

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
July 15, 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, July 15, 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 Rodney Bedgood who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Russell Rachal.

After the roll call there were present Chairman Rodney Bedgood and Council: Russell Rachal, Patsy Hoover, Doug de Graffenried, and Chris Paige.

Absent: None.

The Parish Council Clerk at this time would like to amend the agenda to add an item:

- A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 005-2019 to effect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to an B-1 Business District for commercial use on a 23.57 acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add: A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 005-2019 to effect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to an B-1 Business District for commercial use on a 23.57 acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item was to recognize any invited guests.

Dr. Greg Lord from Leesville running for District 24 Louisiana House of Representative seat that is now held by Frankie Howard. Dr. Lord came to visit and to introduce himself to the Council he's been a Physician; so, his background is medicine. Dr. Lord named his educational background and his work experiences, and he feels he has a lot to offer to our State and he will appreciate all the support from Natchitoches Parish.

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 all his written but gave a brief overview on where we're at on the roads such as ditching, drainage, cutting limbs, and bush hogging. The grading of roads has cut back a little bit. Mr. Richmond, stated, "Some storms had our guys called out in the wee hours of the morning, buy that's just part of the job, so a lot that happened there happened early in the morning or late at night whenever those emergencies takes place." Mr. Richmond asked for any questions or concerns.

Chairman, Bedgood wanted to know about Clark road. He wanted to know were the Highway Department was going to chip it up or scarify part of it or something. Mr. Richmond, replied, "Looking at the four longest roads and Clark road is one of those roads until we get the bridge done, but looking at those four longest roads we have a long list of roads that are potential candidates, but the four that are more intense and density populated roads totals about 21 miles that is going to run us about \$150,000 to go through and try to grind those up. I'm not sure that's the best way to spend our money. We can certainly do some things to rehabilitate Clark road in the bad areas, but I don't think we need to do the whole thing right now, I would love to, don't get me wrong, but I think in the interest of making sure we still have some budget dollars to be left at the end of the year, we might want to hold off on that. The material that we're going to put on those roads, when we do get to grind them up it would be grind up to make it a better road base altogether."

Ms. Roy wanted to know if something is going to be done to Clark road, and the answer to that question from Mr. Richmond, "Not right now, right now on Clark road we have some issues associated with a bridge, we're only doing our standard patching."

Councilman Rachal wanted to ask a question, "Mr. Richmond, I'm not asking this to set you up in any kind of way, you talk about budget, when we have a holiday during a certain month, or whatever, Are you-all working 3:12's, How do you-all work that?" Mr. Richmond, replies, "What we're doing we're working 2:11's and 1:10 that's 32 hours and the 8 hours of holiday pay that get's the guys to 40 hours so we can avoid overtime and they can still have their holiday." Councilman, Rachal, asks, "So, on those days they are off, on holidays or weekend whatever, is there's any overtime being accumulated during those weeks of holiday?" Mr. Richmond, responds, "In general, no, the only holiday an the only over-time we will accumulate is if there's an emergency called out for a limb, or cutting, flooding associated with something a couple hours here and a couple house there." Councilman, Rachal, asks, "It's not general practice and they work a 40 and they come out and bank a bunch of overtime on the days they are off." Mr. Richmond, response, "That's correct." Councilwoman Hoover had a question, but someone in the audience had one too, and it was concerning Hicks road and they were talking about when it rains it has huge holes in the road and you can't dodge them. Mr. Richmond, replies, "What we're doing there, it's very short about 3 quarter of a mile..." and the audience said less than, that. Mr. Richmond continues, "Oh, you're talking about that one really bad spot, if you remember they had that white Winn Rock down there and it didn't work, so we've gone and started to peel that off the first thing we did we went back and put in the green rock on top, which is different, we're about to go back and add some more to that, we're trying to get Hicks road more passable, that's what we're trying to do." The gentlemen from the audience to Mr. Richmond he needed 2 inches of asphalt. Mr. Richmond told him they would have to subcontract that out because the Highway department doesn't have one type of asphalt equipment in the Parish. Mr. Richmond said, "I would love to do it, if I had the equipment, but what I can do, is go out there and give you a better driving road."

