

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
January 27, 2020
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in the Council Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, on Monday, January 27, 2020 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 Parish Council Clerk who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Councilman Chris Paige and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman John Salter.

After the roll call there were present Council: Chris Paige, Patsy Hoover, James Kilcoyne, Marty Cheatwood, and John Salter.

Absent: None.

Parish Attorney then stated the next item on the agenda were to accept the agenda for tonight meeting. A roll call was done:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Kilcoyne
Ayes: Councilman Cheatwood
Ayes: Councilman Salter Motion Passed.

Parish Attorney then stated can I get a Councilman to open up nominations for Chairman.

Councilman Chris Paige motion to open the floor for nominations and Councilwoman Patsy Hoover seconded it. Councilman Chris Paige nominated Councilman John Salter for Chairman and Councilman Patsy Hoover seconded it. Councilman Chris Paige made a motion to close nominations for Chairman and it was seconded by Councilwoman Hoover. Councilman John Salter is the new Chairman for the Natchitoches Parish Council for 2020. To accept Councilman Salter as Chairman the following roll call was done:

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Kilcoyne
Ayes: Councilman Cheatwood
Ayes: Councilman Salter Motion Passed.

Chairman John Salter stated need a motion for Vice Chairman. Councilman Kilcoyne motion to nominated Chris Paige to remain in that position Marty Cheatwood seconded. On a Roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilman Kilcoyne
Ayes: Councilman Cheatwood
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Salter
Ayes: Councilman Paige Motion Passed.

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

Chairman, Salter stated the next agenda item we will hear the report of the Public Works Director, Mr. John Richmond, stated, "I'm pulling double duty tonight if it's okay. In December we put out about 2300

yards of material for the roads. I did realize all the Culverts we put in did not hit the report, we're going to look into that because it's more on the line of 20 something culverts that we put in and I'm showing only about half. As you all aware we're in that pattern of rain right now, where's there's a couple of days of rain, maybe a day or two of dry weather and then more rain, it's doesn't allow time for things to dry up, but still through that we're still trying to get out there to clear some drainage out and culverts and get some material on the road when it's dry enough to do that."

Councilwoman Hoover wanted to make a comment, "In reference to, I got several calls in reference to the Parish, your office, the Clerks Office, and your Assistant Office and they wanted to know why we have spent money on having the offices, these offices done and I spoke to you and I would like for you to explain it to them, like you told it to me. That you was in one day and there was plenty dirt, and you was coughing and you told Rick, that it was making you sick and that you wanted it done; so it was done and you spent \$9,500 on having the floors done in the office and they were a bit concerned that, Why are we making our self-comfortable when they're out with the roads that needs to be fixed. Also, I discovered through Ms. Cathy that we had also done the Highway Department as well and the money was taken from the Highway fund; so I'm just trying to bring that out, we need to stop doing things for ourselves and do it for the public."

Mr. Richmond respond, "Mr. Chair, Can I have a moment to speak on that?" The Chairman, responded, "Please." Mr. Richmond, continues, "The money that was spent here in the Courthouse came from the Government Building fund, it's part of an annual fund and it's part of annual budget line item and we took advantage of the fact that Mr. Nowlin had moved out and all the furniture had come out and basically it was a clean slate, not paying to have to remove the furniture and didn't have to pay the additional cost to move it back in. Yes, it's indeed facts true, as I would sit in that Office, with the shag carpet, that's been there since the early 90's if not the 80's I would start coughing and clog up, sure after talking with Mr. Nowlin, he had the same type of issues about the last year an a half, so we took advantage to get rid of the indoor/outdoor carpet that has been there since the 90's in the Council Clerk Office, in the opening where David Kees sits and to do the President Office that was that, that where those funds came from, it's part of the natural re-occurring that taken out just as if this carpet get in bad shape we'll do the same thing and we will be required to do it under the budget that take care the maintenance in this Government Building. Out at the Highway Department we took it out of the Building Maintenance Fund and we replaced the worn out flooring that was in the Assistant office that was coming up and uneven and once again we removed the indoor/outdoor carpet that has been there for many, many years and in the Highway Director's Office. We replaced all these floors with exactly the same material mid-level vinyl grade flooring that we put in the Live Oak Building in the last maintenance round that happened over there to get the indoor/outdoor carpet and the mold and the dust and those things removed from that building; so that we can keep them cleaner a little more sanitary, and the timing was due to Mr. Nowlin moving out his office and me moving out the Highway Department office." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "I hope you can understand what they're saying, because it doesn't look good right now, we're making ourselves comfortable and I say we, because I'm talking about as a body, Parish Government to make sure we don't get sick, but they're tearing up their vehicles on the roads; so it just didn't look, the timing was really bad and I just wanted to share it because it came from some of my constituents concerned about it. I see it was done on the 29th just before the new government came in. Since we're on the Highway department why are we tinting windows? Why are we letting employees tint one of the trucks? You said that you were going to pay for it,

did you pay for it out your pockets?" Parish President, replied, "He had it removed, and he removed it himself." Councilwoman, Hoover, "You told me that you were going to." Parish President, replied, "Yeah." Councilwoman, Hoover, responded, "We do not take the highway department vehicles and tint the windows, it doesn't belong to personal people, it belongs to..." At this time the Chairman, stopped her and told her she's on two different items that she needed to be careful. Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Ok, we'll wait on that one."

