

material, we had a couple of major projects that we took care during the month, and one was Clark Road the temporary bridge and the other was Allen Beulah Road as we met with those people and they decided how they wanted their road approached, and as you were aware we did go out there and do a lot of work on that road and put a lot of material on it, still have a little more to do, but we're fine, unless there's more questions, I'm finished with my report."

Chairman Bedgood, "I see they have finished the road down on 1226, Have you heard anything else about the Reclaim?"

Mr. Richmond, replied, "We got 12 trucks totaling about 220 yards out of it, we got that just late last week, we brought it to our yard, so it won't disappear. It's there now, Let me tell you this, it's not great Reclaim, it's a lot of the base material mixed in with it, it will make a great road base for us around the Parish, it's not that pure black Reclaim. We take what we can get."

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to thank Mr. Richmond for the roads in her District for making them passable.

Mr. Steve Sanders wanted to talk about his road down Cedar Grove, but he was directed to do that at the end under visitors for non-agenda items.

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS Executive Director. Ms. Harris sent her reports were sent in mail was there any questions, comments or concerns.

Councilman Rachal, had a question, but not in regards of her report. Councilman Rachal, begins, "Do you have enough space for personnel to adequate provide for the services of the Grant without being in jeopardy of losing the Grant?"

Ms. Harris, responds, "We have enough staff based on space." Councilman, Rachal, responded, "You need more space." Ms. Harris, continues, "I need more space to hire anymore staff, where we're located now, we only have 3 offices; so, I can't hire anymore people, because I don't have a place to put them." Councilman Rachal, replied, "Thank you for that, but my question is, with the amount of space are we in jeopardy of not meeting the services required?" Ms. Sharon, replied, "No, Sir. We are meeting our services, it's that everybody is having, dual or triple roles." Councilman Rachal, asked, "Would more space help you?" Ms. Sharon, replied, "Yes, Sir."

Councilman Rachal, continues by saying, "Like this item coming up later Trudeau Street, would that building be able to help you?" Ms. Sharon, replied, "Yes, Sir, it would give me more space." Councilman Rachal, replied, "To better serve the people?" Ms. Harris, replied, "Yes Sir."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replies, "The Building on Trudeau is where we're trying to lease that building for Head Start, right, I'm I correct? Councilman, Rachal, stated, "I'm might be outline on the Agenda, just wait until we get there and then I'll talk about it." Chairman, Bedgood, stated, "Yes, you're jumping ahead."

Chairman Bedgood then recognizes Parish Treasurer Julie Lockhart Ms. Lockhart, stated, "I mailed out my reports, it anyone have any questions, comments or concerns.

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Mr. David Kees, Jr. Mr. Kees, begins by saying, "I sent out your reports in the mail and it does look different from the reports that come out in the past, finally I had the first month that I could generate a report out of our new permit software, if you look on the last page, where it says permit fees, \$9,931 dollars that's the amount of money the Parish will keep from this set of permits and moving forward when you get the reports, that says Permit fees is the part that the Parish keeps, monetary the remainder is the amount we pay to IBTS for the services. Any questions?"

Councilman Rachal, asked, "Would happen to have any knowledge the name of the individuals signing off our inspections report through IBTS?" Mr. Kees, replied, "Dean Runnels and Larry Walters." Councilman Rachal, replied, "I got a report today, that Mr. Greg Lemoine is signing off on them, he's doing inspections for us, is there any truth to that?" Mr. Kees, responded, "I've never asked Greg Lemoine to do an inspection." Councilman Rachal, continues, "As far as you know, have they ever asked him, because I know a contractor today that he's doing some of their inspections." Mr. Kees, replies, "No, I'm not aware of that." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "I'll get you the name...at that time Mr. Kees, responds, "Get me the report, get me the actual report that he signed." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "If he got someone else to sign it, but he was the one that came out and did the inspection." Mr. Kees, replied, "If his name is not on it, then he's not signing the report. For anyone to get power in the Parish of Natchitoches or have a valid permit it has to come through IBTS." Councilman Rachal, replied, "Somebody could be signing off on his inspections?" Mr. Kees, responds, "He might be signing off in Provencal, because we don't have anything to do with Provencal." Councilman, Rachal, stated, "He shouldn't be working for the Parish period. I will get you the report and address."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Parish President.

Parish President, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, I'll like to cover a few items on my written report with regards to the Capital Projects.

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. The Parish has been closed out and final payment has been issued to the contractor.
- b. Payne Subdivision Streets, Phase IA: The Parish has submitted the plans and specifications for Phase IA to Facility Planning and Control for its review and approval. The scope of work includes improvements to east end of Miller Drive and the repair of certain base failures in the subdivision. Facility Planning and Control approved the plans and bids were received on October 11, 2019. The low responsive bidder is Regional Construction, LLC, Natchitoches, LA. whose bid was \$83,055.30. The Council approved the contract award to Regional Construction on October 21st. Facility Planning and Control has concurred in the award. As soon as the construction contract has been executed, a pre-construction meeting will be held and the Notice to Proceed will be issued.

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. We have been informed by FP&C that the final \$350,000 will be included in its project funding recommendations to the State Bond Commission at its November meeting. It is expected that some of the projects will be approved in November and others in December.

On October 29th and 30th, Geotechnical Testing Laboratory, Inc. (GTL) performed subsurface exploration services involving the taking of soil boring samples from the parking lot behind the courthouse. The GTL report of the exploration and recommendations concerning the design and construction of the foundations of the courthouse addition has been provided to the project architect.

