

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
August 20, 2018
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, August 20, 2018 for a Regular of Natchitoches Parish Council meeting at five (5:30) o'clock p.m. and for the Natchitoches Parish Council Meeting.

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

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

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

Absent: None.

The Parish Council Clerk at this time she would like to add one item to the agenda.

A. Council to consider to authorize the Parish President to execute agreement between Owner and Contractor with W.L. Bass Construction, Inc. for Hampton Road Improvements Projects.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add Council to consider to authorize the Parish President to execute agreement between Owner and Contractor with W.L. Bass Construction, Inc. for Hampton Road Improvements Projects.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item to hear invited guests,

Jessica Broadway from Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham. Briefly went through the report to the Council and let them know about one finding that was dealing with the budget, the budget for the road maintenance, this something they have to report. There were some extra things that had to be done this year, concerning policies and procedures and the Parish has to write some policies and procedures for those items, Parish Treasurer is working on this. Ms. Broadway asked were there any questions concerning the audit, there was no questions for Ms. Broadway. Councilwoman, Hoover asked Parish Treasurer Ms. Miley, "Please explain the process, How the Parish selects the Auditors and when is the appropriate time to discuss when the Auditors has to do the Parish Audit." Ms. Miley asked Mr. Nowlin, to answer those questions. Mr. Nowlin, explain, the Council votes on the Auditors and when the audits begins immediately after the physical year. Mr. Mark Thomas, explained, "I don't know if the Council voted on it or they're just required to see it, but we sent out an engagement letter and this was for a three year period. Mr. Thomas, stated, "We must be approved by the Legislative Auditor and must .

follow all the rules and regulations." Mr. Nowlin, replied, "It's getting more and more difficult to get firms to do audits because of regulations and the depths of the requirement of the Legislative Auditors. We contacted a number of firms and basically some doesn't submit a proposal some right here in town said they use to do it, but it's too much of a headache." Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to know how many years they have been doing this for the Parish of Natchitoches. Mr. Mark Thomas, replied, "Since about 1984." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "That's a concern a person that stays that long, I would like to see other persons, and Mr. Nowlin, stated they tried to get others, I just would like to know if there is others actually sending in bids." Mr. Mark Thomas, replied, "We're the only firm within 75 miles of here that audits Governmental entities, you would have to get out of town people, which that might not be bad, but you wouldn't be supporting the local businesses anymore, and we're the only ones locally that does it around, and the Legislative Auditors do not have a problem with how long we've done the Audit, we've had the City of Natchitoches since 1962 and it's because we're so regulated by so many different places not the least in which the annual review, other auditors comes in an audit our work, so the Legislative Auditor doesn't have a problem with that very reason."

Steven Upton, Roy O Martin, in the Forester, Department works primarily in the woods. Just wanted to stop by to make sure everything is going good, and if anything was needed or if you're having trouble in the woods just let them know. He asked did they have problems with their loggers right now, and the answer was, NO. Mr. Earl Townsend, stated, "We have a good working relationship with them."

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item we will hear the report of the Public Works Interim Director, Mr. Earl Townsend. Mr. Townsend had already sent his reports in the Council's packages and asked were there any questions or comments.

Chairman, Bedgood wanted to know if Kistachie Mora/Shady Grove have they been taken care of? Mr. Earl, replied, "Yes, that project is complete, Ms. Debbie and myself got with the Forester Engineer last week and submitted the invoice to them, to get the money back to the Parish." Chairman, Bedgood, also thanked Mr. Townsend for the White rock that was put down in Goldonna and needs some more, but Mr. Townsend told him he's trying to spread it around the Parish.

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to know when is he coming to Natchez to cut the grass. Mr. Townsend, replied, "The Boom tractor was in Natchez and side mower has made its way to Natchez. They did not cut Natchez?" Councilwoman, Hoover replied, "No, we're still waiting on the grass as well as the digging of the ditches." Mr. Townsend, responded, "The ditches, I know haven't been done, because we've had the equipment tied up everywhere else, and I just haven't gotten to that yet." Mr. Townsend, replied, "I'll check on that."