Councilwoman, Hoover, begins, "I was not here on our last meeting and I understand there was some questions about my putting something out on Fix the Roads, and I would like to try to just clear this up. I made a telephone call to our President to tell him how bad Bermuda road was at the time. The President never promised me that he was going to do anything. He promised me that he would call Mr. Richmond and they would go out and have a look at it and that was the only thing that was said, never heard anything after then, until about a week later when I started to get telephone calls from persons to say that they was on Bermuda road, but I just wanted to clear that up and everybody know I'm a person that is honest if the president had told me anything different and he knows this, had told me anything different I would had said, no he told me this, but he did not tell me he was going to do any work at all, other than getting with the Public Works Director. I was a bit concerned because here's Bermuda road, very bad, bad, bad and I know there's other roads all over the Parish that is bad, but when I look at \$67,779.68 on this one just today for District 5 for the month and District 2, which is my District, \$3,779.76 and every month and I know all of you have looked at it, and all the other Districts and District 4, I know you say, you have more roads, but it really hurts me to my heart, when we get \$3,000 of work in my District compared to \$67,000 in one month and it's a complaint because something was done on Bermuda road just so people can get to church, just to get to church and that's all I have to say about it, and lets have a little more compassion for people, you know Mr. Rachal, you and I have talked on the phone because we felt it was time for us to talk and try to bring this Government to another level and it was things that we talked about that we thought we could do together to help and I ask that you just keep your word, that we keep our word that we won't slam each other and we'll be about the work of the people, I'm just asking you to be compassionate towards the people who just needs \$3,000 that's all I got. That's all I have to say."

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.

Councilwoman, Hoover ask, "Tell me where we are with Head Start now?" Ms. Harris, replies, "Presently, as of today Head Start is with Save the Children as the new award, Save the Children. Save the Children has met with our former employees on the 11th of July and have talked to them in reference to employment and how they can go online to apply for employment, they are going to do 310 children in Natchitoches and DeSoto Parish. 270 of those children are going to be the ages 3 to 5 40 of them will be children Birth to 3, that's like 5 classrooms here and DeSoto Parish because the classroom can't have more than 8 children. There anticipated date that is tentative is after Labor Day, but it's going to be a gradual thing. Right now, we're just working hard to transition as far as the building and equipment, and they want all this to be done by the 23rd of July so it's kind of fast pace right now." Councilwoman, Hoover responded, "So, by July 23rd the building on MLK how the roof was falling in and all that, all that is going to be fixed and who's going to fix that, I was just wondering?" Ms. Harris, replied, "It's out of our hands, it's not under the Parish Government." Councilwoman, Hoover, says, "Last question, what about the Insurance?" Ms. Harris our employees last day was June 30th. Everything is up to the new awardees. Councilwoman, Hoover, "So, we're going to have to pay their unemployment? Ms. Harris, replied, "Yes, ma'am if they don't get hired."

At this point Ms. Lockhart begins to say, "We are self-insured so that means we would have to pay, but we did present to the Head Start Organization and they're considering as far as I know, I'm waiting on

a final approval they are going to give us the money to put in reserve to pay that unemployment, so we're still negotiating that. It's a very large sum of money and they did agree yes it was their responsibility to set up a reserve for us. We really don't know, so, we did present them with 300,000 odd dollars because everyone is unemployed, and if they don't get picked up, or another job that will be our total liability for the Parish, but we will have that in reserves."

Councilwoman, Hoover, "So, that means everyone has to go to apply to this company, so at this point no one has a job at all." The reply was no.

Parish President wanted to add, "We have had daily several times of day emails, couple times of week conference calls, two and half days of meetings over at the Event Center although it took awhile to get the Head Start Program involved in it, we're moving at a much faster pace, because we have to they did agree to extend our Grant for one month to fund our cost associated with a few people administrative staff to assist in the closeout it wasn't or all the employees and during the discussion like Ms. Lockhart said we brought up the subject of the unemployment and they ask us for a budget request and we included that in the budget request to the Regional Office then it has to be sent to DC for approval and I think in the next two days they suppose to get back to us." Ms. Lockhart, responds, "I hope in the morning."

Parish President, continues, "We have a joint Press release with Save the Children and if they allow us to issue it in the morning, as soon as they do, we will issue it." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Only one thing I regret, that I learn that Save the Children had it through the Natchitoches Parish School Board at their School Board meeting and I was listening and here we're the last to know." Parish President responds, "Every meeting we had with them, was when we can release the information and they said we will tell you when." Councilwoman Hoover, "I thought that was very bad on their part, we've, been how long as Grantee and we be the last to know, that's disrespectful."

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Ms. Julie Lockhart Let the Council know all her reports were mailed out to the Council members. Julie, stated, "I also have some budget revisions, I did pass out the Audit, so for your reading pleasure you can look through it the Auditors will be here next meeting to fill in questions and answer concerns."

Councilwoman, Hoover asked, "How would it affect Parish employees when the Head Start employees are no longer with us? How will it affect the insurance? Will our Parish employee's insurance skyrocket?" Ms. Lockhart explains, "I'm going to turn this over to Cathy, because she is our HR person that works hand and hand with our Insurance, but we have been in talks with already."