Michael Mondello, a resident from Campti, LA. Mr. Mondello begins, "Mr. Richmond, made a comment about waiting on the weather to repair roads, well I've been watching this for a long time and I just want to see if you-all understand the situation. The situation is that the grade matter that we put on the road and we grade it, now I want to be sure you realize that yawl are spending money for nothing, in other words you can give that money to charity because it's going to rain and when it rain it's going to be just like it was; so that's a band aid; so I'm speaking precisely about Hart road in Campti, I don't know if your been down there." Parish President, replied, "Absolutely I've been down there." Mr. Mondello, continues, "Well, you had to drive slow. I heard over and over for a long period of time that we have no money, that will not work, we don't have no money, we have to do one or two things, as we speak right now, we have to close it or fix it, because you can't drive on it. I don't care if you're in a bull dozer you can't drive on it; so I just wanted since you made a comment about it, waiting on the weather, the weather has nothing to do with it, because you all sending those people out there with that tar and putting it in holes that's money wasted. This grey matter, whatever it is or suppose to be, that's wasted money so all this time we're been doing this we could have saved that money and maybe fix the highway. We got to do one or two things do it over or we have to bulldozer it up and make a gravel road out of it, simple as that." Chairman, Salter thanked, Mr. Mondello and asked to see him after the meeting is over.

Parish President, "I'm in full agreement, Hart road is in terrible condition and I'm not going to sit here and deny that one bit I would open up for any positive input that we can have to get any additional funding. I can tell you that I'm getting ready to go to Baton Rouge to meet with the State Legislature trying to do something to help us out. I understand it's a band aid, I'll be the first to admit that, I promise to be positively transparent, love to fix Hart road unfortunately, Hart road is several miles long and to get it back to be a great asphalt road will cost several million dollars, that we simply do not have. A truck load or two of black rock is a whole lot cheaper, and it's a band aid that gets us to point A to point B today. I hope we can do better in the future; I don't like it either."

Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "I got a call from Johnny and Johnny said that you all had some material that you was getting ready to try and purchase upon the Council approval and that was about a month, three or four weeks ago; so what is that material?" Parish President, answered, "We have several materials that you will get to on the agenda that we're trying to bid out some and some we bid out simply didn't come within any reasonable budget, but some that did and we need Council approval to move forward." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Okay." Parish President, replied, "I'm apologize, I didn't direct that through the Chairman." Chairman, Salter, replied, "That's fine we're all going to get together a little bit later, I got upset when I found out I wasn't acting Chairman, I'm hearing one thing from the DA's Office and I'm hearing something else from the Police Jury Association; so anyway we're going to make it."

Chairman, Salter, then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, "Good afternoon everyone you received my reports in the mail if you have any questions, in front of you, I did put out some pamphlets about the services that OCS offers and you'll be able to see that, I would love if some of you would come down and sit and talk to me we can go more into details about the services we provide. My report will be basically on these services that we offer and if you have questions please feel free to give me a call."

Chairman, Salter, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Julie Lockhart Ms. Lockhart, "Good evening I sent out a report to the Council included the check register by funds for the month of December and also included a posted general ledger the actual report for the month of December, the Inmate report for December. If anyone have any questions, I'll be glad to take them."

Chairman, Salter then recognizes Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Mr. David Kees, Jr. Mr. Kees, begins by saying, "I know for sure you got December report, I don't know if Ms. Frederick included November, since we didn't have December meeting. A brief run down we did \$11,873 dollars total in permits fees. The Parish kept after IBTS expenses is \$6,040.00 and December we did \$7900 hundred dollars and total permit fees that the Parish kept \$3,260.00. Now we have three new members on the Council, so I'll explain a little bit on what we got going on with IBTS. When our previous Planning and Zoning Director left IBTS gave forth to the Council and stepped up and said they could do the inspections and service our Building Official, we ran it through Mark Joyner at the state level he said it was okay to go through a third party, we then contracted with them on a couple number of interval bases about three months at a time and I think we had them about 9 months and we signed a two year agreement with them to serve as our Building Official and Building Inspector, I mostly handle the permits that comes through our office I took that on in addition to my other duties and I will do them until the Parish President tells me not to or if there's a change with IBTS, speaking to that we are currently and I talked to Ms. Frederick about the February meeting we're going to prepare a cost benefit analysis for yawl to let you see the contract with IBTS and let you see exactly what its costing us to have them and we're going to try to do it close to apples to apples as what it will be if we had a Planning and Zoning Director who was doing the permitting and the Building Inspections in that office so that yawl can make a decision if you want to continue with the current two year contract that we have with them or if you want to go into a different direction." Chairman, Salter asked, "There available only two days a week?" Mr. Kees, replied, "They're currently, Mr. Dean Runnels currently comes and does the Inspections on Tuesdays and Thursdays right now, it's not ideal he does cover a lot of North Louisiana; so far though our builders have not had too much of a problem in being in town on Tuesday's and Thursday's." Chairman, Salter, responded, "To much? Or any at all?" Mr. Kees, replied, "I haven't heard anybody complain to me and he has made some special trips on a Monday or Friday if somebody really needed it so he's available if they really needed it that day he can get down here." Chairman, Salter, replied, "Was all of this done on Council approval or the President just did that on his own when he was in office, all this happened in and we've been out of a Director for 18 months." Mr. Kees, replied, "Correct, the Council did approve the Contract with IBTS." Chairman, Salter, replied, "Okay."

Chairman, Salter then recognizes Parish President.

Parish President stated, "Alright going through the President report I noted some changes in red, I would like to go through them with you. I will make them quick but if you have questions stop and ask."

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

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

Courthouse Security Improvements:

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

Councilwoman Hoover, asked about Security for the Council, she said that no one was downstairs, but the Officer was in the Council Board room. Parish President thought he was going to be at the door, maybe there was a failure to communicate, but that will be corrected next time.

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

Chairman, Salter stated the next item to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, November 18, 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, November 18, 2019.

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

Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Kilcoyne
Ayes: Councilman Cheatwood
Ayes: Councilman Salter

Motion Passed

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

Mark Custis to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Mark Custis to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 4 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

Council to consider appointment of Mr. Steven Newbury to replace William Dowden to the Fire District 4 Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Steven Newbury to replace William Dowden to the Fire District 4 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

Council to consider Mr. Joseph Bynog to replace Mr. Richard Stampley on the Fire District No. 6 Board.

Councilman Paige wanted to know if Mr. Stampley didn't wish to serve any longer because he's been on there a long time. Chief Sesvold of Fire District 6 stood to explain the reasoning behind this appointment. Chief Sesvold, begins, "Mr. Stampley haven't been able to attend many of the meetings over the last 3 years, truth to be told, the last term he was re-appointed he wasn't at that time either, we were patient with him and I visited with him probably a month and a half ago and discussed it with him, and he agreed that time restraints doesn't require him to meet the standard; which the Council did set forth by an Ordinance and I thanked him for his many years of service, well over 10 years on our Fire Board and we plan on recognizing for his service and just looking for a replacement at this time."

Councilman Paige, replied, thank you Sir, that's all I wanted to know."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Joseph Bynog to replace Mr. Richard Stampley on the Fire District No. 6 Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Council to consider appointment of Mr. Landon Amber to replace Mr. Greg Burke on the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

Parish President, begins, "I know Mr. Landon Amber just volunteered to do it because Greg Burke asked to be replaced." Mr. Kees, continued by saying, "Mr. Greg Burke endorsed Mr. Landon Amber to replace him on the Tourist Commission."

On motion by Councilman James Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Landon Amber to replace Mr. Greg Burke on the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	Motion Passed

Council to consider appointment of Ms. Sammiaa Shields to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

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

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	Motion Passed

Council to consider appointment of Ms. Monique LaCour to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Ms. Monique LaCour to the Children and Youth Planning Board.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

Council to consider re-appointment of Mr. Latnie "Trey" Brewton to the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission.

Councilman Paige, asked, "Is this appointment, do we have 2 appointments on that? Do anybody know that?" Mr. Kees, replied, "Mr. Chair, we have currently had 3 appointments to that Commission, we only have 2 members currently serving, Mr. Jimmy Atherton and Mr. Brewton, third member that has been appointed has not been making the meetings we just didn't have anyone else to apply, Mr. Brewton is a local Contractor in town building houses and have served on the Board for two terms."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Latnie "Trey" Brewton to the Saline Lake Game and Fish Preserve Commission.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	Motion Passed

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

First Introduction of proposed Ordinances:

Council to Introduce Ordinance 001-2020 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.

Chairman Salter, asked, "How much the money one dollar?" Councilman Paige, responded, "Mr. Salter, what happened the Government, the Federal Government said that the Parish needed to turn the property over to Save the Children and that we could not sell it to anybody, not anything like that, they just had to do a transfer." Parish President, replied, also, "It's a property transfer to Save the Children."

Chairman, Salter, replied, "So this is not actually a sale?" Parish President, replied, "No." Chairman, Salter, responded, "That's why I'm asking."

Councilwoman Hoover, asked, "I spoke to the DA coming in, because there was concerns about, probably all of us has, approved by the Office of the District Attorney, he said he certainly didn't approved for this to be on, he feels it was put on for the reasons that it was something legal as far as the sale is concerned. He didn't put this on, in the near future if the District Attorney doesn't give you permission to put the District Attorney on the Agenda, please don't put this on the agenda."

Chairman Salter, replied, "Mr. Mansour wants to give some clarification on this." Mr. Mansour, begins, "Ms. Hoover, the statement that the Ordinance that says, it has to be approved by the Office of the District Attorney, doesn't mean that District Attorney's Office intends to have any say so whether the transaction is done or not or not done, we're simply going to review the documents to make sure they're in order as far as the transaction concern and making any corrections or suggest corrections to the documents itself, not to the substance." Councilwoman, Hoover, answered, "I do understand, I think it needs to be a little more clearer for us, because when you say approved by the Office of the District Attorney then we're looking at how's the District Attorney is approving what actually what the Council votes on itself and we can work on that."

Parish Attorney, replied, "We didn't put this language in the agenda and we didn't suggest it being the language of the Ordinance to imply the DA's office had to approve the action, we're simply legal counsel and advisor to reviewing the documents themselves to make sure they are proper."

Councilman Kilcoyne, have some questions, and he begins, "The next four items A,B,C,D talks about transferring property to Save the Children one sale and one say leasing the question has already been asked about any transfer of funds, because this Save the Children is a 501C3 nonprofit organization and Headquartered in Great Britain, they have a US office as well. My question is are we transferring by Warranty Deed? Property that belongs to taxpayers?"

Ms. Julie Lockhart, answered, "That property was purchased with Federal Funding from the Office of Head Start as a Grant and we were the Grantee so they would fund it, they directed us to purchase the things, when the Grant closed they're directing us now to give it to Save the Children, who is the new Grantee, so we did not bid on it or not apply for the Grant so that why we had to close out that Grant, so that's why we talk about Federal interest because the Federal Government tells you to do but then when they tell you what to do when it's time for it being over. So, they had to remove the Federal interest and we had to dispose of it by selling it, but they can do what's called as Direct Transfer and tells us what we have to do with it." Councilman Kilcoyne, asked, "So, when you say a Grant that's

still taxpayer money originally." Ms. Julie Lockhart, replied, "It is, but is Federally funding, it's everyone, just not the citizen of Natchitoches." Chairman, Salter, replied, "This goes back to Head Start." Ms. Lockhart, replied, "It's a Federal Grant not a Natchitoches Parish." Councilman Paige, responded, "Back in other meetings don't know if it was November, somewhere like that within the transfer of this property the Federal Government stated only thing we have to do is pass it through as a body to Save the Children and with that property and 2 to 3 more." Councilman, Kilcoyne, replied, "There's 4 in total listed."

Parish President, asked, "Mr. Chairman, Ms. Lockhart is exactly right, this was money that was used and given to us through the grant to purchase the property with the understanding that when and if it happened to be 54 years later, anyway when we got out of it, that business, so to speak, Head Start would then give the Grantee the same property." Councilman Kilcoyne, asked, "So is it going to be a warranty deed? That's my question, does anybody know." Ms. Lockhart, replied, "It's just, I don't know all we have been directed to do is a "Bill of Sales for 0.00 dollars." Parish President, replied, "There is no warranties associated." Councilman, Kilcoyne, "Now, Head Start would own the property? I mean Save the Children." Ms. Lockhart, responded, "Save the Children will own the property." Councilman Kilcoyne, continues, "So, if Save the Children get out of the program, they own the property, and they can sell that property then." Ms. Lockhart, responded to this, "No, Head Start would have to direct them, as the Grantee on what to do with." Councilman Paige, stated, "Let me just say this, in the mean time while we are pondering this thought with last people that was here that was so adamant against Head Start; which one of Mr. Nowlin, terms, "I'm an advocate for Head Start", well I'm not just an advocate for Head Start, I'm for Head Start regardless of any issues I can't vote on, in the process while we're having this discussion, this year, is almost a year and a half gone and Head Start kids are still at somebody house, one lady stopped me and said, "When is Head Start is going to get going with its operations? and I told her plain and simple, I really don't know. She said, "Mr. Paige, right now, me and my husband work and we have to take our baby up to DeSoto Parish to my in-laws and on the weekend, we go get them." We can ponder on this, but in the meantime just simply transferring property over; which this is by law and I don't know if we have the correct people here tonight to explain it, but as I recall it, Mr. Nowlin, stated, this is just....." at this time the Chairman, stated, "I think he's satisfied with answer." Mr. Kilcoyne, stated, "With the explanation that Ms. Lockhart gave about Save the Children would have to roll it over, that's all, and that was my question." Councilwoman Hoover, stated, "This is just for Introduction tonight."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 001-2020 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 Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Abstain:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Council to Introduce Ordinance 002-2020 approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Save the Children for the purpose of leasing Parish Property at 700 Trudeau Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana to Save the Children to be used in its Head Start Program, upon approval of the Office of the District Attorney.

Parish President, responded, "I'm certainly not going to sway you to vote one way or the other, I will tell you, this is one of those deals where they're offering to lease it, but they want some improvements done and those improvements will be very costly, this is not anything, they are not going to use the building as a Head Start building they're talking about using it for storage, as I understand it, there's plenty of storage for them elsewhere."

Chairman, Salter replied, "Since you start talking about it, have anyone cleared the issue up on the oil soil contaminations down there? Is it still there?" Parish President, replied, "No, Sir, that's one of things that has to be addressed, that will be very costly."

Councilman Hoover, stated, "I only did it, because it's for Introduction only, and it can be cleared up later."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 002-2020 approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Save the Children for the purpose of leasing Parish Property at 700 Trudeau Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana to Save the Children to be used in its Head Start Program, upon approval of the Office of the District Attorney.

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

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Abstain:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Council to consider introduction of Ordinance No. 003-2020 authorizing the transfer of title to property identified as the Campti Head Start Center to the Town of Campti, and to authorize the Parish President to execute the Bill of Sale and 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 James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance No. 003-2020 authorizing the transfer of title to property identified as the Campti Head Start Center to the Town of Campti, and to authorize the Parish President to execute the Bill of Sale and 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 Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Abstain:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Council to consider introduction of Ordinance No. 004-2020 authorizing the transfer of title to property identified as the NSU Head Start Center to Northwestern State University, and to authorize the Parish President to execute the Bill of Sale and other documents required to effect the sale, as approved by the Office of the District Attorney.

On motion by Councilman James Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance No. 004-2020 authorizing the transfer of title to property identified as the NSU Head Start Center to Northwestern State University, and to authorize the Parish President to execute the Bill of Sale and 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:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Abstain:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Parish President, stated, "Mr. Chairman, I know you have gone passed this, but I like to give you one bit of information about item D, if you have gone passed there, this piece of property is totally surrounded by Northwestern access is ridiculous limited and it sits right outside the Elementary School, that's on campus and it will be a great addition for them, and it will very costly to get those buildings out."

Chairman, Salter, expressed, "Thank you, we'll discuss all this later before we begin moving, buying, selling and collecting junk we don't need."

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Council to consider introduction of Ordinance No. 005-2020 creating Natchitoches Parish Sewer District No. 2, establishing the geographical boundaries of the District, creating a Board of Commissioners to manage the District, establishing the authority of the Board, including the setting of rates and fees for District services and implementing office systems to handle the billing for services and other business functions, and other associated tasks in connection with the District.

Councilman Kilcoyne asked, "Is this a reference to, and before he finished, Councilman Paige \$753,000 thousands dollars and Councilman Kilcoyne, continues, "The Payne Subdivision TESI" and Councilman Paige, continues, "The Payne Subdivision, it's to create a Board to relieve the Parish of any responsibility."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance No. 005-2020 creating Natchitoches Parish Sewer District No. 2, establishing the geographical boundaries of the District, creating a Board of Commissioners to manage the District, establishing the authority of the Board, including the setting of rates and fees for District services and implementing office systems to handle the billing for services and other business functions, and other associated tasks in connection with the District.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	Motion Passed

Councilman Paige, asked, "Mr. Salter, I have a question to the Attorney, "When will this particular, Mr. Mansour, we have to appoint a Board, Who determine, we must sit down and say how many or when will we will need to draft a Board in place?"

Parish Attorney, replied, "I think once the Council take final action on the approval and then the next step would be to determine the makeup of the Board and that will come back in front of the Council." Councilman, Paige, replied, "Basically, this Council, I think it will be left up to the District, to set the Boundaries, I think that's what it says, Ok, I'm fine, Okay. Thank you."

Chairman, Salter, stated, "I would like to have a special meeting setup for we all can go out there, I was involved in building some of those houses back in 79, I build them all over Natchitoches Howard Lumber Company. Payne is about 50 years old, it's going to be more issues coming with it, it's not going to be two little lift

stations, it's going to end up costing about 3 and 1/2 million, but we all need to be familiar before we make a final decision." Councilman, Chris Paige, responded, "The Geographical boundaries that will also put the stage in play, to where it can make the river and that and you will have the other customers to tag on to that." Chairman, Salter, replied, "That's one of the problems now they have overloaded that sewage system and our planning and zoning office has allowed things to happen, that they shouldn't have, but anyway this is number 2, where's number 1? Do we have a number 1, 3, or 4 or 5?" Parish President responded, "There is a sewage District that is off of Beachwood Estates. They never did it." Councilman Paige, "Remember, they never did it." Chairman, Salter, replied, "We created it, but it never happened, that was around Sibley Lake? And we did put money out for survey, study and all that and nothing ever come of it? They paid money and never got anything out of it." Councilman Paige, replied, "It never got off the ground. A board was appointed out there."

Councilwoman, Hoover, expressed, "This is just for Introduction as well." Chairman, Salter, replied, "Yes, that's right, we'll be really comfortable, and everyone will be educated on what's going on here."

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Public Hearings:

Council to consider Adopting Ordinance 20-2019 to Introduce adopting and enacting a new code for the Natchitoches Parish Code of Ordinances; providing 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.

Chairman, Salter, wanted to know something about this. Parish President, replied, "Mr. Chairman, between me and Mr. Kees we can give some good explanations here. Let me give it to you in the layman's terms as, I understand it, as I understand it, the previous administration contracted with a Company called Municode, what they did for us they went through all of our codes and Ordinances and they found everything that was redundant, things that was double stated things that shouldn't never had been stated, and they made all of those corrections so that we could put our codes and Ordinances out there in a published document the last time that was done was in 2013. It an Ordinance and all it does this is the legal language of us approving that to be done, the work is already done, but we have to approve it so that they can put those new codes, corrected codes and Ordinances out there for the Public to view. David, did I correctly state that?" Mr. Kees, replied, "Yes." Chairman, Salter asked, "Does this have to do with Planning and Zoning?" Parish President, responded, "It has to do with all our codes and Ordinances, every single one since 2013." Mr. Kees, replied, "No, Ordinances that has been passed by the Council hasn't been written into a document or posted on a website is being part of our code. I think around 2015 or 2016 the previous administration contracted with Municode to get them added to

Our code and publish the documents for public consultant." Chairman, Salter wanted to know, what is a penalty for the violation, thereof comes in?" Mr. Kees, responded, "There are if you read through the Code of Ordinances in each section there's generally laid out a penalty structure for violating that particular section of the code. I think what that's going to be a catch all, if there's a section that doesn't have a penalty for violating the code that "catch-all" is going to apply to that chapter." Chairman Salter, stated, "This is pretty broad, I'm going to, anyone have any discussion, you want to look at this, you want to table, you want to go on down or what?"

There was discussion among the Councilmen and the Clerk, told Councilman Paige, that they must open up the Public Hearing up. Councilman Paige, responded, "Oh, yes, you're right we have to open up the public hearing."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open up the Public Hearing to hear the items for discussion for Public Hearing.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	Motion Passed

Chairman Salter asked, "Is anyone present knows anything about what's going on and he told the Parish, do you know anything about it, you said you didn't, because you had to ask David to explain it." Parish President said, "No, I told you want I knew in Layman's term and asked David, if he needed anymore clarity. This has to do with making sure if we put our documents out there or documents are whole and complete and we want put ourselves as a Parish in legal apparel by having redundant or any kind of documents that goes against each other, we're trying to get rid of that and that what Municode does. I imagine there's a lot of lawyers that goes through to look for every possible little thing they can find. That's what happened here, and the work has already been done it's ready to go."

There was discussion and everyone had their discussion. Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "Julie, how much did we pay to have this done?" Ms. Lockhart, replied, "I have no idea, I haven't seen a bill, since I've been here for six months or more." Parish President, replied, "It's my understanding that it was paid for." Mr. Kees, replied, "I think it was paid for already, when we did it in 2015 or 2016, before I got here." Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "Do you know around, How much?" Mr. Kees, replied, "I really don't, I'll have good back through a lot of e-mails, and I can work on getting that information tomorrow."

Councilman, Kilcoyne, replied, "It sounds like it's bringing our Parish into the 21st Century."

Ms. Lockhart, replied, "I see that anyone can go out to the Internet and search for the Parish Ordinance and sees them. And it sets a penalty for a fine no more than \$500 dollars or terms of imprisonment of not more than 30 days."

Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "Unless the Ordinance has somethings else specified."

Chairman Salter, replied, "We had a motion, and he asked Councilman Paige to say, No, I don't want to come out I withdraw my motion." Councilman Paige withdrew his offer to come out of Public Hearing.

Chairman Salter, then read all 3 items. No there will be discussion on B.

Council to consider Adopting 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.

Mr. George Ramsey, Senior Forester with the Crowell Land and Mineral Corporation Company. This road extends from the US Forest Service lands across Crowell property to the Parish line. The Vernon Parish Police Jury has already abandoned the road from the Parish line south of highway 465. I don't know if yawl have the information, but I think Ms. Frederick, put it in your packets. I have been in discussion with Mr. Richmond about this. It's very seldom maintained on that little stretch because it stays in such of bad condition. I've also been to the Tax Assessors Office get documentation that Crowell owns the property on either side of the road. There are no other landowners that uses this road for any purposed; whatsoever. The only people that uses this road basically our hunting lease, members of the Hunting Club that lease the land from us to get to their hunting lease. The other people that uses this road are for recreational vehicle mud riders this is why Vernon Parish abandoned because they could not maintain the road every time it rains these people with large trucks and wheels would just go out and tear the road up. There is a place left that is a clay hill it makes is unpassable every time they go on it. We have gated the road at the Parish line trying to stop access into Vernon Parish since we now have ownership of that part. We're asking you to abandon that and let us have that road so that we can gate it at the Forest Service Boundary and then we will have it to maintain 0.59 miles of road from the Parish line, north to the south line of the US Forest Service. The Forest Service is still accessible by Parish road all the residents that live on the road north of the Forest Service will still have access to the road, there will be no problem with that. We just trying to alleviate some problems, we need the road and need the access to the road, every time we need to go in there to use it, it's usually torn up and we would like to keep it so we can keep access limited so that we can maintain the road ourselves."

Chairman Salter, asked, "Do you join Candace Evans property or you're below the Forest Service and the last house on the left, where the water system stops?"

Mr. Ramsey, replied, "Candace and Kirby live approximately about a quarter and half a mile North of the point where we're asking you." Chairman Salter, responded, "And there are some Fire Services between Doris property and Crowell?" Mr. Ramsey, replied, "There is none. The Fire System ends at Kirby house and when you leave there, you're on Forest Services." Chairman Salter, continues by saying, "That's what I'm saying there's Fire Service between them and you?" Mr. Ramsey, replied, "Yes, almost half a mile." Chairman, Salter, replied, "A little bit off the subject but do you still have a dirt pit up there at the Intersection of Mink Hutton and Mora Kisatchie?" Mr. Ramsey, replied, "Yes, there's a dirt pit that's on our property that has been used by the Parish for a hundred years." Chairman Salter, asked, "Is it still opened to do that, or we can't do that?" Mr. Ramsey, replied, "If you need it we can make agreement for you to use that, we don't have a problem with it, but it has grown up and I've been with these people for 35 years and I can't remember any dirt coming out of it actually. We have other places where other Parishes take sand and dirt off. If the Parish needs to do that, just call me and we can work that out."

Chairman Salter, asked about the other road that leads from Mink Hutton to Mora was it still opened, and Mr. Ramsey told him that road is still opened, it's impassable but opened. Mr. Salter wanted to know if Vernon has closed that part and Mr. Ramsey, told him no, because it leads to other property owners.

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Council to consider adoption 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.

Discussion on C.

Councilman Paige, stated, "By right Mr. Salter, we have to receive the property from them to even start the process in getting the grant or any process started to create a board out there. These people do not have a mayor, they do not have a City Council, so they have the Parish Government, who suppose to speak on their behalf."

Councilman Kilcoyne, responded, "If we adopt that Ordinance and then we now own a non-working sewage system and we're committed." Councilman Paige, answered, "Until you appoint a Board, the Board has to operate it, now that's plain and simple; so now District Attorney may can enlighten you more."

Parish Attorney, "My understanding is that the plan is to create the sewage District and have the transfer of sewage system to the District that's in order to isolate the Parish from any liability of having to take that property and operate it. The Grant, it's my understanding that the Grant provisions specify that they would not provide the Grant money unless the Parish takes that ownership of that system back from TESI."

Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "So that means if the Parish is

giving it to them, that means the responsibility going to be on those persons who was on that Board, so all that liabilities is going to be on them; so, Why would we put that on some one else when we're passing the buck?" Councilman Paige, replied, "It's not about us, Ms. Hoover, it's about that community having a sewage District to maintain the difficulties, that they're having right now, if something would go wrong, it is our responsibility, plain and simple." Chairman, Salter, replied, "Now it's our responsibility?" Councilman Paige, responded, "No, I'm saying if something goes wrong out there, they don't have a mayor, or a City Council, it's in Natchitoches Parish, I'm I correct about that Mr. Mansour?" Parish Attorney, replied, "Yes, to my understanding." Chairman Salter, responded, "No, No, if my sewage at my house overruns, you're not coming out there to take responsibility of it or you?" Councilman Paige, replied, "You do you live in the township? Chairman, Salter, replied, "Yes, I have my own sewage system." Councilman Paige, asked, "You live in Provencal?" Chairman, Salter, replied, "Provencal, has nothing to do with it, we all have our own. If the sewage runs over is the Parish going out there to fix it for them?" Councilman Paige, "No, if you're within a municipality." Chairman Salter, "I don't have a problem in creating a board, I don't want to own, no sewage system." Councilman, Paige, "That's what we're trying to get to and the only way you can get to it is by." Chairman, Salter, replied, "No, No, we can't afford to they can take this, we don't want this. We'll form the Board and they can handle the Grant and everything." Councilman Paige, continues, "That is what they're telling you what you have to do with this." Chairman, Salter, replied, "They, who?" Councilman, Paige, "Within the Grant, they're telling you this, you have to accept it and then you turn it over to the Board, they will be the operative, not the Parish." Chairman Salter, asked "what everyone else view on it, I don't know about a Sewage System."

Pastor Steve Harris came to speak, "We worked tirelessly to get the money \$750,000 thousands and if you know anything about Grant writing once you get one thing, the Federal Government is not in the business of you Failing, they're in the business of you taking the money they give you and to do what it has been stated for, so even if we ran into a situation of that's not enough they would come back and give you more money, because again they are not in the act for you to fail, I'll written Grants before and we have gotten Grants before. This is what the Engineers said, this is what it will take to get this going, I'm not an Engineer, but the Engineer said this is what it will take to get this system going for us. Right now, we have nobody that we can go to, to get things done, but if we create our own Board, we're not asking you-all to give us nothing." Chairman, Salter asked, "Tell me what happens, for this to start with? What happened out there to begin with, What's the matter with your Sewage System?" Pastor Harris, replied, "It's just messed up period." Chairman Salter, responded, "Is it running over and smelling raw sewage? Has anybody contacted DEQ about it? Pastor Harris, replied, we have." Chairman Salter, "What did they do?" Pastor Harris, "They specifically they fined and penalized the company, but the company basically is in Bankrupt or whatever they are." At this time the Parish President asked to be recognized. Parish President, begins." Not to cut Pastor Harris

off, just to give you a little background here; so TESI is a company that owns sewage systems in a lot of places and TESI, I don't know if they abandoned it, but if they did, they abandoned it a point that they didn't even send the people bills for the sewage and there have been people who have been out there for 2 to 3 years, while they abandoned the system and they did not send sewage bills to people the way this came to before the Parish Council was that the Public Service Commission got involved the way they got involved the reason they got involved was because people started to get catch up bills they would get a bill saying we know we haven't sent you a bill in a couple of years, but here's your \$700.00 or \$800.00 dollar sewage bill, and these were people who are renters who had moved in, maybe they haven't been there for about 6 months, they didn't know they supposed to have gotten a Sewage bill. The Public Service Commission got involved through the process of that during the process of that, TESI went through a structure buy out with another company, where another company decided to buy their assets, if you ever been involved in one of them you walk in you buy their assets, well nobody wanted to buy this one along with several others, dozen of others that TESI owns, so TESI is still in business and TESI still owns this, but can't do anything with it, so the Public Service Commission when they realized these people are getting these huge bills for sewage systems that didn't work, and yes, it was backing up in their showers, backing up toilet wouldn't flush and then if the people didn't pay the bills they came out and dug up their sewer lines and cap them all off and that's real, they did that, I'm sorry, I get long winded, I'm a Southern boy, I tell long stories, I'm sorry." The residents from Payne at this time, well, you're telling everything correctly. Parish President, continues, "But at the end of the day the Public Service Commission offered a Grant to the Parish of Natchitoches if we would take that Grant that \$753,360 dollars that they had worked out a deal with TESI we can have that Sewage System. The Public Service Commission has not guaranteed but they say they would go to bat for another half million dollars to help with hook ups, any lines getting connected to that sewage system, that's all." Chairman, Salter, asked, "How many Lift stations are they?" Pastor Harris, replied, "I'm not sure." And the other residents, replied "Two" and so did the Parish President. Chairman Salter, asked, "What kind of treatment plant is it?" The answer, "we don't know" from the residents. Chairman, Salter, replied, "I'm going to wait, I've been doing this for forty years, I'm coming to look to see what you-all got before I make a decision on this, I don't know if I want to Introduce this until I know. But think there's some help available to yawl and if they have already dug some clay pipe up and capped them off that mean every house in that place is going to have new pipes run to them."

Councilwoman Hoover, told the Chairman, "John, this not for Introduction." Chairman, Salter, stated, "I know it, but we're in a Public Hearing, I'm just telling them, how I feel about this, this is my first day on the job here, and I want to know what's going on. I will be out there to visit with you-all, who is your committee, you four guys. Will somebody give me a phone number and address, because I'm going to DEQ with me, and if DEQ and the Department of Hospitals didn't do anything, then somebody must have paid them off, because we just got through

paying about \$195,000 for two in Provencal." Pastor Harris, replied, "I think they fine them." At this time Chairman Salter begin getting names and numbers of the resident so he'll be able to contact them when he goes out there between Tuesday or Wednesday.

Councilwoman Hoover, stated, "I make a motion that we and realized they were still in Public Hearing. Councilman, Paige, stated, "This has been going on for 3 months and really jeopardizing the whole thing." At this time there were multiple conversations going on between everyone. Parish President, stated, "We have multiple conversations going on down here." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "You were talking." And Parish President said, "I was not, I was listening." Councilman, Paige, stated, "I hope we're not jeopardizing the \$753,360 right now, because we have prolonged this, we had 3 Council members that refused to meet on this matter and it's just a shame."

Chairman, Salter, stated, "We're in an Introduction tonight and we're in a Public Hearing, if I Introduce this and I have to vote on it 30 days from now, I'm not going to vote for it, until I know what's going on, because this is not near enough money to fix that problem. Who was the Engineer that came? Yawl met with some Engineers?" Pastor Harris, stated, "The Engineers is the ones who came up with the figures." Chairman Salter, asked, "How did they get involved?" Pastor Harris, stated, "Because we had a Grant that was submitted to them." Chairman Salter, asked, "Did you write the Grant?" Pastor, Harris, replied, "No, I was part of actual getting the people names and signatures like that. It actually started out in Monroe, with Mr. Fontana."

Councilwoman, Hoover stated, "John, also on that, the City of Natchitoches provides them water. TESI should have some type of responsibility." Chairman, Salter, replied, "Give us a few days, we're going ahead and Introduce it." The Council Clerk and everyone was trying to tell the Chair this was not an Introduction; this was for action tonight. At this Councilwoman, Hoover was saying, I'm going to make the motion to table it." Chairman, Salter, stated, "I don't know if you would get the votes, tonight, I'm going to vote no, because I don't know nothing about it." Councilman, Kilcoyne, asked, "What happens to that money if we do this if they money comes to some type of escrow account and the Parish holds on to it? Until we're able to move forward." There was other discussion between the Chairman and Councilman Paige. Councilman Paige, expressed, "The Board being set in place and if they are short, they can begin to raise money and set the fees. If they are short the Board can seek more Grants and ask for whatever they need under that Board." Councilman Kilcoyne, stated, "My questions remain, let's say it cost 3 million dollars to do this right, you get \$750,000 dollars it's not enough." Councilman Paige, asked, "Why it's at 3 million, where's that 3-million-dollar figure coming from?" Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "What if it's 2 million?" Chairman, Salter, replied, "They have to have a Sewage Plant, Chris, a sewage treatment plant out there somewhere, they just can't run it in a manhole and pump it out of the ground. It has to be a sewage plant out there." Parish President, states, "It's a plant out there." Chairman, Salter, asked, "What kind is it?" Parish President, replied, "I'm not an expert on it, but they do

have a plant." Chairman, Salter, asked, "Have you look at it, have you gone inside of it?" Parish President, responded, "I have not gone inside of it." The resident's states, "It's just not doing what it's supposed to do. Chairman Salter, stated, "It's just over loaded, there you go." Councilman, Kilcoyne, "My question is still out there, If we do this and we accept it the ownership now, and we get TESI off the hook and now the Parish now owns this Sewage system we get the 3 quarters of a million dollars again, my question is How does that money come to the Parish? And where does it sit, until the Sewage Board is put into place? so they can start raising money, that's fine, that's my question." The residents are paying sewage bills, because if you don't pay it, they will cut you off. During this time there were so much different conversations between everyone. The Chairman hit the gavel to get order back. Councilman, Paige, asked, "Mr. Salter in previous meetings we had owners who stood right in front of us and said that they got a bill, and the company told them you pay \$400 hundred dollars and we will unlock your sewage out there, various people that didn't have enough money out there, they got the \$400 dollars together and then the next month they got another bill \$600.00 these type of things they have going on under them now. This was a way to change and correct that." Councilman, Kilcoyne, "So right now, people are writing checks to TESI and at what point if we do this, so TESI say you no longer owns it and we tell the Homeowners to stop sending them checks so don't send them anymore more money." The residents then stated, they would come in and cut the lines. Councilman, Kilcoyne, replied, "No, they don't own it anymore. There has to be a series of steps." Councilman Paige, replied, "We're trying to get there and you can't get there... and during this time multiple conversations started again...Councilman Paige, continued....."We have to start somewhere, the starting point is accepting it from TESI, the Board will be set in place to operate it, we're never going to operate it, as far as the Parish is concerned." Councilwoman, Hoover asked, "Where's the money is going to be in the meantime? Where's the money is going to be sitting?" There was more discussion begin to happen. Ms. Lockhart wanted to make a statement. "I think the concern is that this grant has been sitting for 3 to 5 months but the concern is if we don't claim this money at some point in time, we're going to lose it. That's not saying that's a reason to jump on it, that's why it's really a concern, because they don't hurry up and move, if they don't take it." Chairman, Salter, stated, "If they got it one time, they can get it again." Again, there begins more conversations between everyone.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close up the Public Hearing to hear the items for discussion for Public Hearing.

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

Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	Motion Passed

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

Council to consider Adopting 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 James Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Adopt 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 Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Council to consider Adopting 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 James Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Adopt 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 Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Council to consider adoption 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.

Councilwoman, Hoover want to make a motion to table it until the two Council member goes out and check it out, and at that time Chairman, Salter, said, "How come we can't go on and vote on it,

it may be people here that wants to vote on it. I just can't until I get more knowledge of it." Councilwoman, Hoover, "Again, I make the motion to table it to give the 2 Council members in all fairness to go out and look at it."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman James Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table 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 under the two Council members has time to go out and check it out.

Chairman, Salter, asked "If we go out and check this system and if we're satisfied, Can I call a Special Meeting for these people sometime this week? The answer was yes, they would agree to a special meeting later this week.

At this time Mr. Sampey wanted to know what type Grant they were talking about. Mr. Sampey, stated, "I'm not part of this, but I was here the last time they started this is September, when this was brought up and what I'm understanding these people has feces running down the road. I wouldn't live like that and they're trying to help the Community, they have the money, right?" at that time Councilwoman, Hoover, said, "No." Everyone else was saying, "Yes." Councilwoman Hoover, says, "That's not enough to do any good." Mr. Sampey, replied, "Ms. Hoover, I understand that, What I'm saying the Federal Government has gave that money right? Councilman Paige, replied, "Yes." Mr. Sampey, asked, "Was that a matching Grant?" Councilman Paige, replied, "No, it's a grant to operate the Sewage system." Parish President, stated, "It does not require any matching funds from the Parish." There were other discussions going on again. And Mr. Sampey, stated, "I'm familiar with LCBDG Grant.

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

Ayes:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Kilcoyne	
Nays:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	
Nays:	Councilman Paige	Motion Passed

Chairman, Salter stated next agenda item:

Resolutions:

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

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

permanent change to the Kisatchie Baptist Church due to the condition of the Community Center.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

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

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

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated next agenda item:

Other Agenda Items:

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

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

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood read the next agenda item.

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

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

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

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

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Councilman Chris Paige wanted to know about the ROV

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

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

Ms. Roy wanted to know the exact question that the DA's office asked the Attorney General. The Parish Attorney, responded, "I don't have the letter in front of me, but the specifically and Generally the question is to have the Attorney General Office to render an opinion to what is the appropriate process and by whose authority for the selection of the Registrar of Voters. It is my attentions after we get an opinion but once an opinion is

done I have some thoughts and suggestions, that I think the Council should consider coming up with a process to follow to make the selection or make the recommendations once the opinion is made."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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To Adjourn.

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

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

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

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