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Ms. Sharon Harris, OCS/Head Start Executive Director, she gave her reports in the Council's packets and wanted to know if they had any questions, comments or concerns on the reports. Ms. Sharon wanted the Council to pay close attention to the PIR report that she gave to them. When they have a chance to go over this report if they have any questions please give her a call. This is a report that is reported to Head Start concerning the children, staff and their qualifications.

Councilman, Paige, asked, "Do you still pay for the training for teachers to get degrees, Is that still a demand that the government is asking? Ms. Harris, replied, "We do have funding available in our budget. All our teachers has a bachelor degree we have all our qualifications at our center. Those that are teachers assistant that has a CDA we pay for them to go back to school to get their associate degree in Early Childhood Education." Councilman Paige, wanted to know," Do you have any teachers now in school? Ms. Harris, replied, "One of the requirements is they have to actually sign an agreement and application with us, so they can provide the information for us to finance it." Councilman, Paige, replied, "So is the demand is there from the Federal Government?" Ms. Harris, replied, "In 2018 everyone has to have a Bachelor degree or higher in Early Childhood education, however; the catch to it, is 50 percent nationwide, so it's not saying every teacher has to have it, but we do have it that, but nation wide it's 50 percent."

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley She mail all the reports in the Council packages, and reports for Head Start. Vendors list and Credit Card transactions, and In-kind was sent. Payables were sent out and it was \$933,783.55 with the Forecast for Highway Department was sent an inmate report was sent. Solid Waste and Sales Tax was sent out also.

Councilman, de Graffenried, "When are you going to start printing money, because it looks like we're broke in 2020 we're going to be out of money, I'm I right, I'm I reading it correctly?" Ms. Miley, started explaining the different funds and the amounts and she said we can have a problem in three years, because we're using a half a million and based on the projection to 650,000 from Sales Tax each year for Highway we're not in the hole but we can definitely see a cash flow problem for Solid Waste. Councilman, de Graffenried, asked, "Are you comfortable with Sales Tax funds projection?" Ms. Miley, replied, "I don't see us having a huge incline, so no more than that, yes, I don't see us going up very much."

At this time Ms. Roy asked "2017 for Oil and Grease has went from \$4,588 to \$19,500 forecasted for 2018 and 2019." Ms. Miley responded, "Now we have to have a special chemical, and she asked Mr. Townsend the name of it," Mr. Townsend, responded, "A def fluid a new equipment we're obtaining now comes with the Tier 4 engines it requires def fluids, the harder you work them the more fluids they takes, it's EPA requirements we have no way around it, we have no choice."

Parish President, stated, "The carry over the end of year balance from the last several years projected for the next two years is less than the year before and we can't run a deficit so starting in 2019 we are going to have to cut back on some of what we're doing. We're not going to be able to have the same level of road work in 2019 as we're having right now in 2018, which is not sufficient for the number of roads we have, but we have to have a certain amount of funds at the end of the year in order to in order keep continuity in the department during the first quarter of the following year, so if we don't have any cash to carry forward, we won't be able to pay our people and pay our bills in that first quarter, so we'll have to take cost cutting measures in what areas we have to take them, whether it's in material or anywhere else and we're going to be hit with that next year, that is one of the reasons we're asking the people of the Parish, this Council first and then the people second to consider taxes to improve our money situation, with the sales tax fund going down, and you knew in recent years we used that funds to take care of our Solid Waste with certain amounts being transferred to the Highway Department each year, and with that going down we're going to have to face a tough decision of

what we do, or we're going to continue the funds of the Solid Waste at the same level we do, then that means it's going to be less money coming out the Sales Tax fund to the Highway program."