Cathy Creamer, begins, "I posted questions to our broker and we have been in very long conversations with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, whose our current carrier and this year our rates will not change we can ask that they be re-evaluated and updated but I will highly suggest that we do not do that. There is reports we can run and the Head Start department had some of the lowest claims they are not our big claim makers, so if we ask to re-evaluate our rates could go up and if we don't ask to re-evaluate we're right here now and next year there is no way of knowing how, I really thought our numbers was going to go down a lot more than they did, I guess just in my mind that it felt like Head Start was half of our employees and with the retirees and all of that, our bills didn't really change we're still above 100 employees so we still categorized a large employer it's no real way to tell when we get our new rates how it's going to affect. We already

anticipate our rates to go up we know, Jim has already contacted us because our rates are here and our claims are here so we already know that next year our rates are going to go up considerably; so we might have to get creative in order to keep affordable insurance."

Councilwoman Hoover suggested maybe look at other insurance's rates. Mrs. Creamer, stated, "Another Insurance Entity has already contacted the Parish for quoting the Parish insurance. We will be crossing that bridge in the very near future." Councilwoman Hoover wanted Mrs. Creamer to keep them informed so they would know."

June 30th was the last day for insurance for those previous Head Start employees of the Parish. If they are hired through save the children, their benefits would come effective immediately if they applied. Save the Children had a Meet and Greet to tell about them and their benefits so if they would hire our teachers that first day their Health Insurance will start, they don't have a waiting period.

Councilwoman Hoover wanted to know, "Was there an official letter sent to the Head Start employees letting them know they would have to re-apply?" The answer was yes. Mrs. Creamer answered also, "Yes ma'am and I also mailed out letters to all the employees in conjunction with the Parish of Natchitoches and Save the Children inviting them all, I would say about 95 percent of them attended a meeting at the Event Center hosted by Save the Children and walked them through their process to apply and gave them lots of information and details about How to apply for the positions."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Mr. David Kees, Jr. Mr. Kees, begins by saying, "I also sent out my report this week, we took in about \$13,900.00 for the permits fees in June normally I includes the invoice from IBTS, but I haven't received that yet. But I think we might pay them around \$7,000 dollars for their services and inspections for the month of June. I'll be happy to entertain any questions."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Parish President.

Parish President, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, I'm going to go over a couple of the items and I'll answer questions on any you may have."

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

a. Payne Subdivision Streets, Phase I: The construction has been completed with a final cost of \$187,155.46, after the execution of two deductive change orders. Due to the cost of Phase I being less than projected, there is a balance of \$71,511.00 that is available for use in an additional contract designated as Phase IA.

b. Payne Subdivision Streets, Phase IA: The engineer is preparing plans for this project. Construction quotes will be obtained from contractors and presented to the Parish Council at a future meeting. Actual construction would occur following approval of the contract by Facility Planning and Control.

c. Payne Subdivision Streets, Phase II: House Bill 2 (Act 20) of the 2019 legislative session includes an additional \$300,000 for street improvements in Payne Subdivision. The Parish match amount is \$100,000. The Parish Engineer will prepare the plans as soon as the plans for Phase IA have been completed.

There was a question from the audience concerning the Payne Project she heard that it was State money put toward it and matching money from the Parish, she wanted to know was that for

all projects? Do the State come up with money on all the projects?

Parish President, responded, "No, you have to apply, there's a Capital Outlay process with the State and we're in competition with all State Entities in the State and they select a few project each year including a State Capital Outlay Bill they put more projects in the Bill that they can fund and then it comes to a fight who would get the funding, once you're approve there you go through all the necessary paperwork the State pays up to 75 percent and the Parish pays at least 25 percent of the project." Then she wanted to know how the selection was done. Each Council member selects a project to be done in their District at that time when it's time to apply. She asks because people complain why is so much money is being put in there, when I didn't figure all that money wouldn't be coming out of our budget anyway, she was glad to know that the State does put some money anyway, "Which is not enough," she said. There was more discussion on this topic.

Courthouse Security Improvements:

House Bill 2 (Act 20) of the 2019 legislative session includes an addition \$350,000 (P5) for the project. When combined with the existing state and Parish funding, the new total available is \$2,310,000. The project architect is proceeding with the preparation of plans based upon the increased funding level. The project CEA will be amended to reflect the increased project budget after approval of the State Bond Commission.

Payne Subdivision Sewer Improvements:

The total amount of the grant is \$756,300, which amount covers the costs associated with the design and construction of a new terminal left station and treatment plant. The project engineer (Shuler Consulting Company) is preparing the plans for approval of the Parish and the state.

ADA COMPLIANCE:

HC Ramp (Main Courthouse): We met with the architect to review possible design revisions to the HC ramp. As soon as the design is finalized and a new cost estimate is available, we will re-advertise the project. The Parish anticipates the project will be advertised for bids the week of July 15th.

a. The Parish awarded the contract for the construction of new handicap parking spaces to Page Builders, LLC in the amount of \$6,450.00. The work is in progress.

