start all over and resubmit the availability of that position, I think that's the only fair way to go about that and I feel the Chairman can work with another Council member and to appoint someone that's not a Council member. The president has his hands full he has many other things to be embarking in."

Ms. Roy wanted to know the exact question that the DA's office asked the Attorney General. The Parish Attorney, responded, "I don't have the letter in front of me, but the specifically and Generally the question is to have the Attorney General Office to render an opinion to what is the appropriate process and by whose authority for the selection of the Registrar of Voters. It is my attentions after we get an opinion but once an opinion is done I have some thoughts and suggestions, that I think the Council should consider coming up with a process to follow to make the selection or make the recommendations once the opinion is made."

Councilman, Paige, replied, "We has such a deal about going into Executive Session and it's not about that, it's about interviewing these people without putting their information out there for everybody and I think that's the only way it should have been handled. At the last meeting we got up and walked out and regardless to how a person may vote up here we should respect one another vote if it's for you or against you, I'm here regardless of how people may feel about Chris Paige, it's not about me, I'm here to represent the people of the District that I serve, and it's not personal it doesn't matter who you are and when we get up to walk out of here, I don't want anybody aggressively coming towards me with any foolishness, I can tell you that, and its just not right, I look at Mr. Bedgood as my Senior and I'm going to respect him as that, a Senior, to me, it doesn't matter who you are, if you're my Senior I'm going to respect that, I don't appreciate that and as the camera was rolling and I ushered him out the door, I heard that comments that was said and it was very distasteful that is not a way we come to a point from back in the day people use to bring guns to meetings and all of that and Lord knows we don't want to go back down that road, knives, and guns of the hip, you was in here a few times, Ms. Roy, but I'm just telling you those days has come

and gone, I'll come in here with a weapon or nothing and I don't plan too, so therefore, respect individuals to regardless to how they vote, you do not come and confront an individual before they walk out that door and it's the laughing stock of this Parish to have someone to do that."

Councilwoman Hoover, replied, "I just like to say one thing, I'm just disappointed because the Council name is just everywhere in this Community about what has taken place, I think it's embarrassing because we all have had conflict with one of another, but we don't go out and try and hurt one another, I respect Mr. Bedgood, as a Senior also, and he just a person who all ways want to do what is right, and I appreciate him and I look up to him, his my Mentor on this Council and I just want to tell him, thank you for being the person that he is."

Parish President, wanted to say one quick thought, "Regardless to how this turns out, I don't know what the Attorney General is going to say, but if it is the decision of the Parish Council to appoint the Registrar of Voters, I would like to offer the opinion that we had, we had a number of qualified Candidates to apply and I think, it would not be necessary to start the process over, we have narrowed the field to nine and we can easily narrow it to 4 or 5 real good people that can do that job inside our Committee that we had, if you do hold the interviews in Executive Session, I'll be happy to share the results that you can consider or that you can throw in the trash can, but to start over with the applications, I think will be a waste of time and we can move forward it's just a personal comment."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Let me close it out, Mr. Bedgood if you would, The Council is the Governing Body and we are the Policy makers. The President is the Administrator we can't come and interfere in the day to day operations and you can't come in and interfere when we are making polices."

Parish President, replied, "Thank you for the lesson in Government."

Chairman, Bedgood read the next agenda item.

To Adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	<b>Motion Passed</b>

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

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Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

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Sheryl Frederick,  
Council Clerk