Councilman, Rachal asked, "Is there anywhere we can get more off of Solid Waste by people paying to dump that's not in the Parish?" Parish President, replied, "Councilman, I don't know, I live in the City and I have an account and I get a bill pretty regular, when someone comes by my house and carry some limbs to the limb pit. I would certainly hope so." Councilman, Rachal, said, "What, I'm referring to, I asked this question several months ago, I know of a contractor to dump whenever they pick up since they pay \$10.00 a year to dump it, they're not paying anything to dump it." Parish President, replied, "We have to determine, there is a form they have to fill out that has the name and address and sign by the person from where the waste is generated from, so we have to determine whether it's a Parish resident that generates the waste, and if so they're already paying into the tax for the privilege of dumping it and they also pay the person who hauls it to the Landfill for us." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "They pay the person, but the person is not paying us." Parish President, replied, "No, because the person has already had, they have paid through the Sales Tax if they're outside the City." Councilman, Paige, stated, "If it's rural they can dump", and Councilman, Rachal, replied, " I understand that, if it's rural." Councilman, Paige continued, "They can dump for free, and the contractor if they done the work out in the Parish." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "Let's talk about the people that's doing the work out in the City." Councilman, Paige, replied, "But if you know of some wrong doing, I think that's what you need to be talking about them, saying a situation has occurred." Councilman, Rachal replied, "Let's talk about a Contractor picking up trash from the City and not paying to dump it and we're having to pay so much a ton to haul it to Many, that's what, I'm referring to." Councilman, Paige, responded, "In the past, we used to get a camera and go out and caught people doing such, and then they would bring it up to the table, so if you know of that everybody has a telephone with a recorder on it, pretty much, and you can record that and then bring it to the table." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "I think we need to visit any area that we're not getting the proper funding that we could be getting cause I know we don't have any carry over and everybody is not paying their fair share, and apparently we're not getting all the money we have coming to us." Councilman, Paige replied, "The bottom line of it is you're going to the contract some folks that knows how much money you get and they work to get to that bottom line, so you don't have any left over because of that, now if you know of some wrong doing, like I said earlier, it needs to be looked at, but for as slinging it out there like this, it's no where we can put a finger on it." Councilman, Rachal, begin to talk and said, "I'll will present it in proper form after the meeting tonight." Councilman, Paige, replied, "Thank you, that's what you do, report it in the proper way." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "Okay."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Parish President, Parish President wanted to go over a couple of items on his report.

Parish President begins to talk on the:

PARISH PERSONNELL:

Parish Receptionist: The Parish has received approximately 40 applications for this position and interviews are being conducted. AS soon as that process has been complete, an offer will be extended to one of the candidates.

Councilman, Paige, replied, "I know we talked about it last time, and now we're talking about how we're going to be out of money and these types of things. We have changed the office space up here, we don't have people up to assist as we once did, they're over in another building, now this person you hire now, Are they going to be over here in this office in this area?" Parish President, replied, "That's correct, they're going to be in my office." Councilman, Chris Paige, replied, "Well, you know minds and hearts are saying you have three individuals that's in the other building now, from location, giving this office space up is creating a dilemma to where it wasn't room up here for whatever reasons and we're talking about we don't have money and we going to have to cut, before we go out and hire another person with benefits and long time range in salary, we bring some of those people from over there, I grant to tell you, I have been around here long enough to know, not very many people are going over there for services and if I'm wrong, please prove me wrong, because a lot of people don't know they're over there in the Live Oak building, I think it's fitting to have some of those personnel over here, that they can help out over here and we might not have to hire a receptionist, personally if we really, truly talking about cutting here and cutting there, I know we voted last month to give you the okay to do that but as I sat and thought about it, I just wonder how many people goes in and out of that office." Parish President, replied, "I will like for you to think about it a little more, Mr. Paige, this position existed when I took office, for a short period of time, because of a money crunch we created a vacancy in that office and for five years we have not had a receptionist for the Parish of Natchitoches those duties has been shared by the rest of the staff and now it's has become some type of burden on the other people they're not able to do their work, when we don't fill a position or someone retires or we lose somebody due to attrition we don't hire anyone those duties goes on and somebody has to pick up the slack or maybe several people pick up the slack. Secondly, with regards to the people over at the Live Oak building that is the Treasurer's Office and people that's walking in very seldom needs something from the Treasurer, the employees knows where the Treasurer and the HR personnel is located and if they have a problem we can quickly clear that up for them, so it's a situation not causing a problem with the delivery of services, this is something the Police Jury has had many, many years that it wasn't a problem, and now it's a problem. I, quite frankly, my Executive Assistant who's supposed to assist me in the conduct to the administration of the Parish spends most of his time answering the telephone and delivering messages, which is a problem for us, so, I think this something we need to do, it's a part time position with no benefits involved with it, it's a straight hourly salary, hourly wage, we anticipate the person working 5 hours a day, 5 days a week, 25 hours a week." Councilman Paige, replied, "Thank you." Parish President, replied, "Thank you."

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Coco Bed Road Improvements: On August 14th, the contractor applied the first course of asphalt surface treatment over the completed cement- and polymer-treated base course. The second and third applications have been completed and the contractor has begun the dressing of the foreslopes. The hydroseeding is scheduled to begin next week August 20th.

Payne Subdivision Streets, Phase I: The plans and specifications have been submitted to Facility Planning and Control for its review and approval. According to FP&C, the documents have been reviewed and release of review is pending Administration approval. The State will contribute \$500,000 to the project and the Parish match is approximately \$167,000.

Solid Waste: The parish's contract with Waste Connections will terminate on December 31, 2018. We will be meeting with Waste Connection this week to review the present contract and identify any revisions that may be necessary. We are also developing a request for proposals (RFP) for a new contract.

East Natchitoches Stormwater Management Plan: In the spring of 2017, the Parish participated in a conference sponsored by the LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio whose purpose was to identify areas of the state needing assistance with the resolution of local issues beyond the capability of the local entities. The Parish's submitted a request for assistance in addressing the flooding problems on the east side of the City of Natchitoches and continuing southward along Cane River and its detrimental impact on further development of the Parish. Our project was selected for further study and LSU enlisted the assistance of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and its subsidiary, Thriving Earth Exchange (TEX). The study will investigate the hydraulic conditions in the area and solutions to our situation. Over the past year, there have been a number of conference calls and exchanges of information so that a project plan could be developed.

On August 14th and 15th, a team of geology and hydraulics professionals, from LSU visited Natchitoches. Their visit included a tour of the project area and meetings to review the available data important to their study. We also met Ms. Betty Fuller of the Cane River Waterway Commission who provided beneficial data on lake water levels, flood control structures and related information.

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item is to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, July 23, 2018 with the correction of correct date on Page 1.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover 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, July 23, 2018 with the correction of correct date on Page 1.

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

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

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

Council to consider the re-appointment of Mr. Laney Wright for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Laney Wright for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

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

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

Council to consider the re-appointment of Mr. Ricky L. Sanders for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint of Mr. Ricky L. Sanders for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

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

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

Council to consider the re-appointment of Mr. Charles Roge for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint of Mr. Charles Roge for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

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

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

Council to consider the re-appointment of Mr. Lamarr McGaskey for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Lamarr McGaskey for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

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

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

Council to consider the appointment of Mr. Joseph Jones for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Mr. Joseph Jones for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 1 Board.

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

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

Council to consider the re-appointment of Mr. Johnny Nobles for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 2 Board.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby re-appoint Mr. Johnny Nobles for Natchitoches Parish Fire District 2 Board.

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

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

Council to consider the appointment of Ms. Mardy Summerlin for Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appoint Ms. Mardy Summerlin for Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item

First Introduction of proposed Ordinances.

Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 018-2018 adding CP-Tel as a Cable Franchise providing cable services to Parish residents outside the City of Natchitoches.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introducing Ordinance 018-2018 adding CP-Tel as a Cable Franchise providing cable services to Parish residents outside the City of Natchitoches.

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

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

Public Hearings:

- A. To consider and take action with respect to adopting an ordinance 015-2018 creating Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- B. Council to consider adopting Ordinance 016-2018 for Budget Revision for the 2018 Operating Budget.
- C. Council to consider adopting Ordinance-017-2018 to amend the 2018 Proposed Budget Revision submitted on July 23, 2018 requesting a transfer not to exceed \$30,000 from the Special Projects line item in the Hwy Fund 101 to a new fund for the Odra Levee Project.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the following items:

- A. To consider and take action with respect to adopting an ordinance 015-2018 creating Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- B. Council to consider adopting Ordinance 016-2018 for Budget Revision for the 2018 Operating Budget.
- C. Council to consider adopting Ordinance-017-2018 to amend the 2018 Proposed Budget Revision submitted on July 23, 2018 requesting a transfer not to exceed \$30,000 from the Special Projects line item in the Hwy Fund 101 to a new fund for the Odra Levee Project.

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

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

Discussion for A.

Parish President wanted the Council to delete this item from the Agenda, the Parish President was informed by bond Council Foley and Judell advised according to the timing between the Introduction and the Public Hearing we couldn't do it at this meeting tonight and the document that was advertised had the 27th of August on it. We have a special meeting the 27th on the road Districts we can do it at that time.

Discussion for B.

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to know when the Council received the last month proposed Ordinance for Budget Revision and with this month Proposed Ordinance Budget revision was there any changes?" Ms. Miley, replied, "There is one change with interest 112 of \$25.00 and there is a change in 114 \$25,000 didn't carry down, those two things had to be corrected." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Does the numbers supposed to be the same?" Ms. Miley, replied, "No, the numbers are different on the Forecast then on the actual proposed budget." Parish President, replied, "Mr. Chairman, if we found two changes from the original Introduction then we would have to amend to include those two changes." Ms. Miley, replied, this was highlighted in their packets, there is a \$25.00 dollar on interest, I'm sorry, a \$75.00 interest on Criminal Court and on 114 \$25,000 wasn't did not carry down to make the total \$175,000 it was still \$200,000 as an adjustment." Parish President, replied, "So the bottom line was off?"

Councilwoman, Hoover also wanted to ask, Ms. Miley, "If you can please be so kind, I'm not an Accountant, or no Attorney in getting our budget and numbers is it possible you can start emailing something to us at the last minute, I just would like to have a chance to review it. We get it on a Friday, we only have Saturday and Sunday in order to review, I know if you're an Attorney or Accountant that's your expertise, we have no Accountants up here, in all fairness, in order to make a vote for the people of this Parish, it's just not enough time to review."

Ms. Miley, replied, "Ms. Hoover, it will be really hard, I can not promise that because most of the time I'm getting it ready right in time to mail, the new budget that's coming up if I say I can get it to you within two weeks, I would have to start on it tomorrow, that's not all that I do, I really can't promise that." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "I can understand that Ms. Miley, but what I'm saying to you that we're getting it on Friday, you know what, you have, but here as the Council, we're getting so we're having to review, but we have no time to review, you have time, because that's your expertise, but all fairness to the Council, I think we just need more time to review what we have, that's in my opinion."

Parish President, replied, "Except for the two corrections, we talked about a few minutes ago, Are all the numbers the same as it was presented at the last month's meeting?" Ms. Miley, replied, "Yes, Sir." Parish President, repeated the corrections that were made earlier, and replied, "Thank you."

Discussion for C.

No discussion was done of this item.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby close the public hearing to hear any and all comments or objections relative to the adoption of the above list of agenda Public Hearing items:

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item.

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

To consider and take action with respect to adopting an ordinance 015-2018 creating Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does consider and take action with respect to tabling Ordinance 015-2018 creating Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider adopting Ordinance 016-2018 for Budget Revision for the 2018 Operating Budget.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, and then Councilman de Graffenried made a motion to amend the Ordinance as per to the changes made by Parish Treasurer Ms. Miley Fund 112 and 114 and duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal.

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

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

Now the Council has to vote on it as amended:

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by Councilman Russell Rachal adopting Ordinance 016-2018 for Budget Revision for the 2018 Operating Budget with the correction of fund 112 and 114.

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

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

Council to consider adopting Ordinance-017-2018 to amend the 2018 Proposed Budget Revision submitted on July 23, 2018 requesting a transfer not to exceed \$30,000 from the Special Projects line item in the Hwy Fund 101 to a new fund for the Odra Levee Project.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance-017-2018 to amend the 2018 Proposed Budget Revision submitted on July 23, 2018 requesting a transfer not to exceed \$30,000 from the Special Projects line item in the Hwy Fund 101 to a new fund for the Odra Levee Project.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item.

Resolutions:

Council to consider the approval of Natchitoches Parish Regional Hospital request for a bond application and the supporting NPHSD bond resolution.

There was Representatives from Natchitoches Regional Hospital to explain the reasoning they wanted the Council to support the request for the bond application. Mr. Nnandi Thompson from Government Consulting and Mr. Brad McCormick, Hospital CFO. They explained the wanted to purchase the Rite Aid Building and billing that out for physician offices, They also wanted to

update the Heating and Cooling Ventilation to make it energy efficient and some other expansions in the service lines.

Councilman, Doug de Graffenried, wanted to know who owns the hospital. Mr. McCormick, replied, "That maybe a better question for Mr. Ronald, but it's the Hospital Service District. The Parish is not incumbent by the debt of the Hospital." Councilman Doug de Graffenried, also wanted to know what is the Parish's relationship to the Hospital Service District. Mr. Thompson, replied, "The Parish created the service District years ago and I apologize, I don't know the date." and at that time Ms. Carolyn Roy told him 1952. Mr. Thompson continued by saying, "This District was created to provide Health Care for the Parish and Parishes created various sub Districts to some functions to benefit the Citizens." Councilman, Doug de Graffenried, replied, "The other Hospitals that have the same Parish relationship, How much do those hospitals pay to the Government Entity?" Mr. Thompson, replied, "I can't speak for all of them, but the majority of them have a Hospital Service District but generally they don't, because they was given that services to provide the citizens, and they took that work from the Parish so the parish could provide other services such as roads and other services."

Councilman, de Graffenried, wanted to know how much total revenue for 2017. Mr. McCormick replied, Net or Gross, and Councilman, de Graffenried, replied, "Gross." Mr. McCormick, replied, "About 60 million." and Councilman, de Graffenried, said, "I heard it was \$95 in a radio interview. You pay the Parish \$75,000 a year, and your check hasn't made it in the mail yet, I checked. I'm just wondering out loud some hospital pays a percentage to the Parish, it's the People's Hospital, technically." Councilman, de Graffenried, asks, "Has anyone seen the agreement with the Parish?" Mr. McCormick, "I've seen the founding document." Councilman, de Graffenried, "Has the Parish Attorney seen the agreement between the Hospital and the Parish?" The Parish attorney, replied, "No, Sir." Councilman, de Graffenried, asks, "Where is the agreement between the Parish and the Hospital, Where's the document? How long is the agreement in effect for? Has the agreement expired? There seems to be some documentation that we need to see." Mr. Thompson, replied, "I can't speak on the agreement, but the agreement was created to provide the function to go forth, there may be something different between this hospital, but usually when they're created they function the way they suppose to function." Councilman, Doug replied, "How much does the building worth? Mr. McCormick, replied, "I'll have to get that information for you, but as far as our insurance value it may be around 95 million."

Mr. Ronald Corkern begins to speak on the history of the Hospital at one time some people wanted to sell the hospital and at that time, that's when he got on the Hospital Board. Mr. Corkern, replied, "After, I sat on the Board, I came to realize that's the worst thing the community would have done, to have sold the hospital." Mr. Corkern continued to give a brief history about when the people were talking about selling the hospital.