SOLID WASTE:

a. Collection and Disposal: Proposals for the collection and disposal of solid waste in the Parish were received on May 10, 2019. The results were considered at the Council meeting on May 20, 2019, with the acceptance of the proposal from Waste Connections being approved by the Council.

b. Transfer Station: The RFP has been issued, and proposals are to be submitted by July 30, 2019.

Councilwoman Hoover wanted to know about the Ladies bathroom because they are bad.

HC Restrooms (Main Courthouse): The architect has recommended the project scope be reduced to making certain modifications to the existing restrooms on the second floor of the courthouse only in order to reduce the project cost. 32-inch doors will be replaced with 36-inch doors, and new fixtures. This recommendation is based, in part, on the fact that the courthouse security improvements project (State Capital Outlay) will include new HC restrooms. When the plans have been completed, competitive quotes will be solicited.

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next item to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, June 17, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried 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, June 17, 2019.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda Appointments of Boards and Commissions. None.

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

First Adoption of proposed Ordinances:

- A. Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 012-2019 for a budget Revision of Operating Budget for Solid Waste Fund.

Ms. Julie explained the revision to the Council, she started off the line item, limb pit, has been increased by \$19,500 and the line item Contract Hauling, was increased by \$16,000. The line item, Equipment Purchases, has a revision of (\$35,500) this is requested because of increase dirt and hauling expense due to DEQ requirements.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 012-2019 for a budget Revision of Operating Budget for Solid Waste Fund.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Public Hearings:

- A. Council to consider Adopting Ordinance 011-209 for a budget amendment to the Operating Budget for a highway fund amendment.
- B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 005-2019 to effect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to an B-1 Business District for commercial use on a 23.57 acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby go into public Hearing.

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

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

Discussion for A.

Ms. Julie begins to explain by going through the budget to get familiar with the funds they found out they need to make an additional change you have the original introduced budget and you also have the amendment asking to move \$20,000 thousands from crush concrete to pit run base material and the second is asking to move \$40,000 from equipment purchase to the special project because we have to match our taxpayers contributions.

Parish President just re-stated the two amendments to the original amendment that was introduced on June 17th after the discussion hope you adopt the Highway budget with the additional amendments tonight.

Councilman Rachal, asked, "Mr. Richmond is the material you were talking about using bottom ash and something else to make it hold up better." Mr. Richmond responds, "Yes, this is reduction of the crush concrete, we simply not using very much of it so that money is available in the budget just moving it to the place where we are getting some use out of the material."

A lady from the audience wanted to know about the \$40,000 in special projects. This is the money set aside for the match for Kayla Drive and Beau Vista Drive the residents put up their part and the Parish must put up the remaining half for both projects. They had a lengthy conversation about taxes and rededicating road taxes.

Discussion for B.

The wording was corrected on the Ordinance and letters were sent out with the correct wording and this was only to get the zoning change.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal 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:

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

- A. Council to consider Adopting Ordinance 011-209 for a budget amendment to the Operating Budget for a highway fund.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 011-209 for a budget amendment to the Operating Budget for a highway fund.

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

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

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

Councilman Paige wanted it to be on record that for those special projects the Kayla Drive and Beau Vista Drive that the match for the Parish would stay as is and not to exceed the negotiated price, sometime things happens, but the Parish would not occur any additional cost.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table until a special meeting authorizing the Parish President to acquire additional rights-of-way at the Clark Road bridge replacement site for the relocation of a CLECO transmission line.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Mr. Lius Brou wanted to know if the Parish was going back to a Police Jury? What's wrong with the Home Rule Charter? The Council told him that discussion would be in a Public Hearing next month probably in the big courtroom. Mr. Brou said, "Me and Mr. Nowlin had a meeting in 2017 and I thought it was a very productive meeting and I called Mr. Nowlin back several times and never received a call back and one thing that came out of it was the Cane River Waterway, you told me they had 6 million dollars in the bank just sitting there and not using it for anything, you was going to check on that. Did anything come out of that?" Parish President, replied, "Yes, I did. And they have spent quite a bit of it, if you been downtown lately, you'll see some of the money." Mr. Brou, replied, "I was told that none of the Parish residents money went towards that waterfront project." Parish President, replied, "None of the Parish Government money went towards it." Mr. Brou, responds, "They got that money from our tax money, right?" The Cane River Waterway does that is a State tax that's imposed on the people of Natchitoches that is Legislative, the people never voted on the tax."

There was a lengthy discussion on taxes and other things concerning the roads by taking money from them to fix Parish roads and this will have to be done through the Legislature to pass a bill to reduce their tax and dedicate part of their tax to the Parish Government strictly for road improvements for the Parish.

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda to Adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, 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 Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

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Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk