

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY JULY 18, 2022, Council Boardroom
2nd Floor Courtroom
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal session in Parish Council room 211 on 2nd floor of Courthouse, on Monday, July 18, 2022, for a Regular of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five (5:30) o'clock p.m. for the Natchitoches Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish of Natchitoches was then convened as the governing authority by Chairman John Salter who stated that the Parish was ready for the transaction of business.

The invocation was given by Mr. Robert Wilson, and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Marty Cheatwood.

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

Absent: NONE

Invited guests, and special presentations there was NONE

Chairman Salter stated the Next Agenda Item:

Reports of Department Heads:

Interim Public Works Director- Mr. Dustin Hightower

Mr. Hightower reports was mailed and there were no questions.

OCS Executive Director- Ms. Sharon Harris

Ms. Sharon Harris, begins, "Good Evening to everyone, you all received my report in the mail do you have any questions or concerns about the report that was sent out to you all?"

Councilman Paige, asked, "How about the LEHEAP people needing air and some places has cooling stations, but not in this Parish." Ms. Harris, replied, "We don't have that, but we can help them with their utilities, we still have some funding, I've understood the city has been doing some applications as well, but they have closed their program down because of the enormous amounts of applications, however, we still have funding." Councilman Paige, asked, "Is this something new for the city?"

Parish President, replied, "The City got some funding and I think they closed it effective of the 15th or the 14th, the 14th they had a ton of applications, there was enough to exhaust the funds." Councilman Paige, replied, "It's been really, really tough and we loss and I would like to send out my condolences to Officer Bryan Oliff's family, he was a good guy and I worked with his wife for many, many years, It's so hot."

Parish Treasurer- Ms. Julie Lockhart

Ms. Lockhart, begins, "Good Evening everyone, you have all my reports do you have any comments or concerns? Mr. Paige, I know you asked me to keep you updated on the IRS, situation, I haven't received anything."

Planning and Zoning-Ms. Melonia McDaniel

Ms. McDaniel, begins, "Hello, I turned in my reports do anyone have any questions?" There were no questions.

Parish President, John Richmond

Parish President, begins, "A couple of quick things, Mr. Chairman, number one, the Hart Road first one we did all the work on and soil borings on is out to bid, anybody who's interested, that bid date is August 11th so if anybody is listening, a contractor interested in bidding on that, we'll love for you to participate in that. And in regard to taking lead from Mr. Paige, there is kind of all or most of my calls in my meetings these days is to stay hydrated, stay healthy and stay happy, please do. I was on Front Street whenever, Bryan went down and that's not a place any of us need to be, it will sneak up on you and I know a lot of us know that, but if you don't, if you're thirsty and not sweating, you're already at a spot you need to sit down, get something to drink and take a break, it certainly wasn't his fault and not to blame anybody, it's just hot, please stay hydrated, healthy and happy. Any questions for me?"

Chairman Salter stated the Next Agenda Item:

Adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Wednesday, June 22, 2022 and Special Meetings for June 2, 2022 and June 24, 2022.

On motion by Councilman Kilcoyne, 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 Wednesday, June 22, 2022 and Special Meetings for June 2, 2022 and June 24, 2022.

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

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

Chairman Salter stated the Next Agenda Item:

Appointments of Boards and Commissions.
Consider adopting a resolution confirming re-appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions. **NONE**

Chairman Salter stated the Next Agenda Item:

OLD Business: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

First Introduction of proposed Ordinances:

- A.** Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 015-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a Dollar General store on a 1.381-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 7.221-acre parent tract (parcel # 0030000700) with a variance for parking lot requirement reduction to 30 parking spaces. The property is located in Section 3, Township 11 North, Range 8 West with a physical address of 220 Highway 71-84, Coushatta, LA 71019, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on July 11, 2022.

On motion by Councilman Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 015-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a Dollar General store on a 1.381-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 7.221-acre parent tract (parcel # 0030000700) with a variance for parking lot requirement reduction to 30 parking spaces. The property is located in Section 3, Township 11 North, Range 8 West with a physical address of 220 Highway 71-84, Coushatta, LA 71019, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on July 11, 2022.

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

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

Chairman Salter, stated the next agenda item:

Public Hearings:

- A.** Council to Adopt Ordinance 012-2022 to remove 350 feet from the back of the road out of the Parish Road system on Sparks Road, Road #625. Total of 4523 feet of road.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open Public Hearing to hear the following: Adopt Ordinance 012-2022 to remove 350 feet from the back of the road out of the Parish Road system on Sparks Road, Road #625. Total of 4523 feet of road.

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

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

Discussion A

Chairman Salter asked, "Is that before removed or after removed. The Clerk replied, "That's the total without the 350." Mr. Hightower, replied, "That's not minus the 350." Chairman Salter, replied, "Okay, if there's anybody here about the road?" The Clerk, replied, "You need to open it up for Public Hearing." Councilman Paige, asked, "Are you going to do one at a time or all together?" Chairman Salter, replied, "I'm going to do them one at a time."

Chairman Salter, replied, "Is there anybody here that has any objection about this road being taken out?" Councilman Paige, asked, "Was there a request for this?" Chairman Salter, replied, "Yes, these people at the end of that road, owns that property and they're putting a gate up for security purposes and that part of that road goes through where that gate is going to be at."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the Public Hearing for A.

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

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

ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES A:

- A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 012-2022 to remove 350 feet from the back of the road out of the Parish Road system on Sparks Road, Road #625. Total of 4523 feet of road.

On motion by Councilman Jim Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Adopt Ordinance 012-2022 to remove 350 feet from the back of the road out of the Parish Road system on Sparks Road, Road #625. Total of 4523 feet of road.

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

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

Chairman Salter, stated the next agenda item:

- B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 013-2022 to remove Berney Hays Road from the Parish Road System. Road number 931. A total of 1478 feet, in District 5.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open Public Hearing to hear the following: Ordinance 013-2022 to remove Berney Hays Road from the Parish Road System. Road number 931. A total of 1478 feet, in District 5.

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

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

DISCUSSION B

Chairman Salter, replied, "They are wanting the whole road out." Parish Attorney replied, "Mr. Chairman, before you go out of public comments the Ordinance contains a typographical error it has to remove 1478 miles, it should be feet." The Council Clerk, replied, "It has been corrected, Mr. Cheatwood called and notified me of the error."

On motion by Councilman Jim Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close Public Hearing to hear the following: Ordinance 013-2022 to remove Berney Hays Road from the Parish Road System. Road number 931. A total of 1478 feet, in District 5.

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

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

ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES B:

B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 013-2022 to remove Berney Hays Road from the Parish Road System. Road number 931. A total of 1478 feet, in District 5.

On motion by Councilman Jim Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 013-2022 to remove Berney Hays Road from the Parish Road System. Road number 931. A total of 1478 feet, in District 5.

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

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

C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 014-2022 to remove Felise LaCaze Road from the Parish Road System. Road number is 751. A total of 1285 feet, in District 5.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open Public Hearing to hear the following: to Adopt Ordinance 014-2022 to remove Felise LaCaze Road from the Parish Road System. Road number is 751. A total of 1285 feet, in District 5.

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

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

DISCUSSION C

Chairman Salter, stated, "All three roads are in my District."

The Council Clerk wanted to let the Chairman know that Mary Walters the Granddaughter of TJ. Waters her family and her discussed the Ordinance and the family do not have any issues with the removal of the road from the Parish Road system.

Chairman Salter asked if anybody had any opposition to this if so come on up.

Jason Williams, stated, "I live at the end of that road, that's going to cut a lot of drive out for me, I don't think it's a good thing to do."

Chairman Salter, asked, "Is that the only access you got to your property?" Mr. Williams replied, "Yes, it is, that's correct, Sir." Councilman Paige, asked, "And you're in opposition of it, right?" Mr. Williams, replied, "Yes, Sir."

Councilman Paige, stated, "I asked the Clerk to get us copy of the email from the Granddaughter." Chairman Salter, asked, "you were notified, by letter?" Mr. Williams, replied, "No, Sir, I haven't seen anything." The Council Clerk, responded, "I sent it to you and you and another persons didn't come back, I sent to 238 Felise LaCaze Road." Mr. Williams, replied, "That's my address." The Clerk response, "I did it certified." Mr. Williams, replied, "I haven't seen it but... and the Council Clerk, replied, "Yours's the only one that didn't come back."

Chairman Salter, stated, "I have an objection is anybody else here?" Councilman Kilcoyne, asked, "How many people lives on that road?" Mr. Williams, replied, "Me and 2 more about 4 of us." The Council Clerk replied, "I sent out 6 certified letters and they all received them, I sent out

to a David B. Beaudoin, Ronald and Laura Dellinger, Gerald L. LaCaze, Leland and Gussie LaCaze, and T.J. Waters, and his granddaughter, Mary replied, back and yourself Jason T. Williams, who I didn't get yours back."

Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "What is the issue on this road?" Councilman Paige, replied, "Mr. LaCaze is standing here, I think he's wanting to say something."

Chairman Salter, replied, "Let him come on up there."

Mr. LaCaze wanted someone to read the correspondence he had, he couldn't read it. The Clerk read both letters from 2 different residents on the road. Charles Doyle and Brad Beaudoin stated that the road should be removed because Roxanne Williams speeds daily up and down the road and may hit children or their pets.

Councilman Paige wanted to ask a question, "What we're saying is taking it out basically to slow this individual down that is speeding down the road. Is that what, I'm understanding?" Chairman Salter, replied, "That's what it sounds like to me, Mr. Paige." Councilman Paige, replied, "I think that's a matter that the Sheriff department needs to be notified." Mr. LaCaze, replied, "They have already been, I've already talked to them." Councilman Paige, replied, "They have been already talked to? Councilman Kilcoyne, asked, "Is there's a posted speed limit?" Mr. LaCaze, replied, "There is no sign at all." Parish President replied, "If there's no sign the Parish Ordinance says 35 miles per hour is the speed limit. You can lower that of course."

Councilman Cheatwood replied, "That Road must be in good shape driving 50 mph down it, my God. They did a good job on that road." Councilman Paige, replied, "That's because, Mr. LaCaze was an ace Grader, he has worked for this Parish for a number of years and really did his years in road repair work for this Parish."

Councilman Kilcoyne, stated, "I would like to hear from road maintenance." Mr. Hightower, replied, "Mr. Kilcoyne, I don't have any information on this road it was actually put on through John Salter, I have no information on the road."

Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "You have been on that road, Right are you familiar with it, Is it an issue for the Parish to maintain it?" Mr. Hightower, replied, "No, it's not an issue, I'm not aware why it's on the agenda. I don't have any information more than that."

Councilman Paige, replied, "But, that's not the issue as far as the repair of it, seems that the letter and the complaints were about a Dodge White Ram is travelling at a high rate of speed, possible to kill a dog or hit a child. I think that should be something to take up with the Sheriff." Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "Absolutely."

Councilman Paige, continues, "This gentleman has asked to keep it in the Parish Road System, it's a decision that we have to make."

Chairman Salter, replied, "You know people use to come to us years ago and ask us for children play signs and they don't suppose to be out in the road to start with, I've had several dogs ran over, but that's not this problem here. What we are dealing with here is probably a Civil matter, and I called Sheryl today to check with Billy Jo in case, if we did vote to take this road out of the Parish System what's to stop them or Leland from putting a gate up and these people can't get in and out, and I'm not saying that he would, I'm just saying if this will be any case, Leland, I'm not as old as you, but I've been knowing you all the way through, I don't feel good taking this road out until you all get everything settled." Mr. LaCaze, replied, "It needs to be out, John, someway and somehow."

Chairman Salter, replied, "The issues that you're telling us about is speeding and safety deals." Mr. LaCaze, replied, "John, she ran into my lines that feeds my water last night was busted around 7 or 7:30pm, I think it was intentional or on purpose something like that. I haven't gotten it fix yet, and not able to get it fix right now."

Chairman Salter, asked, "Let me ask you this, we decide to do this, at this table would you be willing to have something in writing where you're saying that you would stop that gate, or put a gate up or prohibit these people.?"

Mr. LaCaze, replied, "John, I would like to have my place back like it was. Let's see what happens, it's in Court and we'll see what will happened."

All the Councilmen asked, "Are you in court with it now?" Mr. Leland, replied, "Yes, it's in Court." Chairman Salter, stated, "Wait, a minute, like I said, we're getting into a Civil matter, what about us tabling this until they get that straightened out."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the Public Hearing to hear to Adopt Ordinance 014-2022 to remove Felise LaCaze Road from the Parish Road System. Road number is 751. A total of 1285 feet, in District 5.

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

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

ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES C:

- C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 014-2022 to remove Felise LaCaze Road from the Parish Road System. Road number is 751. A total of 1285 feet, in District 5.

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

Chairman Salter, stated the next agenda item

- D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 016-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a food truck and commissary/cafe on a 1.31-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 3.05-acre parent tract (parcel # 0100024630C). The property is located in Section 54, Township 6 North, Range 5 West with a physical address of 1515 HWY 490, Cloutierville, LA 71416, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on June 6, 2022.

Chairman Salter wanted to ask a question, before he finished reading the Ordinance, "Or they going to have a building down there as well as a food truck?" Ms. McDaniel, replied, "There is currently a building there, right now they can't use it until the zoning is corrected so; that's what they're trying to do."

Chairman Salter, replied, "That's the first time, I heard of this, it didn't mentioned building, it only mentioned a food truck, that's all tied in together?" Ms. McDaniel, replied, "Yes, Sir." Chairman Salter, replied, "Okay, and he continued reading."

On motion by Councilman Jim Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open Public Hearing to hear the following: Ordinance 016-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a food truck and commissary/cafe on a 1.31-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 3.05-acre parent tract (parcel # 0100024630C). The property is located in Section 54, Township 6 North, Range 5 West with a physical address of 1515 HWY 490, Cloutierville, LA 71416, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on June 6, 2022.

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

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

DISCUSSION D

Ralph Joseph, replied, "Yes, there is a building there it was used as an old Post Office, but we're turning it into a Commissary/café to feed the workers at Marco and the surrounding Community."

Chairman Salter, asked, "If I get off at Chopin and head towards Marco is it before you cross the tracks?" Mr. Joseph, replied, "Right after you cross the tracks." Chairman Salter, replied, "On the Patrick Hoffman old place? Mr. Joseph, replied, "I'm not real familiar with it." Chairman Salter, replied, "So, it's across the tracks from I-49?" Mr. Joseph, replied, "Yes, Sir." Chairman Salter, replied, "Okay." Parish President, replied, "It's a metal building on that property." Mr. Joseph, replied, "a metal building on the left and a brick building on the right." Chairman Salter, asked, "Do anybody have any objections or do anybody else wants to talk on this matter?"

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close Public Hearing to hear the following: Ordinance 016-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a food truck and commissary/cafe on a 1.31-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 3.05-acre parent tract (parcel # 0100024630C). The property is located in Section 54, Township 6 North, Range 5 West with a physical address of 1515 HWY 490, Cloutierville, LA 71416, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on June 6, 2022.

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

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

ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCES D:

- D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 016-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a food truck and commissary/cafe on a 1.31-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 3.05-acre parent tract (parcel # 0100024630C). The property is located in Section 54, Township 6 North, Range 5 West with a physical address of 1515 HWY 490, Cloutierville, LA 71416, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on June 6, 2022.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 016-2022 to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agriculture (I-A) District to a Business- 3 (B-3) District for the purpose of a food truck and commissary/cafe on a 1.31-acre tract that is being divided from an approximately 3.05-acre parent tract (parcel # 0100024630C). The property is located in Section 54, Township 6 North, Range 5 West with a physical address of 1515 HWY 490, Cloutierville, LA 71416, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on June 6, 2022.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS: NONE

Chairman Salter, stated the next agenda item

Other Agenda Items:

- A. Council to authorize Parish President to negotiate lease for a controlled and fenced bin site for Gorum on the property that's being used at this current time.

Councilman Paige, replied, "You want an offer?" Chairman Salter, replied, "I've talked to Gary about this, and he said he didn't think we were going to have enough room to do that without blocking a road or something that goes to a deer lease." Mr. Gary Jackson, replied, "Yes, it will." Chairman Salter, asked, have you looked (Parish President)." Parish President, replied, "Yes, it's that road that goes into the deer lease and just on the back side of the bins it drops off pretty heavy, if we did something there it would have to haul in a bunch of dirt." Chairman Salter, responded, "So, okay, so, we're cleared up about any opposition from the School Board, they don't have a problem with us using where we're at? All we have is the people that don't want it there?" Parish President, replied, "Yes, Sir, let me give you a little clarity on the School Board. Their actions were they decided to take no action and essentially that means they don't want to get involved they think it's an issue that needs to be resolved between the Parish and the folks in the community, they don't want to be a part of it."

Chairman Salter, asked, "Is there anybody here from Gorum Community that wants to talk on this?"

Mr. Mark Kerry, begins, "With a little background information on this, the current trash site is in a bend in the road, it's right in a place where it's in a dangerous location, as the President, said it drops off immediately, so, what we're looking for is viable options where we can put the trash, that's one option to put it there, where its already located, but there's

no room to maneuver and the second option is doing it at the Community Center, which use to be School Board property, as you know the problem there, there is some people that lives across from it, don't like for it to be a trash dump there. We are looking at other options, now there is other land owned by Roy O'Martin that is across the highway from there that is a lateral piece of land, if you're going to be looking for options that could be a spot, you can asked Roy O'Martin to donate a small piece of the land and let it stay where it is across the road or down the road to where Horsehead creek is where they own another tract of the land, they cut the timber there, so that's another option, there is a couple other places sitting out there, but if there's no other option, and we don't get no land from Roy O'Martin, the default would have to be the Community Center."

Chairman Salter, replied, "Down there where Horsehead is, it does flood sometimes in a heavy rain that whole road goes under water." Mr. Kerry, replied, "It has done that, but the high grounds across from the site." Chairman Salter, asked, "Richmond, would you be willing to talk to Roy O'Martin to see if they would or do you want to stay where we are at or what?"

Parish President, replied, "Sure I would be glad to talk to them, this has been an issue for two plus years now, and we spent the money, we spent some money to prep the site and put the post in, we have a few thousands of dollars invested in the Community Center, it's not like we have 30 or 40 thousands, but I think we have 6 or 7 thousands or so, that would kind of leave money, but if it's for the betterment of the community and that's the way the Council wants to go then, I'll be glad to."

Chairman Salter, responded, "You have any plans on proceeding on where we are at?" Parish President, replied, "If we don't find another place, I'm ready to go right where we are at." Chairman Salter, replied, "There's nothing legal that says we can't." Parish President, replied, "No. Sir." Chairman Salter, replied, "Okay." Mr. Kerry, stated, "Mr. Salter, I was present at the School Board meeting when they discussed that issue and the attorney for the School Board Mr. Joe Stamey, stated, "It was contracted between the School Board and the Community Center, and it looks like a legal viable contract, and they are going to keep out of it" and the mere fact that there was also a Fire Department that the land was sold to the Fire Department, it looks like the land can be used for Community betterment and if was contested in court." Chairman Salter, replied, "We have been using it since 1992, I put a building there for people to have a place to vote in the early 90's, where they didn't have anywhere to vote and the Fire District and for the 8 years I was away from here, the put a Fire House up there." Mr. Kerry, replied, "I think the big thing is that are we're getting some traction for progress, if we make a good faith effort to try to find a place other than the Community Center and if we can use it that's good, but if we can't and we have exhausted all our opportunities and all options and the default we will go back to the Community Center. We will explain to the people that we're in objection to it." Chairman Salter, replied, "I don't want to start a range war or family feud or nothing, we will try to find something else."

Councilman Paige, replied, "So, right now, what we have on here tonight we need to basically table it, and discuss it back up next month? Right now, we just need not take any actions at all?" Chairman Salter, replied, "That's right."

Parish President, replied, "I'm not sure about that because the Council has previously authorized the current site, that's why we were able to do some work, so I think you ought to authorize me to necessarily change course, but for me to go talk about an alternate site with Gorum or Roy O'Martin or with anyone else. I think you need to do that if you want something to happen."

Councilman Paige, replied, "So were asking you to go and talk to and if they say they don't want to, then we're back to where we are at now." Parish President, replied, "We're going right forward with what we got there will be no further action needed, because you have voted and approved that site, for the use of the bin site." Councilman Paige, replied, so do we have to change this particular agenda item to say that we would like the President of the parish to talk to Roy O' Martin for a possibility for creating another site for that area."

Chairman Salter, replied, "That's what we got here we can just take action." Parish Attorney, replied, "I don't think what you have here does that because it says, property that's being used at this current time." Councilman Paige, replied, "You're pinning it to one site here. So, what you're saying if we worded in it in the language saying to give the President authority to go and talk with Roy O'Martin about another location."

Parish Attorney, replied, "You can just take that last part out, Mr. Salter and that would be sufficient. You have to vote to amend the agenda."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Jim Kilcoyne that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda for the agenda item to read Council to authorize Parish President to negotiate lease for a controlled and fenced bin site for Gorum.

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

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

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Marty Cheatwood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to negotiate lease for a controlled and fenced bin site for Gorum.

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

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

- B. Council to approve the attendance of the Council Clerk to The Louisiana Organization of Parish Administrative Officials (OPA) Council Clerk's conference in Baton Rouge.

Chairman Salter, stated, "I just put this on here, I told her when she asked me back in May, I said yes, but I rather come in front of you, because it was going to be some travel and room and board and all this." Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "I was out of state when she contacted me and I never did get the email, with the information about it so, you told me it was July 27, 28, 29." The Council Clerk, replied, "July 27-29."

Councilman Paige, replied, "This is something that's she's a member of this Parish Council, which is a member of, and it has always been in time the Council, or the Police Jury never did reconvene it basically always been up to the President, or the Chair of the Council or President to say to the administrative staff, hey you can go or not. It really wasn't something that we all voted on. Is this what we're going to allude to when there's anytime which she may be President of this Organization and then she would have to come and ask, "Can she go to Baton Rouge to represent this Parish?" Councilman Kilcoyne, replied, "If you're asking a general statement, and this is just my opinion, that the Chairman of the Council has that decision." All of the other Councilmen agreed with Councilman Kilcoyne. Councilman Paige, requested to leave it as is, it basically should leave it as it, I don't see a big ole thing of it. A lot of times when these Organizations gather, they come down to your convention Center and then they move it to your hotels and they bring a little money to your community, if she gets to that status."

The Council clerk stated the Region IV meeting will be hosted in Natchitoches next year.

Chairman Salter, replied, "I appreciate your sermon, Mr. Paige, but I just wanted to have everything above board so everybody would know, that's all it was. I don't know about the beginning of time, and you don't know either, but I know what she's dealing with here, so what's you-all pleasure."

On motion by Councilman Jim Kilcoyne, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the attendance of the Council Clerk to The Louisiana Organization of Parish Administrative Officials (OPA) Council Clerk's conference in Baton Rouge

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

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

Ms. Roy wanted to know where that Dollar Store was going to be near Coushatta. Chairman Salter, replied, "The Intersection of Grappe Bluff and 71." Ms. Roy was given a map of Dollar Store.

Chairman Salter stated the next agenda item:

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Mark Megason

Mr. Megason, begins, "A few years you-all came out to Allen Beulah Road and put a 25 miles per hour sign up, speed limit sign, want you-all help that LaCaze guy by putting up a speed limit then the Sheriff department can take care of it and help him and you-all out too?"

Parish President, replied, "Yes, Sir. I'm wrote it on my list to talk about things tomorrow." Mr. Megason, continues, "Can help by giving tickets." Chairman Salter, replied, "The law reads it's 35 miles per hours unless otherwise posted and we would have to change it to 15 or whatever." Mr. Megason, responded, "It's really not my business, but everybody has problems." Chairman Salter, replied, "We're going to let them move on with their Civil business, but in the meantime, we can do something on the speed." Mr. Megason, replied, "I wrote you-all a letter about what happened after the May meeting, I'm the 73-year-old and Dustin is the 50-year-old and when I said take care of me that was nothing compared to what he said to me, Mr. Wilson is a back up to what he did. That is some pretty dangerous stuff, I want the man to know if he threatens and jump on an elder you can get some serious jail time. He was mad vicious about that. I know I made him mad inside here outside, when I saw him coming up, I turned, I made sure I turned around and I said to him, so, "I have to tell the Jerdon's and Parker's that you-all are not going to fix their road. He stood there and told me if you want to talk to me every again, you call me on the telephone, don't you ever talk to me in public or any meeting day and he started cursing me and threatening me and when he left that night, he was cursing and threatening me, I asked him how old are you Dustin and said I'm 50 and I say, I'm 73, don't care how old you are. I thought you all aught to know about that. The whole thing was about the Walter Durr Road, I saw you-all did a good job not on the end I wanted done on, but on both ends, so you-all really done a good job on it." Chairman Salter, replied, "This is a Council meeting, and this is not the President's meeting, his employees should not be interfering with people that wants to come. I hate that it happened, I really do, but you have a witness to all this." Councilman Paige, replied, "Did you send a letter to his immediate supervisor?" Parish President, replied, "He did." Mr. Megason, replied, "And to the Sheriff, when he found out what happened he told me to come down there and give him about 2 or 3 paragraphs on what happened he has it in his desk drawer in case something else happens." Chairman Salter, replied, "He who, who are you talking about?" Mr. Megason, replied, "The Sheriff." Chairman Salter, response, "The Sheriff, oh, okay."

Councilman Paige, wanted to say condolences to Ernest Morgan's family. He was a good man, and everybody loved him.

Chairman Salter stated the next agenda item:

Adjourn

On motion by Councilman Jim Kilcoyne, duly seconded by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, 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 Kilcoyne	
Ayes:	Councilman Cheatwood	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Salter	Motion Passed

Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned:

Attest:



Sheryl Frederick,
Parish Clerk



John Salter, Chairman