Councilman, de Graffenried, wanted to know if the hospital is sold who gets the money, this is just a question, the Councilman, stated, "I would never propose it, the Hospital being sold." and Mr. Corkern, replied, "The parish would get whatever the initial investment was and Natchitoches Regional would get all the improvements and whatever has been built over the last many years." Councilman, de Graffenried, responded, "Back to the question, who owns the hospital?" and once again, Mr. Thompson, replied, "The Service District." And again there was some more discussion about the Hospital and other Hospitals that were sold and about old buildings that were sold did they come off the tax roll. Questions about who still owns the hospital.

Parish President wants to see more money going towards the Coroner's office. The \$75,000 which is given to the parish by the Hospital goes to the Coroners and those expenses of the Coroners are greatly more and he would like to see that amount increased, and he's working on that project because there's no agreement yet.

After all the questions and comments the following action was taken:

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve The Natchitoches Parish Regional Hospital request for a bond application and the supporting NPHSD bond resolution.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item.

Other Agenda Items:

Council to consider authorizing Parish President to renew the leases with John Deere for 5 motor graders.

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 Parish President to renew the leases with John Deere for 5 motor graders.

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

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

Council to consider approving getting annual Insurance quotes for Parish insurance's.

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to make sure the Council gets to see all persons who bids on all Insurance's for the Parish.

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 approves getting annual Insurance quotes for Parish insurance's.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to execute the Agreement between Owner and Contractor with W.L. Bass Construction, Inc. for the Hampton Road Improvement project.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by Councilman Chris Paige, that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to execute the Agreement between Owner and Contractor with W.L. Bass Construction, Inc. for the Hampton Road Improvement project.

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

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

Visitors for Non Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Robert Morgan came to speak on the three things first was the taxes to improve the roadways. Mr. Morgan feels like if you don't put both taxes on the ballot together it's going to fail. You have to actively campaign to pass these taxes to let the people know these taxes are strictly going to the roads. The Council and Parish President begin to discuss the Special Meeting for Monday, August 27, 2018 and Councilman, Rachal stated he would not be in the Country at this time, and hope they can legally have the meeting before the 27th so he could attend. Parish President, replied, "I would call the bond counsel first thing in the morning for an answer." Mr. Morgan, replied, "The landowners are tired of paying taxes for those who are not paying taxes in the Parish of Natchitoches." Mr. Morgan begins to ask about the Forest Tax that was given to different

Police Juries in the State that said that the tax was supposed to put for road maintenance, but some of Juries had options to whether they would put in on road maintenance or to the General Fund.

Mr. Morgan, stated "Our roads are just in horrible condition now, I wish we would look into the possibility of transferring that tax that the loggers and foresters pay for road maintenance and putting it back into the road fund." Councilman, Paige, asked, Ms. Miley, "Is it in General Fund, now Ms. Miley?" and Ms. Miley, replied, "Yes, it's being used for Court Cost and the Prisoners Detention Center and other things, it's been done like that for many years." Mr. Morgan, replied, "This tax is supposed to be for the good of all the people, not just for the court costs and inmates, it should be for all the people." Mr. Morgan, last thing, If the parish so puts the half cent sales tax on the ballot, would the Council adopt a Resolution telling the people of Natchitoches, this will only be used for the roads, I know it's in the language, I understand that, but for our Council and Parish President to state what they're going to use it for in a Resolution and they support and stand behind this, is the only way, if you don't help and stand behind it, it's going to fail."

Councilman, Rachal, replied, "I'm not voting or supporting anything unless it goes strictly for the roads. I would not put my name on it, I will vote against it." Parish President, replied, "Mr. Morgan, it's in the language that was adopted for the Road Districts, that's been created that the money is strictly going to be used for the roads."

After further discussions concerning the taxes and in Conclusion, Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item is 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:	Councilwoman Hoover	
Ayes:	Councilman Paige	
Ayes:	Councilman Rachal	
Ayes:	Councilman de Graffenried	
Ayes:	Councilman Bedgood	Motion Passed

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

Sheryl Frederick,
Council Clerk