On November 5th, the architect held an intermediate design review with the Parish, Judges Sylvester and Dyess, and Mr. Roger Henson of the NPDC. The purpose of the review was to present the current design status and address any outstanding questions or issues.

ADA COMPLIANCE:

Parish President, concludes by saying, "All the other things are on the agenda for later, and If you don't have any questions, that's my report."

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted him to go over number 7 of his report, concerning Head Start. Parish President, replied, "Ms. Hoover, as you know we don't have Head Start, we no longer have a Director, Executive Director or any employees, the only involvement that the Parish has in this for the present moment is answering phone calls or emails from the Regional Office in Dallas, to communicate with them for the release in the the Federal interest in some of the properties, that will go to different parties locally, that's it we're trying to cooperate with them to get the program closed out from the Federal end, we're closed out our part, but to get the Federal closed out, to get these centers opened for the children."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "You know why I asked that question, because all of the emails, that's come through and it was a concern, I even called our attorney to provide us with something on that, we just want to make sure that the Council is in the law for what we're doing." Parish President, responds, "Is there's a concern, we're more than happy to let the attorney address it, it's prudent for us to communicate with the Federal Office of Head Start in that very nominal assistance helps them to complete their work for the benefit of the program, let's not forget, when we closed our program we were faced with contingent expenditures, very high expenditures and through the work of Ms. Lockhart and her staff they were able to secure funding from the Federal Head Start funding in amount in the neighborhood of \$400,000 to pay for those cost, in fact the first quarter of unemployment, they paid on our behalf just a couple hundred under \$70,000 dollars that would have been a liability on the Parish, but they step up and said they would paid for it. The two-classroom building in Mansfield they are transferring their Federal Interest in those building to the parish and we'll be able to use them out there at Public Works, they are not only giving us title to the building but they're paying for the transport to our Public Works Department and paying to set them up there for us, we don't have no cost at all, does that answer your question?"

Councilwoman, Hoover, "I'll want the attorney to speak now, if he has anything to say about this, to clear up." Parish President, stated, "I think what she's asking, the Council had authorize us to participate in close out activities up to October 31, 2019 of this year and we closed out our program and our activities, now it takes communicating with them to assist them for them to close out on their end."

The Parish Attorney, replied, "On my review it's an administrative process, it wasn't an extension of the services being provided, it was just the Parish administratively assisting in the close out."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Nothing that the Council has to vote on so we're clear from that." The Parish Attorney, responded, "I don't there's anything that the Council needs to do or approve, it's in the Administrative and that's handled by the President."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "I just wanted to make that very clear, I thank you so kindly, Thank you, both of you."

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next item to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, October 21, 2019.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, October 21, 2019.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda Appointments and Re-appointments of Boards and Commissions.

Council to consider the re-appointment of Mr. Thomas Roque to the Library Board.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appointment of Mr. Thomas Roque to the Library Board.

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

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

Council to consider approving the appointment of Katrina O'Con to replace Mr. Meryland Robinson on the Planning Commission.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appointment of Mr. Thomas Roque to the Library Board.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item

First Adoption of proposed Ordinances:

Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 20-2019 to Introduce adopting and enacting a new code for the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinances; proving for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; Providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this Ordinance shall become effective.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 20-2019 to Introduce adopting and enacting a new code for the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinances; proving for the repeal of certain Ordinances not included therein; Providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this Ordinance shall become effective.

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

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

Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 21-2019 to remove approximately 0.59 miles in length of the Mink-Hutton Road, up to the Parish line from the Natchitoches Parish Road System.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 21-2019 to remove approximately 0.59 miles in length of the Mink-Hutton Road, up to the Parish line from the Natchitoches Parish Road System.

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

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

Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 22-2019 for budget amendments for Highway, Government Buildings, Health Unit, Sales Tax, General Fund, Library, Solid Waste, and Head Start Funds.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, but there was a delay on a second, so it died at this time for a lack of second. Then the discussion begins about not being able to talk about it. Ms. Roy wanted to know why the Council is still voting on something for Introduction only? Councilman Rachal, stated, "To move it forward to the Public Hearing."

Councilman Paige, expresses, "We have the same discussion every month about not being able to talk about it." Chairman keeps calling for a second.

Councilman, Paige, said, "Somebody better say something quickly, because this very important at this time Parish Treasurer stated, "Yes, it's important, this budget amendment are to make sure we comply with Louisiana Statue or revenues can be over, but it can't be under, or expenses can be under by 5 percent, but can't be over and the main and most important part the cash balances that was brought over from the previous Treasurer who brought the Introduction last year, the cash balances are not right, they're wrong and that's another thing they measure us by; so if we don't do this we're setting ourselves up for audit findings." And Councilman, Paige, stated, "And penalties for the findings."

Chairman Bedgood, stated, "This is kind of the craziest thing I've every seen, that when you put something up here and you can't even talk about it, to know what you're voting on in a month from now. Is that a law?" Councilman, Paige, replied, "We said the same thing last month." Chairman, Bedgood, continues, "I'm not understanding, this really. I'm voting on something I don't even know nothing about."

Councilman Paige, asked the Treasurer, "Do you have to have this in by a certain period of time?" The Treasurer, replied, "It must be in by the end of the year." Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "Do the lawyer have a copy of this Home Rule Charter?" The Parish Attorney, answered, "I do." Councilman Paige, replied, "Its so vague it means, whatever you want it to mean."

Parish President, stated, "What this Ordinance is doing it's for 2018-2019, I'm not going to get into a debate on it, what it does, it makes adjustments on each of this department budgets and within the 5 percent rule on each budget items, sometimes throughout the year you might bring in more revenue or less expenses during the year, but at the end of the year, you're going to be off 5 percent or more whether positive or negative you have to amend your budget or you're going to get an automatic audit finding. Like Ms. Lockhart said, some of our beginning balances of January 1 are off by more than 5 percent and that's also an audit finding, so by adjusting those numbers it doesn't authorize any additional spending or any additional revenues it simple says we're going to adjust our numbers to make sure that we stay within the 5 percent accordance to State Law and it has to be adopted prior to the end of the year."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "We understand that, but what we're talking about right now, is that we can't talk about and we're having to vote on it that's what I'm asking him to see in there?" Chairman, Bedgood, asked, "Where did that come from?" Parish Attorney, replies, "The Home Rule Charter says, in Section 2-11 Ordinances in General, all proposed Ordinance shall be read by their titles when introduced and published in the official journal by title only within fifteen days after introduction, it's subject to interpretation, I don't know

if it says, I don't interpret that it necessary mean that you read by the their title only, when introduced, it doesn't specifically say you can't have discussion on it, it said you have to read it by title only."

Parish President, replied, "Ms. Lockhart can provide with all the detail information." Ms. Lockhart, stated, "It went out in your package before time." The Parish Attorney, stated, "I'm not telling you that you can't have discussion, if that's what you're asking me."

Councilman Paige, replied, "But every month we do this, last month the same thing, and every time we're told we can't talk about it." The attorney said, "Did I say that?" Both Chairman and Councilman Paige, replied, "No." Councilman Paige, stated, "Whoever governs up here says it, every time we try to talk about something, yawl, say, "You can't talk about it, come on now, that's stupid. We're not taking care of the people's business, I can tell you that, now how about that, we're not taking care of their business." Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "What needs to happen right now, because it died for a lack of second, so where do we go from here? Do we go back and re-vote?" Councilman Paige, replied, "Do you like to second it, it wouldn't have died if somebody would have said second." Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "You have to come back with it because it died for a lack of second."

Councilman Paige, said to Councilwoman, Hoover, "So you're not willing make a second and then he asked Chairman Bedgood, are you not willing to make a second?" Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "No, I didn't say that, now wait, hold up a minute, I got one month left here and I'm going to sit here and take a bunch of mouth tonight, okay, over this. We talk this every time we come up here, that's why I'm trying to find out is why? I'm not going to leave, I've fought and fought, fought for District 4 and I'm not going to sit up here and do something, that's right or wrong and leave it for the other people coming in here, I'm going to try and get it right. Okay." Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "It's now have been corrected." Chairman, Bedgood, stated, "Then I'll second it."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Ordinance 22-2019 for budget amendments for Highway, Government Buildings, Health Unit, Sales Tax, General Fund, Library, Solid Waste, and Head Start Funds.

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

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

Councilwoman Hoover wanted to clarify that it has been interpreted by the Parish Attorney that they can speak on when its Introduction time at this time, Councilman Paige was about to say something, and Councilwoman, Hoover, replies, "I'm not talking to you Chris, I'm asking the Attorney?"

Parish Attorney, "I don't interpret through the Ordinance saying that you're prohibited from discussion." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Thank you, that's all I wanted to hear."

Council to consider Ordinance 023-2019 to amend the Natchitoches Parish Personnel Manual.

Parish Treasurer, responded, "If I can speak quickly, we have to amend the Personnel Manual we have to take all the Head Start out of it and job descriptions out, we have to get rid all of the language dealing with Head Start to make it right." Chairman Bedgood wanted to ask a question, "Do we have to do that tonight? This is something I think the incoming administration needs to take care of, the policy manual and not us." Ms. Lockhart, replies, "I agree, as far as I know it don't have to be tonight, but it has to be changed." Chairman Bedgood, replied, "Here's the thing, you start changing up somethings in the Policy Manual it might affect this that coming in here in the language, so if it's going to do that, let them make that decision, that's my opinion of it." Parish President, replied, "You're going to have a whole month to look at it." Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "okay."

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table Ordinance 023-2019 to amend the Natchitoches Parish Personnel Manual to January of next year.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item

Public Hearings:

- A. Council to consider adoption of Ordinance 016-2019 to remove part of the Little River Road #706.
- B. Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #017-2019 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.
- C. Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #018-2019 to give the State of Louisiana the remaining portion of Five Fork Road.
- D. Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #019-2019 authorizing the acceptance by the Parish of Natchitoches of a donation by Total Environmental Systems, Inc. of the Payne Sewer System to the parish and authorizing the Parish President to execute all documents in connection therewith, upon the advice of the District Attorney.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the public Hearing to hear the followings:

- A. Council to consider adoption of Ordinance 016-2019 to remove part of the Little River Road #706.
- B. Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #017-2019 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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

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

Discussion A.

Mr. Johns Richmond discussed, "It's about 3 and a quarter of road on Little River Road it a Forestry Preserve between two parcel of farmland, the farmland is owned by the same group and, I couldn't find any maintenance on that road over 10 years and basically it's where people have gone out there on their four wheelers so we made sure they had adequate egress from both sides of it, and they do, one will be used for the Farm equipment, and it will be turned over to the landowners they can maintain to transport their farm equipment into the two parcels."

