

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY, March 16, 2026, Council
Boardroom 2nd Floor Courtroom
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular and legal sessions in Parish Council room 211 on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, on Monday, March 16, 2026, for a Regular meeting at five thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m. for the Natchitoches Parish Council.

Parish Council Chairman Marty Cheatwood convened the Parish of Natchitoches as the governing authority and stated that the Parish was ready to transact business.

Councilman Bobby Braxton gave the invocation, and Councilman Wayne Halm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the roll call, the Council was present: Bobby Braxton, William Allen, Wayne Halm, Marty Cheatwood, and Mark Kerry.

Absent:

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Guests and special presentations:

Ms. Bonnie Tolar

Mr. Jason East and Brad Slay

Council Clerk asks for an amendment to the agenda:

- 1. Council to Adopt Ordinance 001-2026 to add 126 feet to Ucie Vascou Road. To add Spur after Ucie Vascou. To be read:
Council to Adopt Ordinance 001-2026 to add 126 feet to Ucie Vascou Spur Road.**

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman Mark Kerry, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add: Council to Adopt Ordinance 001-2026 to add 126 feet to Ucie Vascou Spur Road.

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

Ayes: Halm, Kerry, Braxton, Allen, Cheatwood

Absent:

Nays:

Motion Passed.

Reports of Department Heads:

All reports are submitted online for public viewing.

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Parish President- Mr. John Salter
The Parish President was absent.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held on February 23, 2026, and the Special Meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council on February 23, 2026, and the Special Meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026.

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

Ayes: Allen, Braxton, Halm, Cheatwood, and Kerry
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Appointments of Boards and Commissions.
Consider adopting a resolution confirming.
Reappointments/Appointments to the Following Boards/Commissions.

Council to approve Mrs. Carletta Jones to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District 2 Board.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Wayne Halm, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mrs. Carletta Jones to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District 2 Board.

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

Ayes: Allen, Halm, Kerry, Braxton, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council to approve Mr. Ludlow McNeely, Jr. to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District 2 Board.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Ludlow McNeely, Jr. to be re-appointed to the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District 2 Board.

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

Ayes: Allen, Braxton, Kerry, Halm, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

First Introduction of Proposed Ordinances:

Council to Introduce Ordinance 004-2026 to amend Ordinance 06-91 of 1991 to add to the Appendix B-Zoning under 3 I-2 Districts page 29. a. Permitted uses (1) Uses by right to include the following: Data Centers; Digital Infrastructure Facilities; Power Generation.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Mark Kerry, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 004-2026 to amend Ordinance 06-91 of 1991 to add to the Appendix B-Zoning under 3 I-2 Districts page 29. a. Permitted uses (1) Uses by right to include the following: Data Centers; Digital Infrastructure Facilities; Power Generation.

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

Ayes: Allen, Kerry, Braxton, Halm, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Public Hearings:

Council to Adopt Ordinance 001-2026 to add 126 feet to Ucie Vascocu Spur Road.

Council to Adopt Ordinance 002-2026 for the 2026 Budget Amendment for Fund 209 Blanchard Road and Fund 243 Clark Road.

Council Adopt Ordinance 003-2026 to add .48 miles of Levy Taylor Road back into to the Parish Road system.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby opened the Public Hearing. On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Braxton, Halm, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

After the discussion on each agenda item the public Hearing was closed.

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman Mark Kerry, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby closed the Public Hearing.

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

Ayes: Halm, Kerry, Allen, Braxton, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

Council to Adopt Ordinance 001-2026 to add 126 feet to Ucie Vascocu Spur Road.

Agenda item died for lack of a motion.

Council to Adopt Ordinance 002-2026 for the 2026 Budget Amendment for Fund 209 Blanchard Road and Fund 243 Clark Road.

On motion by Councilman Bobby Braxton, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 002-2026 for the 2026 Budget Amendment for Fund 209 Blanchard Road and Fund 243 Clark Road.

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

Ayes: Braxton, Allen, Kerry, Halm, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council Adopt Ordinance 003-2026 to add .48 miles of Levy Taylor Road back into to the Parish Road system.

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 003-2026 to add .48 miles of Levy Taylor Road back into to the Parish Road system.

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

Ayes: Cheatwood, Braxton, Allen, Kerry, Halm
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Resolutions:

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Other Agenda Items:

- A. Council to approve the Parish President to change the Public Works Director from Interim Director to Director of Public Works.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the Parish President to Change the Public Works Director from Interim Director to Director of Public Works.

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

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Halm, Braxton, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council to approve the Parish President to give 3,000 dollars to the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce for Natchitoches at The Legislative Day at the Capitol, for signage and Pillars.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the Parish President to give 3,000 dollars to the Natchitoches Chamber of Commerce for Natchitoches at The Legislative Day at the Capitol, for signage and Pillars.

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

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Halm, Cheatwood, Braxton,
Nays:
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Brian Hamrick wanted to know if Swyft would reimburse damage to the water lines in their community.

Mrs. Jonell Burr wanted an update on their road, Julia Ann.

Mr. Johnny Emmons wanted to know about White Oak Lane

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

Adjourn

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn.

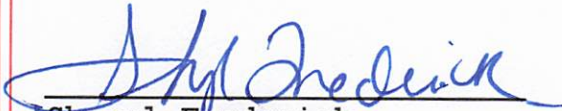
On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

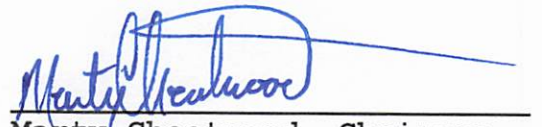
Ayes: Cheatwood, Halm, Braxton, Allen, and Kerry

Absent:

Motion Passed

Attest:


Sheryl Frederick,
Parish Council Clerk


Marty Cheatwood, Chairman