Councilman Rachal, asked, "Does this road leads into Cypress Lane?" Mr. Richmond, replied, "No." Councilman, Rachal wanted to know, "Where does it come out at?" Mr. Richmond, responded, "I would have to look at my map, but Mr. Salard knew and said, Downey Road." Councilman Rachal, asked, "Is there anyone who lives down, there and there was no one." Mr. Richmond, replied, "We got the signatures of every landowner that was adjacent to it, and they were in last month package, and they are all okay with it." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "Okay, I just wanted to be sure." Chairman, Bedgood, responded, "Was it at one time someone wanted to do a gated area down there?" Mr. Richmond, responds, "Yes, that's what part of what's in here, this will be gated for the farmers to have access in and out they have found there's been a lot of traffic by recreational vehicles, ATV's and it's been torn up, and they was going to gate it and give a key to all the landowners, but there's no homes back there and there's adequate egress to medical vehicles can get back and forth."

Councilman, Paige, responded, "I don't like giving those keys to everyone, that don't smell right." Mr. Richmond, replied, "Its just for the landowners." Councilman Rachal asked, "Who owns the land?" Mr. Richmond, replied, "Danny Mott and Puckett Farms. They would only have the keys." Chairman Bedgood asked, "Wasn't this supposed to be developed at one time?"

Mr. Salard, replied, "No, Sir, it's a Federal Game Reserve and theirs farms on each end."

Discussion B

Ms. Lockhart replied, "That's our Operating Budget for next year. I've sent out copies and gave you the meat of it and then the whole budget."

No Discussion.

Discussion C

Pastor Steve Harris, states, "We have several people and we have someone from the State to explain it, how it works, it's a give or take or a swap in all actuality, we're just wanting to have access, when it rain and storms, so we can have access to get to our church and other vehicles that come down that, we want you to consider and approve it." Councilwoman Hoover, asked, "Reverend Harris, Where's the person from the State, you did say you had someone from the State, can that person come up and speak? Thank you, so kindly."

Jonathan Lachney, Department of Transportation Assistant District Administrator, "Last month we saw in your minutes from your meeting and it generated a lot of interest we didn't know anything about. So what I'm asked to speak on, we received a call regarding Five Forks Road many years ago there was a transfer that occurred between the Parish and State of Louisiana, where the Department of Transportation which took in 1.7 miles of road, Five Forks Road and exchange for that the Parish took in 6.5 miles of State Highway. The reason for that the Parish couldn't continue to maintain the road of Five Forks that goes into the mine and they asked for help and that was the way of doing it and that's how we did it. There's regulation that the State can't take in roads at a certain width and feet. The State only took in the 1.7 miles of Five Forks was to get to the mine that the Parish couldn't maintain and there's where we stopped it." Mr. Lachney talked, about the Road Transfer Program, update a road and then transfer it to Local Government, but in order for the State to take over, the Parish would have to take in mileage somewhere else, that's how it works.

Councilman Paige wanted to know about how this would affect the Water District since they now have a bill over \$160,000 that they acquired that they cannot pay. Councilman Paige asked the Parish President to explain more to see if Mr. Lachney knew anything about this.

Parish President, said the Reidhimer/Creston the lines had to be re-located so the cost was charge to the Water System, they started to talk about other things, but Councilman Paige, said, "Lets get back to this \$160,000 these people owe, that they can't pay, Are you one, Going to wipe it out or what going to happen here?"

Mr. Lachney, "I believe it was a loan, Utility Relief Assistance Fund, It's a provision, we do allow utilities to be on our State right away, we absorb the right a way they, the conditions to be on the right a way, they have to get out the way of construction, and they would have to relocate and they have to absorb the cost of doing that, that's on any State highway; so when we absorb in Five Forks Road, we absorb those rights, they was on our right a way and they had to move to another location to get out the way of construction and they had to absorb that cost, but I think it was basically a no interest loan, they have a time to pay it back, we do that on all our State Highways when we have relocation due to construction."

Councilman Paige, stated, "If we vote on this tonight, it's possible they would have to pay more, and they don't have the money to pay that." Chairman Bedgood, replied, "They can't pay that, now, they are about to go under now, they trying to pay that back that was charged to them and their understanding was, that's in my District, their understanding that the State was going to pay to have that moved, not them." Mr. Lachney, replied, "Not that I'm aware of." Chairman Bedgood, continues, "How's a small Water company that's barely making it is going to pay \$160,000 to \$170,000 back?"

Mr. Lachney, replied, "Over time, we're talking years, and years, they look at the Financial records, they don't have to pay back \$160,000 in

one year, it's over many, many years, now the debt against over system, that may be a concern, it might affect the financial records that way and they might not want to incur that."

Councilman Paige, replied, "I'm meaning to cut you off, but I'm glad you're saying what you're saying so the people that was here last month, don't have to money to pay a thousand years from now, we'll all be dead and gone, but they do not have any money."

Discussion D

Councilman Paige, wanted to know was anyone from TESI was here? Parish President, responded, " I receive an example agreement from TESI, and I prepared a short briefing paper for you to look at a system for years has violated State water quality Standards, doesn't appear that the company is going to be able provide the investments to bring it up, but the Parish has applied for a Community Block Grant if awarded we'll get \$750,000, contingent on the Parish accepting ownership of the property, if the Parish does that, by passing this Ordinance tonight and then the next step will be at the next meeting will be an Ordinance to create a Sewage District for that area to be voted on in January to create a Board of Directors and to authorize that system to take the list of accounts provided by TESI and to start actually billing the services and the system will have to hire an operator, for full time operations to do the septic system. This is the first step, but not the last step, there will have to be some other steps that needs to be done, takes about 3 months to get everything in order. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to try and answer them."

Councilman, Paige, asked, "This has to be done to improve the sewage system out there?" Parish President, replied, "Yes." Councilman, Paige discussed a friend having to pay his parents high sewage bill, he didn't do a payment plan, he went on and paid the \$2,500 to get the sewage operating out there. The bills run \$40.00 a month.

Mr. John Richmond asked, "If we accept this asset are, we are allowing TESI to walk away scot free?" Parish President, replied, "The agreeance they remain responsible for any of the actions and sanctions date prior to the date of the agreement." Mr. John Richard, asked, "Is the \$750,000 is going to be enough to rehab it to get it for public use?" Parish President, responded, "The \$750,000 is targeted for the Treatment Center, itself, it's still some work to be done on the collection system, that's the subject of the second grant, we just receive a letter the last day or two, I believe last Friday, the State saying, "Their holding the actual contract for the \$750,000 until we notify them that we're going to take ownership of the system."

Councilman, Russell Rachal, stated, "To take ownership of the system, if we vote to do this, what shape is this system in? Are we inheriting a headache, that we're going to be fined by the APA or somebody?" Chairman Bedgood, replied, "You remember last meeting the gentlemen, stated, it was totally gone." Parish President, replied, "It's in bad shape." Councilman Rachal, recommended, "If they bring it up to standards, then we adopt it, but now we're adopting it as is, right?"

Parish President, replied, "We have a commitment from the State that they would provide the funds to rehab it to bring it up to code, but as far as treatment concerned, we still have some problems in the collection system that we would have to address, the sewage system would have to address." Councilman Rachal, replied, "Wasn't resident saying, it was backing up into their homes?"

Councilman Chris Paige, stated, "Even though with all that you're saying, that we're be excepting the responsibility, I don't know if

we're clear from responsibility in the past or whatever that already has occurred, this is in Natchitoches Parish, this is not in Cuba." Councilman Rachal, responded, "We don't own that system right now, either." Councilman Paige, continues, "We're not talking about owning it, we're talking about something we allowed in this Parish to happen, so I'm quite sure they have meetings and documents somewhere in the files somewhere pertaining to what went on in this Parish, now this is nothing new to create a District, to create a Board, and to Govern money, that's all we're talking about tonight, is for improvements, we have to understand what we're talking about, now we all might not live out in Payne Subdivision, but let me tell you something, what's flowing out of Payne, it's coming to you, so we need to understand, we need to control, any type of problem we're having if it's in Payne Subdivision, Provencal, we need to get control of it, you're not going to control it by sitting here saying, Oh, no, but it's in Natchitoches Parish." Councilman Rachal, replied, "You're creating more than just a Board, you're adopting a wore out system." Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "You're saying that the Parish is doing sewage now, we don't need no sewage system or nothing." Pastor Steve Harris, responded, "We have citizens that belongs to Natchitoches Parish, the system for us is failed, and we want somebody, anybody, I don't care who it is, to come and help us and we don't mind paying for the system, but there's nobody there to pay and nobody there to hold responsible or accountable for nothing." Councilman Paige, "And you come to this governing body and that's your responsibility whether you want to shuck it or not." Mr. John Richmond, "Mr. Paige, I totally agree with you absolutely, my concern was, the \$750,000 roughly Block Grant and then the second Grant that's in the pipeline is it a guarantee? Is that's going to be enough money? and then is TESI free and clear, then I understand they will be responsible for things in the past, but when you're taking over and your doing an analysis there is really two issues: 1. The remediation of the system, so we can make sure these folks can have some descent sanitation services and 2. Are we about to take on a liability that can cost another half million, I don't know or million, but there's two issues, but I agree on what you're saying." Councilman Paige, replied, "The bottom line of it, it has to be some lawyers involved in it, we do acquire any responsibility tonight, tomorrow, on whenever, next year, when we put it on the table, whenever we step up to the table and take on the responsibility the legal minds will have to say at this point then you require the responsibility, we can't go back and pay for something that happened twenty years ago, if you wasn't in on the negotiations, now I'm not sure, this things has been sold, I think at one time and all we're talking about tonight is moving forward in trying to make some improvement, we have applied for grants, this wasn't an easy grant to obtain and now that's it's here, and if you're turning down \$750,000 there's a lot of Parishes would love to hear and say those idiots in Natchitoches, turned it away, What about down in Mamou or wherever else, we have to understand what we're dealing with here."

Councilman Rachal, replied, "Look at the precedence you're setting with, like Powhattan and Provencal."

Councilman Paige, replied, "It's when they apply, they have problems too, but we're talking about Payne Subdivision, right now, if you want to come back next month with Powhattan." Councilman Rachal, responded, "You're talking about creating a Sewage Board for Parish of Natchitoches." Councilman Paige, replied, "That's nothing new, we have one out there on Sibley Lake, that collected money for years." Councilman Rachal, "You're be creating a Sewage Board?" Parish President, replied, "You're be creating a Sewage District of local residents of that District on a Board to govern it, just like the ten fire boards and Sewage District 1, which was created 30 years ago." Chairman Bedgood, asked, "Just say, we don't have enough money to complete all this, where does that burden falls back to? Does it fall

back to the people in Natchitoches Parish?" Parish President, replied, "It falls back to the people in the District, let's look at a worst-case scenario, say the second grant for the collection system for the lift station to get the water to the plant, say it doesn't get funded, that Sewage District through that Board is going to be responsible for billing the customers and they would have to set a rate that over time would pay for the cost of having their own sewage lines, between the house and the plant, ok we're trying to get a grant to do that, but we don't have the clearance on the second grant yet, but that cost if it's not going through a Grant will be the users of the customers of the system, just like you're a City electric customer, your rates includes money to buy the poles, transformers when they go out and everything else, it will fall back on the customers. I heard \$40.00 it may be \$40.00 dollars, it may be more or less, I don't know what's it's going to be, it's a step to solve the problem." Councilman, Rachal, spoke, "If they can't pay that assessed fee, who does it falls back on then?" There was discussion about this, and they said if they create a Board, then it goes back to the District. Councilman, Paige, spoke, "If you create a District, and a Board it goes back to the District. It's no different from a Water District." There was more discussion about the Districts. Chairman Bedgood wanted to ask one more question to Pastor Harris. "Mr. Harris, you said at the last meeting that if yawl don't get something done, yawl was going to get the City to try and annex yawl in." Pastor, Harris, replied, "I don't think that's a good idea either." Chairman Bedgood and Councilwoman, Hoover, both at the same time said, "But you did say that didn't you?" Pastor Harris, responded, "Yes, I did." Chairman Bedgood, continues, "If the Council decided to take this in, and I yawl decides you want to go into the City, then what happens are we still hung with this debt? I'm just trying to go down all avenues here; so, we'll know where we're at." Councilman, Paige, "Wouldn't the District absorbs it?" There were discussions going on around the table. Mr. Richmond, replied, "The important part is not to go in the debt. The important part is to use the funding you got to get the Treatment Plant done and at least that makes that part of the problem better. If you have no debt, you at least have a sewage system that works at the plant; which we don't have now. They may have some out dated or broken lines, but a least you're solving half the problem, and the problem right now appears to be, not being an expert in this area, appears the problem is that plant isn't functioning that's when the back up occurs, but if you can solve some problem with the three-quarter of a million dollars grant, you're way down the road. The next thing, that problem shouldn't be thought about heavily right now, is what to do with what you don't know, which is about the outcome of the falls that comes from the resident to the actual output to the plant, there's no assessment to that, that I know of."

Councilwoman Hoover, replied, "I think we should review it just a little bit more, we don't have a whole lot of information."

Councilman Paige, "You continue to review, the grant will be gone."

Pastor Steve Harris, responded, "I worked hard with Mr. Nowlin, to get our citizens to get this Grant. We worked hard to try to get some help; so now the money is here, at least we can do is to go forward, just like we worked to get that, we can work to get the other part. I'll tell you this, it's hard to think that your own people...and there was so much discussion at the same time you really couldn't understand, the rest of what Pastor Harris was saying."

Mr. Richmond, stated, "I know I'm not a voting member of this group and probably should remain silent you have three quarters of a million dollars in the green to help solve what we know what can be the problem, you have to create a Sewage District, just like the other

Districts, my only concern about this process, is that when we get into there and TESI has left us nothing to work with, with three quarters of a million doesn't get that plant operational, that's my only concern."

La'Kesha Jackson, "I came last month concerning the sewage backing up into the homes and I had to pay four-hundred and something to get it back on. I received my first bill a couple days ago and now they want six hundred more dollars and it's in the red, like I'm past due, and this my first bill and I believe it's due next month on the 13th or something like that and the people haven't come out to fix anything, the only thing they have done have come out and torn up the residents front yard and locked the sewage. Some paid and some didn't and I paid mine, and I don't feel that we need to pay all that at one time, and just received the bill, it hasn't been thirty days yet and they're saying I'm in the red, I don't know who all have receive them, but I have my bill and I call, and said what's going on, and she said that was from back pay."

Councilman Paige, responded, "That's why we need a Board, there's nobody governing nothing, and we sit here and talk about oh, no, we can't do that, what are you going to do? Do you think this is going to come back and answer itself? We should solve the problem, by establishing a District out there, a Sewage District."

Councilman Rachal, stated, "I thought since you're a resident of the Parish you can get an oxidation pond or system nobody provided me sewage where I live" Councilman Paige, asked, "How many neighbors you have Mr. Rachal, Do you live in a subdivision?" Councilman Rachal, replied, "I guess a subdivision, I own, I guess, I do." Councilman, Paige, replied, "What do you mean, you don't have neighbors?" Councilman Rachal, responds back, "Yes, I have neighbors and everyone of them did the same thing I did, went out their pocket and put a fill line and an oxidation pond or a sewage system, we're not in the business of providing people sewage."

Councilman Paige, replied, "Well, when you become an elected official and you're dealing with folks 400 to 500 and some people and not 10 to 5 people." Councilman Rachal, responded, "I have 5500 people in my District, Sir." Councilman Paige, replied, "I'm not talking about your District, I'm talking about where you live at?"

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

Council to consider adoption of Ordinance 016-2019 to remove part of the Little River Road #706.

Lack of Motion for this Agenda Item.

Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #017-2019 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt of Ordinance #017-2019 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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

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

Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #018-2019 to give the State of Louisiana the remaining portion of Five Fork Road.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt of Ordinance #017-2019 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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

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

Council to approve the adoption of Ordinance #019-2019 authorizing the acceptance by the Parish of Natchitoches of a donation by Total Environmental Systems, Inc. of the Payne Sewer System to the parish and authorizing the Parish President to execute all documents in connection therewith, upon the advice of the District Attorney.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige **There was no second for this motion.**

Resolutions:

Council to adopt Resolution 033-2019 authorizing the transfer of the title to property identified as the Breda Head Start Center to Save the Children, and to authorize the Parish President to execute the Bill of Sale and any other documents required to effect the sale, as approved by the Office of the District Attorney.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Resolution 033-2019 authorizing the transfer of the title to property identified as the Breda Head Start Center to Save the Children, and to authorize the Parish President to execute the Bill of Sale and any other documents required to effect the sale, as approved by the Office of the District Attorney.

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

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

Council to adopt Resolution 032-2019 approving a Cooperative `Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Save the Children for the purpose of leasing certain Parish Property to Save the Children to be used in its Head Start Program.

Councilman Rachal begins, "We're over OCS that's a program we have that, and you need more space." Ms. Harris, replied, "Yes, Sir, but let me emphasis we need more space, but where we have space at is not an issue, we just need more space." Councilman Rachal, replied, "I understand that, but to better serve the people that we are over, I would like to see OCS get the building to provide the services better to the people we are granted to serve. I believe she needs the building instead of giving it to someone else, we have leased enough property across this Parish." Councilman Paige, stated, "Yawl, gave her old building away, Oh, Lord, let me shut up."

Parish President, stated, "Let me ask Ms. Harris a question, we are located on Keyser Avenue..." and Ms. Harris, replied, "In the Council of Aging Building." Parish President, continues, "If you have to put some of your services out of this building on Trudeau, how's that going to impact on you?" Ms. Harris, answers, "The space we have on Keyser is most like administrative space, but if we're going to deliver services we need more space for the folks we're serving, we don't have space for folks to come into the office, abundant amount of folks, but we do have administrators who sits at the desk and stuff, we don't have the space. The issue is it doesn't make no difference where's the space is at, it can be at Council of Aging, if they would give us more space, it makes no difference to me, it's we just need more space, other than three (3) rooms and this has been an issue for a while." Parish President, responds, "A better situation is to work with Ms. Barrios to obtain some space in the activity building behind your office." Ms. Harris responded, "Actually, the Activity Building is behind my office, as well as where's my office is located, they have activities in that building also."

Ms. Roy wanted to know was this the same building that was discussed earlier. The clarified that this is the Old Hwy Department building on Trudeau. Chairman, Bedgood wanted to ask a question, "If he can't vote because it's dealing with Head Start, and if he can't vote either because it's dealing with Head Start, then we're going to be where we were like a while ago." Councilman Rachal, stated, "I'm talking about giving her the use of the building, we can't vote if it's concerning Head Start, they going to lose it tonight anyway."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt 032-2019 approving a Cooperative `Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Save the Children for the purpose of leasing certain Parish Property to Save the Children to be used in its Head Start Program.

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

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

Council to consider adopting a Resolution 042-2019 to change the Agent of record to Moreman, Moore & Co, Inc. for the Parishes Worker's Compensation, auto, inland marine, cyber security, property, and Public Officials liability Insurances.

Parish President, asked, "Who's our current agent of record?" Mrs. Cathy Creamer replied, "Our current agent of record is Cunningham Insurance Agency and Risk Services it's a partnership, I believe our agent of record is Cunningham, but they have partnership with Risk Services, and they split the Commission. These gentlemen asked us last month to be the Agent of record and to look into our insurance to see if they can get quotes." Parish President, replied, "That's all I was asking, that's all."

Steve Maxwell begins by saying, "I like to introduce James Maxwell, we both were here last month, and I would like to thank the Council on their five to nothing vote to elect us to work on the program and we did that. We delivered our quote last week, to Ms. Lockhart and to Ms. Creamer in writing, and what we basically found that our program saves the Council between \$25,000 to \$35,000 dollars on the program overall and it's a combination of a lot of things in the program that was wrong and we made corrections to those and that was our quote so what I'll like to do now, that's the overall just of everything, and those changes has to be made to the current year program and maybe to some of the prior year of it, and absolutely at the renewal again for the coming year, what I'm talking about \$35,000 in the current year in mistakes and another \$35,000 in your renewal going forward at a comparison is pretty much, for what we're found is a tremendous saving by evaluating your program, making changes and providing a lifetime quality that we know apples to apples comparisons that has all the automobiles, worker' comp, inland Marine, what, I want to do is kind of open this up so you can ask me questions, for the proposals that we did go over at length last Wednesday, we spent about a hour and a half doing it and I think I'm pretty much on target with the figures I gave you and we're asking to be your agent and we love to do business with you."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Resolution 042-2019 to change the Agent of record to Moreman, Moore & Co, Inc. for the Parishes Worker's Compensation, auto, inland marine, cyber security, property, and Public Officials liability Insurances.

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

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

Other Agenda Items:

Council to consider to award insurance for all Parish Insurance's.

Mrs. Cathy Creamer gave us a comparison of different Insurance deductibles from Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Council had to decide on them. The following was decided after discussions on the Insurance's.

Blue Cross Blue Shield with a \$500 deductible for Health.
Blue Cross Blue Shield for Dental, Vision, Life, Voluntary Life, and Dependent Life.

Access Health will remain. (Employees Walk-In Clinic going up 0.29 Cents)

Vantage for the Retirees (\$263.00 currently going down to \$231.00)

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby award: Blue Cross and Blue Shield for our Health with a \$500 deductible, Dental, Vision, Voluntary Life, and Dependent Life, Access Health, and Vantage for Retirees.

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

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

Now the Council has to vote on Property, Automobile, Inland Marine, Public Officials, Employment Practices Liability, State Fees, Broker Policy Fee, Workers' Comp, and Terrorism.

AmGuard for Property, Automobile, Inland Marine, Public Officials, Employment Practices Liability, State Fees, Broker Policy Fee and Terrorism.

LUBA- Workers' Comp

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby award: AmGuard for Property, Automobile, Inland Marine, Public Officials, Employment Practices Liability, State Fees, Broker Policy Fee and Terrorism. And LUBA- Workers' Comp.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Steve Sanders from Cedar Grove, "Down the main road and further down, I have 10 potholes on all the roads down there and I needs something done to them. I have a bad base failure; which is getting worse and worse every day and every time it rains it holes water and you can't

see, I want to know if we can get someone down there to get that base failure fixed?"

Mr. Richmond, responded, "If you're talking about going back to asphalt, we have to contract that out and that's something that can be done, but nothing in the budget to do it, but we can see if we can move some cost around to see if we can do that, but we would have to bid it out. We would have to do it in the next calendar year before something can be done."

Mr. Sanders, replied, "Something needs to be done, because if I hit one of those potholes and bust a rim or something on my truck, Guess, who's not paying for it, the Police Jury is going to pay for it. I need another question answered, I've asked the Police Jury this and I've asked the Gas company, there's an alley way down there, that's grown up and needs to be cleaned, and one is behind my house?"

Chairman Bedgood asked, "Who's District is this?" Everyone said District 3. Mr. Richmond, replied, "We certainly can go fix the potholes but the base failure, we can't." Mr. Sanders, responded, "The Gas company says, it's not theirs, who is it, is it for the owners, who lives there has to clean the alley way?"

Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "I don't think it's our duty to clean an alley way?" Mr. Richmond, replied, "No, but this is what I can do, I can go down there tomorrow and take a look at this area as a whole, look at the potholes, look at the base failure, I haven't looked at the alley way, but I'll be glad to meet you down there, whatever time that's is good with you." Mr. Sanders, replied, "That would probably be Wednesday sometime, I'm busy tomorrow." Mr. Richmond, replied, "That's fine, you got my number don't' you?" Mr. Sanders, continues, "I just wanted to come to the meeting to see what can get done."

Councilman Paige, asked, "Have you called to have work done on that road?" Mr. Sanders, replied, "Yes, I have, every time there's a pothole that comes on my road, Chris, I've called." Mr. Richmond, replied, "Yes, he has called." Mr. Sanders, stated, "You're not a dummy and I'm not a dummy." Councilman Paige, said, "I didn't say you were; I was just asking." Mr. Sanders, replied, "I just told you question."

Mr. Donnie Brown and Lee Barnett came to discuss insurance, they do Work site benefits for employees, and they do a lot of local Government in Northeast Louisiana and private companies as well. Permanent Life Insurance product that guarantees cash value, that the Parish doesn't have; which they would like to discuss with the Council. They were told they need to present what they have to Mrs. Cathy Creamer and Ms. Julie Lockhart. Mr. Barnett, said they would just like to be in the group to save the Parish some money, not this year, but next year.

Ms. Julie Lockhart, explained, "This is what I was talking about in October or November, it's to late to do this now, but I would like to have a focus group or whatever you want to call it committee, and we can talk about it, there are some options, but like you said Ms. Hoover, we have to weigh the benefit and the detriment of our employees to the monthly monies, we have to work real hard, because we're at a point where like Cathy, say, the health insurance people are paying out more than we're paying in premiums; so we're going to have to find us a solution, because it's going to get worse. Anyone who wants to be involved, please let me know."

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item

Council to consider adopting Resolution 042-2019 for Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Resolution 042-2019 for Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

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

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

Mr. Kenneth Malone wanted to know if the Payne Subdivision agenda item passed, but it didn't pass, "You have a company that's taking advantage of your citizens. The lady mentioned she had a \$400 sewage bill and next month it was \$600 dollars. My sister in law lives in that subdivision the issue is most people are hard American working families and like myself I'm on a budget, and when you get a bill out of the norm, that's a hardship on those people, and when you have a subdivision with a company is taking advantages of the citizens."

Councilwoman Hoover, asked, "You feel this company is taking advantage of the people in Payne Subdivision?" Mr. Malone, "I think so. There's haven't been anything done to rectify the problem and they continue to get these bills. And now you have a Grant to help give some relief to those citizens, Is that correct?" And different ones answered, "Yes." And the Parish President, "Yes, we receive a Community development Block Grant for three-quarters of a million dollar to rebuild the treatment plant." Mr. Malone, replied, "With that grant, privately they cannot use that money because it was awarded to the Parish; so, it is a Parish thing that has to be done. The Community is hurting, they came to you-all for help, because they didn't know where to go. If you have \$750,000, please don't let that money go, South Louisiana will be happy to get it." There were other discussions.

Parish President wanted to point out the inmate report, "That the Parish so far after ten months we're \$194,000 under budget on our expenses and that's due primarily, to I think the Sheriff's Office, Judges, and DA working to make sure we don't have any more detainees out there than we absolute need to have, I think that's a good thing. We had over \$900,000 dollars in debt seven years ago, and the balance is down to \$414,223.00, we'll be below \$400,000 by the end of the year."

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

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

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Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk