

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,
October 15, 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, October 15, 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 Mr. Michael Dubois and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Doug de Graffenried.

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 would like to add a item to the agenda and too table under Public Hearing items D, E, F, and G.

Add:

1. Council to consider a discussion of proposed health insurance plans for FY 2019.

Table:

D. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 022-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 1 or the Parish of Natchitoches.

E. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 023-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 2 or the Parish of Natchitoches.

F. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 024-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 3 or the Parish of Natchitoches.

G. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 025-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 4 or the Parish of Natchitoches.

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 amend the agenda to add:

1. Council to consider a discussion of proposed health insurance plans for FY 2019.

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G. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 025-2018 for the creation of Road District No. 4 or the Parish of Natchitoches.

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

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

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

Mr. Rodney Schamerhorn candidate for District 24 State Representative wanted to come and introduced himself to the Council and to the President and to let them know if they needed any help he would be there as a servant to the people.

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 about the discontinuation of the white dusk that you can't put it a 500 ft radius of a house. Mr. Townsend said he knew he has a problem and he has spoken with the motor grader and has found another solution to that problem. Councilman, Paige wanted to know if he was a health issue involved or causing harm to his constituents. Mr. Townsend replied, "It's a nuisance rather than a health issue in a way of like living on a dirt road or gravel road with dusk, but once it sets up the dusk dissipates, but during that time frame is when we have the problems, so instead of creating more problems, we're trying to back off and lessen the problems." Councilman, Paige wanted to know what was being used before this white dusk and Mr. Townsend told him Asphalt and there isn't enough to overlay the roads because of the deterring of the roads.

Councilman, Rachal, asked, "What about the bottom Ash, have you-all tried that?" Mr. Townsend, replied, "We have tried that, but you get dusk associated with it and it really don't set up on asphalt, but it will on dirt or gravel, but doesn't work well on asphalt; so we backed off from using it, bottom line."

Councilwoman Hoover, begins by saying, "It's been a year on the digging of ditches on the Old River Road and it has not been dug, and a request has been put in again four months ago, you told me the last two meetings that you were in the process of doing so, so my question is, When will the ditches be dug out and What has been the problem?" Mr. Townsend, replied, "Well, we just haven't got to them, that's all I can tell you, you know the situation as well as I do, we're short handed, I don't have the manpower or equipment that I need, I'll get to it as quickly as I can, but other stuff has taken presence over

that by being more of an emergency in nature, we will get to it, but it's going to take time." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "One year, has passed, and I'm just looking for something to be done, a year has passed and the ditches are in dying need of being dug out." Mr. Townsend, replied, "All through the Parish is in dying needs." Councilwoman, Hoover, responded, "But we was put on the list, that was the purpose of the request, the request was made and we followed all of the protocols of having it done, so I think we will be priority with a year, and I would like to see that moved forward. My next question, I've waiting to hear about the CulPepper Bridge and the Vallery Smith Road, it's bee 3 months for Valery Smith and 2 months for the Culpepper, you and Mr. Nowlin came out and promise Ms. Culpepper that you would get back with her and she's still waiting to hear, as well as Pastor Roosevelt." Mr. Townsend, responded, "Culpepper road, I thought that has been resolved, it is not in our system and has never been in our system that gate marks the boundary line and that's private property, so we can't do anything about that bridge." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, I'm just at a loss for words, that bridge runs over a river, Can people actually build a bridge over a river, without its being stamped by the State or something, you just can build a bridge?" Mr. Townsend, replied, "If it's on your property, you can put a bridge wherever you want it." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied this was back in the 50's have you done your research on that?" Mr. Townsend, replied, "It's an old bridge, I promise you that, but I didn't know it was prior to 1960, I didn't know that." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Would you be kind enough to make a call to Ms. Culpepper, let her know exactly what is going on, because she's still waiting." Mr. Townsend, continued by saying, "As far as the Vallery Smith road, again we have to prioritize our work that part of the road goes to one farm down there and we have people that lives on the road that actually needs help and we just haven't got to it, when I get the resources available, I'll try to get it done." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "He's trying to have some work done on the property and it's our responsibility to take care of that we have in the past, If we can see about that as well."

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, concerns, or suggestions for the OCS.

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Debbie Miley, she was absent. Chairman, then asked Ms. Creamer did she had anything to say. She said no, just the budget coming up later.

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:

ADA COMPLIANCE:

HC Ramp and Restrooms(Main Courthouse); The revised plans have been advertised for public bids and bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2018. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Hampton Road Improvements: The-pre-construction meeting with the contractor and project engineer was held on September 5, 2018. The notice to proceed was issued with a start date of September 10, 2018. The contractor has been taking samples of sand clay gravel and sending submittals for engineer review and approval. He plans to start laying the drainage pipes the week of October 22nd. Work is estimated to be substantially completed by early January 2019.

PROPOSED ROAD TAXES 2019:

Ad Valorem Tax: The Council introduced 4 ordinances to create 4 road districts in the Parish at its meeting on September 17, 2018. A special meeting of the Council will be held on October 22, 2018 to conduct a public hearing on the ordinances, after which a vote would be taken on the creation of the districts. The tax revenues would be dedicated exclusively to the repair and improvement of Parish roads.

Sales Tax: As the Sales Tax District No. 2 ordinance was introduced previously, a public hearing and vote will be held at the regular meeting of the Council on October 15, 2018. The tax revenues would be dedicated exclusively to the repair and improvement of Parish roads.

The Council will decide which, if any, tax measures will be placed on the ballot for March 30, 2019.

Councilman, Paige, had some questions for Mr. Nowlin, "We need to know something about Payne Subdivision, where are we ever going to do any work on it, please let the community know? Parish President, replied, "We will get the work done Mr. Paige as soon as we have authorization from the State, that's who we're waiting on. Facility Planning has done their part as far as the planning and reviews, now it's in the hands of the Department of Administration, the Governor's Office and we're trying to get the authorization to advertise it for bids, that's the last step and we've been there for about four months now, since July."

Councilwoman, Hoover asked about the Legislative Audit that was completed on Fire District No. 1. for Parish President to please tell the public, what is the status on it and Councilwoman, Hoover, continued by saying, "I would like this Fire District 1 abolished or replace members who have created the problem that exist right now, the businesses and the people of Fire District 1 that are paying property taxes and Ad Valorem tax the people deserve a Fire rating their Insurance's is extremely off the charts, they have no rating a 10, one more question. Was there an Audit done? The Council is the Governing body for the Boards and can you please be kindly enough to tell us, where we're going with this, 2017 has passed, now we have gotten our response back from the Legislative Audit, let the people know, the people that I represent and Mr. Rachal has about 80 percent of that District, I represent Point Place and some others, people are calling me and talking about their Insurance, and Businesses are talking about how high their Insurance's. We need to know something so we can move forward, it's been just too long."

Parish President, responded, "I agree with you on quite a few things, Council Lady. It has been some problems, if I could point out, if you have read the Audit Report, you have a one page summary, but it's a twenty one page report, you can go to the Legislative Auditor web site. There were a number of people involved with the Administration, that were cited in the report, a number of them is no longer there, we may have at least one Board member there that was mentioned in the report that we should consider replacing, we've replaced the subjects that the investigation that has not been re-appointed as far as we knew about the ongoing investigation as it was being conducted, but we have submitted this over to The Office of The District Attorney for recommendations I participate very shortly, we're receiving those, as you point out, the Council does have the authority to remove people from the Boards and that is something we need to address probably at our next meeting. I don't want to make a blanket statement about the Board members, because in the last two years we appointed people

that's not part of the problem, they're trying to do the right thing there, so we do have some good members on the Board, we need to make sure those that created the problem are no longer in a position of authority."

Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "What about the Finances can we cease that account? Or can the Account be frozen until the Board be re-established? Parish President, replied, "I don't, I'm not sure we're want to freeze the account we have a Board that is operating, like I said before a number of good people are on the Board the problem cited in the Louisiana Legislative Audit report occurred before most of these people got on the Board. They're not continuing today, I don't we should freeze the Account and shut the Fire District down, because of some things that happened in the past." Councilwoman, asked, "There was not an Audit with the Fire District, so you're talking about money." And at that time the Parish President replied, I was talking about the Legislative Audit and you're talking about a Finance money Audit, I'm sorry." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Yes, I am." Parish President responded, "Absolutely that needs to be done, I agree and we'll push for that."

Chairman, Bedgood, asked, "How many are actually still on the Board when this occurred, Are any of those still on the Board? Parish President, replied, "Just one."

Chris Posey, came forward and said, he was trying to fight this for the last two years, there is two members that were on the Board at the time of the Investigation, the current Chairman of the Board Mr. Sanders and his two sons were involved in some of the allegations, but not allegations anymore and Mr. Roge' that's still on the Board the other four came on right after this. It's time to do something, there is people paying ungodly for Insurance because of the negligence of the people in the position now, because they won't take the initiative, people don't want to work with them."

Councilwoman, Hoover, asked "How many you said, that was not a part?" Mr. Posey, said, "About four of the six was not apart, you would have to check the status of two, two wasn't on there for sure, but the other two may have been, but not for sure on that, I do not know, there should be seven on the Board."

Councilman, Chris Paige begins, to speak, "You guys came time and time again and for us to have to sit here, it's like pulling a tooth, we need to be more transparent than that, at the next meeting I wish you would touch base on some of these things that needs to be touched on, I know I have it, I have received an Audit on some of the things that have occurred, but once again, these the public dollars and they have the right to know and we should not sit here and act like everything is alright, it's going to be taken care of and hush, hush and walk out the door, the people want to know they want to see a better response, we have to be clearer than this, that's just my approach to it, I hope no one gets offended, because this is not your money or my money, this is for the people. They are having holy hell out there with some of these Fire ratings and these people came, we had some very heated meetings, people got up and stormed out of here and now we have a finding, and now, I'm going to be quiet."

Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "We're not trying to do the criminal parts, we're just trying to do what we're suppose to do." Parish President, responded, "I would like to say a few things, I would be reminisce, if I didn't mentioned the leg work done, digging up the information for the Legislative Auditor, was done by the late, Harry Hawthorne, he spent a lot if hours and a lot of effort doing that, When you receive allegations of wrong doing, it has to be investigated and I'm reluctant to speak publicly or accuse people publicly of wrong

doings; however, convinced they have until I get the bases for it, so in July of 2017, I requested a Legislative Audit, What is the date on the Audit Ms. Hoover? it was on July 17, 2017, I sent it, and we're just getting it back, well I'm sure they are swamped with things across the State, so it took them 14 months or better to complete the Audit. We have it now, and we can do something with it."

Mr. Posey, asked, "Mr. Nowlin, you said it was turned over to the District Attorney Office, for further investigations, if I'm understanding of what Ms. Hoover has read earlier, that the Parish Council is the Governing body of the Fire Districts and The District Attorney is legal Counsel for the Council, correct? How can the District Attorney Office can further the investigation, to me that would be some form of, I may be wrong, conflict of interest, you're investigating yourself?"

Parish President replied, "That's not the case at all. There's two points here, this Governing Authority has the authority to put people on the boards and to take people off the boards, that's what they do, the Office of District Attorney can speak for themselves, but we're looking at other actions that the Office of the District Attorney can take on individuals, we can't do that only can remove them from the Boards." Mr. Posey, responded, "I understand all that, but aren't you all under the same umbrella?" At this time the Parish Attorney, replied, "Not quite under one umbrella, I would also add that the Sheriff's Office will take the lead on the investigation, and they would report to us if Mr. Harrington chooses to proceed with charges it will be done from there and this body would be the ones to remove any members of the Board." Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "You, said the Sheriff's Office?" Parish Attorney, replied, "On the investigation, yes, ma'am." Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Make me understand, the Sheriff's Office is investigating, is that's the job of the DA, Office?" Parish Attorney, replied, "No, ma'am it's the Sheriff's Office will investigate and we will prosecute."

Councilwoman, Hoover, stated, "I have a letter from Billy Jo right here, from his office on January 3, 2017, so I know what this Office, is to be done and I don't think the law has changed from when the Attorney, James, Rick Fair, Jr. gave this ruling with the DA office at this time, so, I know what it is what we are suppose to be doing at this time, and the law doesn't change." Councilman, Paige asked, "Is there going to be any monies paid back, restitution or whatever?" Parish Attorney, replied, "I can't answer that question right now." Councilman, Paige, responded, "That's why we need to be opened and up front by what's going on and let people know what's happening because if somebody is receiving money bogus we need to be able to say they pay the money back." Councilwoman Hoover, added, "And the DA will take care of the criminal part of it."

Ms. Carolyn Roy asked, "One of the things in the Audit there was no inventory on insurance premium that has been paid on inventory that was there or not? Have that been rectified?" Parish President replied, "No, not tonight, No." There was more discussion about this. There were no inventory of the vehicles that premiums was being paid for, they wasn't sure if they had the vehicles or not. There were about nine vehicles on the policy and they didn't know where those vehicles were. Parish President, replied, " they need to cancel those policies on the equipment they don't have." Councilman, Paige, responded, "That sounds like Public money from the Insurance company, let me just hush and leave it alone."

Chairman, Bedgood then moved to the next item.

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item is to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, September 17, 2018.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy 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, September 17, 2018.

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 then moved to the next item.

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

Council to consider Mr. Chris Post for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board.

At this time Councilman Paige, asked, "Are there any African Americans serving on that Board?" Parish President, replied, "not at that moment, I don't think. The ones that were serving resigned over the years." Councilman Paige, responded, "I represent about 85 percent plus African Americans and I certainly would like to see the Boards to reflect my community, as well. Please take that under consideration, when you submit some of these people, please, Sir." Parish President, replied, "Your point is well taken, and perhaps we might could do a better job in reaching out, I know we advertise the positions doing the time the advertisement was opened, we didn't receive any from the African American Community." Councilman, Paige asked, "We're there's a time period on it?" Parish President, responded, "It has to have some time period to get the information to Sheryl, so I think your point is well taken, we have appointed minorities to lots of Boards whenever we had the opportunity to do so. We advertise in The Natchitoches Times and Natchitoches Parish Journal."

Councilman Rachal, asked, "How many applied for this position?" Parish President responded, "We had three applications and one came in right after the decision had been made." Councilman Rachal, replied, "That's not what I was told. I was told by your Assistant that there wasn't a deadline and this lady who happens to be African American did get her application in on time." Councilman Paige, replied, "Look what, I'm saying he has all the right to submit anybody that he chooses and that's why I'm asking the question of please be fair, I'm not trying to cut you guys off, I just brought this to the forefront, when you look at Boards you would like it to reflect this community and that's all being fair." Parish President, replied, "That's what I generally do." Councilwoman, Hoover, responds by saying, "Mr. Nowlin, I'm with Mr. Rachal, I know that Ms. Moffett did in fact

put in an application, at this time, Councilman Rachal, replied, "That's not the name I got." Parish President said, "That was in a different Board, for Ms. Moffett." Councilman Paige, stated, "I don't want to get into calling names because you name wrong, and get the wrong person, but please be fair."

Mr. Jay Sharplin, from Sharplin Hotels, came to speak and he stated "I wished Chris could be here to defend himself tonight. I have an issue of Chris being on this Board right now, because there is an Attorney General's opinion being waiting right now for this Commissioners, Board person, against his company for not paying taxes and back taxes, it's a little bit hypocritical to say, I want to be in control of the money spent on a Board that I've not quite paid all the taxes. I think knowing there is an opinion out there from the Attorney General saying the one you owe the taxes and two he owe all the back taxes, when the Tax Commission put a notice on this two years ago, the Mayor was put on notice a year and a half ago; so this is not some fly by night deal, that just came up, again, it's very critical and conflict of interest and secondly , second issue is when pressure was put on him for paying this tax that they were not paying, saying ever thing is great, Low and behold, unless this is some new common core math that doesn't make sense, it's still not happening, this right here; so, I just want to let everyone on the Board know and Mr. Nowlin, know this is not right, this can become an issue with some criminal issue." Councilman, Paige, asked, "Mr. Nowlin were you aware?" Parish President responded, "I was aware that it was a dispute over the payment if taxes, I sit in the Natchitoches Tax Commission and I was one of the people that directed our Director/Tax Commissioner to assess the Taxes and collect them from the Corporation." Mr. Sharplin, replied, "He wrote a letter and said, basically, I'm not collecting the back taxes, you can stick it and that's what brought on the Natchitoches Tourist Commission to say we need taxes." Parish President, replied, "I wasn't aware of this." Councilman Paige, expressed how he felt by saying, "I'm sitting up here begging for someone to be African American that comes from my Community and we put-on, I was being nice about this, but I guess I just have to get stupid, this just ain't right." Councilman Paige said, "I'll make a motion for us to table it or you need to make the motion to table it until you find out more information, this just ain't right." Mr. Sharplin, said he would give a copy of all the information he has and Councilman Paige, replied, "Please do, give us a copy of it."

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Ward Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table Mr. Chris Post for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board.

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

Chairman, Bedgood then moved to the next item.

Council to consider Mr. David Guillet for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission 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 approves Mr. David Guillet for appointment to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission Board.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

First Introduction of proposed Ordinances.

Council to approve the Introduction Of Ordinance #027-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance #027-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 and making appropriations for each Department, Project, and Account.

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 then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider the Introduction of Ordinance #028-2018 to create a sale tax district 2 within the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the Parish) containing all or any portion of the territory contained within the present boundaries of the Parish.

Parish President gave a summary of the Sale Tax and the reasons for it because this tax will be shared by everyone even for those that doesn't own property.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal hat the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby introduce Ordinance #028-2018 to create a sale tax district 2 within the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the Parish) containing all or any portion of the territory contained within the present boundaries of the Parish.

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 then stated the next agenda item.

Public Hearings:

1. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 019-2018 for the removal of 203 feet Edward Adams Road from the Parish-maintained road system.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby be opened for the Public Hearing.

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

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

Discussion:

1. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 019-2018 for the removal of 203 feet at the end of Edward Adams Road from the Parish-maintained road system.

Mr. Edgar Cason has land behind this road and this is the only way he can get to it. And another resident with his nephew that lives out of State own several hundreds of acres back there and that's there only route. The only option in the Summer is to cross Flat Bayou when it's dry. He wants it to remain in the system.

Mr. Townsend explained, "It's two different land owners in the back that you're going to restrict because the person requesting this, is also requesting to put a Gate up and if you put a gate up, you control who enters and exists then they're going to deny these other persons access to their property and I'm not sure about that." Councilman Paige, said "When you take a road out of the system the people are not aware when you say take a road out you have to be mindful of what you're doing, because sometimes you land lock people and they can't get to their properties and things, that's why we have these public Hearings."

At this time Councilman Paige requested to come out of 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 close the Public Hearing.

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**

On motion by Councilman de Graffenried, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the Public Hearing up again and to stay in it until everything is discussed.

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

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

Chairman, Began again with the items.

2. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 020-2018 for the removal of 1361 Ft of Dubois Road to be removed from the Parish -maintained road system.
3. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 021-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 and making appropriations for account for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
4. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 026-2018 to reduce the speed limit to 10mph for 125ft in both directions originating from address 779 Cat Island Road in Cloutierville.

Discussion:

Ms. Bertha Delrie been calling for 3 years for her road to be done. Ms. Bertha pays utilities and her Grandson is wanting to move in the house, but you can't get to the house.

Clint Illes, Forester with Roy O' Martin just wanted to clarify if the Parish is able to fix the road where the landowners can use it and we can use it we will be a hundred percent in favor and agreed to that. If the Parish is not in a position to fix the road we need to be able to access it because we have a lot of timber we understand the sensitivity about other people needing to use the road too so all we ask is that we can get to our timber by the Parish road. If the Parish can't fix it, we would like to fix it and have written access with those landowners that need to use it, but ours first preference will be the same as the other landowners here that we want it to remain a public road.

Councilman Rachal, asked, "I think me and you spoke on the phone the other day, and I also went out there to look at the road, I saw where the road was washed out prior to 2015 and a road that was built around it, Who built that road? " Mr. Illes, replied, "We pushed a flat blade road around it to be able on our property not the Parish road for our hunting by season and management of the property." Councilman Rachal, continued, "If it was removed are your intentions are the company's intentions of putting a gate up?" Mr. Illes, replied, "No, Sir, that has been discussed, but there will not be a gate." Councilman Rachal, continued, "You guarantee it will not be a gate at any time?" Mr. Illes, responded, "Are you talking about from the Roy O' Martin property line to the end of Dubois road, we will put a gate pass that point on, our private road that goes back there, it's already a gate up." Councilman Rachal, replied, "Am I correct when you said that any landowner that has land that private road you would be willing for them to pass through, but you would dictate who came and went?" Mr. Illes, responded, "After we spoke, I did some research, I don't want to get above my pay grade and talking about legal stuff things, but I

done my research after I spoke with you; so what we can do, the landowners that will pass this point and we can do a personal servitude that will be for their full use of enjoyment and anybody that they invite in for that road." Councilman Rachal, "Will that put on a list that says check for that one." Mr. Illes, "No, they would assume liability for people who uses the road, it would not be a list, but the landowners and who they invite, they can use the road."

Councilman Paige, responded, "That's like a general agreement type deal, once we give you the authority to close the road you can do whatever you want to do to that road, and these poor people is going to be back up here hollering and we have sat up here like stupidity listening to all this, but, let me tell you, this doesn't make sense, if the road is in the Parish system now, I'm going to vote to keep it in the Parish system, all these people are not all up here today because of some agreement over the phone or back yard somewhere, now the bottom line of this is, I understand what you're saying, now if Mr. Martin, nice guy, if he wants to help with this situation, he can donate the material we got people that can do the work out there, if they're really concerned about the passing and getting the timber from there, that may be something you can go back and have a conversation with them about, because we do take donations, I guarantee Mr. Townsend would go out right away to fix it, but that agreement stuff in the next ten years you will go out and put up a chain fence up there man, people say you be hunting out there, I don't know." Mr. Illes, replied, "Mr. Paige if we got to that point we will do a form of document and I'm interested in hearing your other options as well."

Mr. Townsend, responded, "Mr. Bedgood it's not the matter of repairing that road, that road is washed completely out it has to be moved over on their property to make a go around and the only way to fix that road it has to be new construction of that go around on their property and the road can't be repaired as it is where's it at, Mr. Rachal has been out there, he has seen the washed out condition of the road, it has to be moved over, so it actually would be new construction."

Chairman, Bedgood, asked, "How did that road get in that bad of shape to start with, Did FEMA a give any money to fix that road?" Mr. Townsend, responded, "No, Sir, I had that researched today, there was no money, according to our records obtained on the Dubois road, now I have a record of what was spent on the Dubois road in the last 3 years dated back to 2015, there was a lot of work done on it in 2015 and washed back out in 2016 and it hasn't been repaired on that last half of a mile since 2016, it washed out then, so that's where we'll at."

Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "Was there a letter that was sent out to you all?" Everyone, said, No. there was more discussions on the road and Councilwoman Hoover said she would be voting , No to the people, that's what the people want.

Parish President had a discussion with Mr. Illes, "If the Council voted it down, maybe we can do a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish and Roy O' Martin if Roy O' Martin can help us financially we'll be glad to work with you to see if we can improve that road, it may include a little distance right away where you put that round around in there to get the road in there it will stay in the system and you would get a road."

Michael Dubois not in favor of the road being taken out of the road system and would like the Parish to fix the road and asking the Roy O' Martin Representative to withdraw their request in closing the road. Mr. Dubois wanted to know why the Parish let the road get like that and won't fix the road. Why did the Parish and workers let this road get in this condition from the start. Mr. Dubois, said, "I called and Earl Townsend said the only way I can get the road fix was to give it

to the Timber Company, owned by Roy O' Martin, because the Parish didn't have the money to do so." Mr. Michael reads more concerning Dubois road, but it all comes down to keeping Dubois Road in the road system as a public road.

Adrian Knighton wanted to say if Roy O' Martin has a financial loss why in the heck they can't take their money and put with the Parish to help the Parish fix the road and the property can be re-established. Mr. Knighton also pointed out that the water, which is supplied by the Lena Water System is cut off because of the road washed out and the Lena water system will not fix the water supply to that house until you fix the road, this makes the house unlivable."

Denise Dubois, which Michael Dubois is her husband and she just wanted to say, "The water pipes has been exposed and busted up they told Bertha that they would not replace those water pipes if Roy O' Martin has access to that road, it has to be a public inside Parish road, and that will be another whole issue to look at and they have stop grading our road going pass our house to Lester's house, it's about to become the same situation as the other."

Lester Guin' "The rocks on that road is from where my daddy put out there and my daddy kept the road up, now I have a Toyota 4 wheel drive and can't get through there. If they just would have kept grading it would have never washed, and do the ditches you have to grade the roads to keep it up."

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

3. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 021-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 and making appropriations for account for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Ms. Harris, "I'm not sure about the item on here but the Childcare and Adult Care food program is the program we use to feed the children at Head Start, based on what I'm reading it time to submit that application. Councilman Paige, responded, "I don't know, Ms. Harris I might have to vote on that one, they might want to starve the children, there's no telling, there's a couple down here may vote against it."

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

4. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 026-2018 to reduce the speed limit to 10mph for 125ft in both directions originating from address 779 Cat Island Road in Cloutierville.

Mr. Joseph Metoyer came to speak on lowering the speed because he has a son that is autistic, he talked to the Parish they came out and put a sign, which says Autistic Child, but people continue to speed by there. He has called the Police, but they can't do anything because there is no posted speed limit on that road. The speed limit on that road now is 35. He just wants the speed reduced.

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 the Public Hearing.

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 then stated the next agenda item.

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

1. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 019-2018 for the removal of 203 feet at the end of Edward Adams Road from the Parish-maintained road system.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, hereby leave it in the Parish Road system.

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

Ayes: Councilman Paige
Ayes: Councilman Rachal
Ayes: Councilwoman Hoover

At this point Councilman de Graffenried said you don't have to make a motion only thing you do is to offer it and second and everyone vote No. There was a confusion between Councilman Paige and words was said between Council members and on the third try the following happened.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilwoman Patsy Hoover that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, hereby Adopt Ordinance 019-2018 to remove 203 ft of the Edward Adams Road from the Parish road system.

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

Nayes: Councilman Paige
Nayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman Rachal
Nayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Nayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Didn't Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

2. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 020-2018 for the removal of 1361 Ft of Dubois Road to be removed from the Parish -maintained road system.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, hereby Adopt Ordinance 020-2018 for the removal of 1361 Ft of Dubois Road to be removed from the Parish -maintained road system.

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

Nayes: Councilwoman Hoover
Nayes: Councilman Rachal
Nayes: Councilman Paige
Nayes: Councilman de Graffenried
Nayes: Councilman Bedgood **Motion Didn't Passed**

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

3. Council to consider the Adoption of Ordinance 021-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 and making appropriations for account for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal hat the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Adopt Ordinance 021-2018 a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 and making appropriations for account for the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

4. Council to consider Adoption of Ordinance 026-2018 to reduce the speed limit to 10mph for 125ft in both directions originating from address 779 Cat Island Road in Cloutierville.

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 Ordinance 026-2018 to reduce the speed limit to 10mph for 125ft in both directions originating from address 779 Cat Island Road in Cloutierville.

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

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

Other Agenda Items:

Council to consider authorizing the Purchasing Agent to seek sealed bid proposals for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway, Solid Waste and Head Start Departments.

On motion by Councilman Russell Rachal, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorizing the Purchasing Agent to seek sealed bid proposals for materials and supplies for the Parish Highway, Solid Waste and Head Start Departments.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to Execute Agreements with Natchitoches Humane Society and Hope for Paws for the implementation of spay/neuter program.

Parish President responds by saying, "The Parish budget on the Health Unit includes a certain amount for Animal control, but we haven't given them any money because we don't have an agreement, the Auditors requires an agreement for us to move that money over, it's \$10,800 a year, \$900.00 a month."

Councilman Rachal, asked, "Has that money been just remaining on the books or been using it for something else?" Parish President, replied, "No, it was in the budget that was adopted last year and we just had never spent the money."

Councilman Paige, replied, "This is something new they haven't taken money from the Health Unit for that particular section somebody has found a legal way to help the animals, which, I'm not opposed to it, but as long as it's not interfering with the services at the Health Unit."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to Execute Agreements with Natchitoches Humane Society and Hope for Paws for the implementation of spay/neuter program.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing Parish President to submit a CWF application (WATER APPLICATION) for Hagewood in the amount of \$9,020 dollars.

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize Parish President to submit a CWF application (WATER APPLICATION) for Hagewood in the amount of \$9,020 dollars.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to approve appointments and re-appointments for
Community Representatives for Head Start Policy Council.

Rose Rock- Appointment-Early Childhood Representative
Sherica McDaniel-Re-Appointment
Kecia McConathy-Re-Appointment
David Dollar-Re-Appointment

Councilwoman Hoover stated, "No one from the Grantee serves on that Board. Are you planning on putting someone from the Council or Grantee on that Board?" Parish President replied, "Yes, we can do it next month or we can amend the Agenda and do it now." Councilwoman Hoover, replied, "You can do it next month."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Chairman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby appointments and re-appointments for Community Representatives for Head Start Policy Council.

Rose Rock- Appointment-Early Childhood Representative
Sherica McDaniel-Re-Appointment
Kecia McConathy-Re-Appointment
David Dollar-Re-Appointment

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to submit applications for Capital Outlay projects.
Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Councilwoman Hoover wanted to know about Bermuda road we submitted an application already under the Capital Outlay what is the status of the capital Outlay projects?

Parish President, replied, "The Bermuda road was not included in the State Capital Outlay Bill, we propose to re-submit all of those again this year. Before you vote, in the last few days I received information about Marco Road it's down in the South end of the Parish, dead end road with a lot of farm land, the river down there is caving in, it has already been relocated once and its about to cave in again. If it does a lot of farmers will be cut off, I would like for you to consider it with the addition of Marco Road. The cost would be around \$300,000, the State would put up 75 percent and the Parish would put up 25 percent, if it's funded. If you find not to put it on the list, that's fine too, just wanted to put it out there, before you vote on it."

Councilwoman Hoover, asked, "That's in District 5 and you have which one already in there?" Councilman Rachal, replied, "Harmony Road." Councilwoman Hoover, continued by repeating, "Harmony Road" Chairman, Bedgood was asking about a list of roads, it was given out to the Council.

Councilwoman Hoover, stated, "I hear you're asking for Marco Road but we have had Fish Hatchery road and they have been on there for ever; so I will have to go for not voting for that cause we need to Fish Hatchery road has been there asking forever so I think they should be on the list before Marco and ever body knows how bad Fish Hatchery road is, I'm not for it, all those roads has been waiting forever."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby authorize the Parish President to submit applications for Capital Outlay projects all listed projects except Marco Road.

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

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

Chairman, Bedgood then stated the next agenda item.

Council to consider a discussion of proposed health insurance plans for FY 2019.

There was a discussion with Ms. Cathy Creamer and James Sandefur with the Council to discuss Health, Vision, Dental, Retirees, and Access Health.

Ms. Creamer begins by saying, "Blue Cross and Blue Shield has quoted us a 4% increase, which we haven't had in a very long time for Health. Blue Cross Blue Shield gave us 2 options for dental 6% increase and they want raise us next year or 4% increase and next year we would have to see what our rates will be.

The other Insurance's like Humana, United Health care, and PGRM refused to give quotes the Parish for Insurance. James Sandefur spoke on some large claims that we don't have anymore is why we was offered a 4% percent.

Access is increasing 0.70 cents a month per person. Advantage we don't have for Retirees. it will be the first of next month.

Visitors for Non Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Greg Lemoine an ex-employee of the Parish begins by saying "I fist want to voice my support for Mr. Dean Runnels he's a fine fellow, very knowledgeable with the codes he taught some of the classes I took and preparations for the test. He will do you a fine job, and you will not regret Mr. Dean Runnel. I want to address some of the slander and comments going around town on me. I've been drugged through the mud and there has been lies told to me and lies told about me. Reading the paper is the first indication I got that we was going into Executive Session to discuss misconduct, I would have liked to be informed about this, I would like to know what I'm accused of, someone in

the administration said, "I don't have to tell him anything about this," because I'm the subject to be discuss in Executive Session, I would like to be there, because I have a lot of questions, I don't know what happened. I know the Administration doesn't want me to be there, but I plan to, because I got some questions for you-all or you-all have questions from me. I have never been afraid of the truth, I'll tell it as long as someone stands to listen. I'm tired of being run through the mud, tired of being talked about, tired of being lied to, and lied about; so let's air all of this out, in Executive Session. Do you-all have a problem with me being there, anybody?"

Councilwoman, Hoover wanted to ask a question, "I was always under the impression that if you go into Executive Session that you had to be an employee to talk about the employee, but you're not an employee any more so you have the option of discussing it openly because we're talking about you, you have that option, and I stand to be corrected, by my other Council members because definitely want to be in order, that you can publicly can say whatever you have to say, because you're just a public person so we can just discuss it in the open, if that's your choice."

Mr. Lemoine, replied, "I checked with my friends in Baton Rouge and what you said is true, but the Administration can either request or allow me to be there." Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "Can we vote across this table?"

Parish President responded, "There were some questions at the last Council meeting about Mr. Lemoine departure and I agreed to address some of the questions in the Executive Session, I had the item put on the Agenda for the purpose of me updating you on the Parish investigation of this whole matter, I consulted with the Parish Attorney and was told that the State Law says an employee has the right to sit in on an Executive Session if you're questioning his conduct, character, or Mental Health and of course, I don't intend to do any of that. We're simply going into Executive Session to discuss the status of the investigation into the Planning and Zoning Department and activities this year and that's it and for that reason I was specifically told by Counsel that the Executive Session could be closed to all members of the public except the Council and the Clerk." Councilwoman, Hoover, asked, "Can we say what we need to say right now, because I had a couple questions and it's not for an Executive Session it's just a question?" Parish President, replied, "I think you're probably free to carry on whatever conversation you wish too with Mr. Lemoine, but I don't intend too participate."

Mr. Lemoine, replied, "That's really interesting, what about all this clarity and honesty and transparency." Parish President, replied, "I'm prepared to discuss the investigation and the events surrounding it, that involves the Planning and Zoning Department this year and that investigation is for the Council only, it wasn't called to discuss Mr. Lemoine necessarily."

Councilwoman, Hoover, replied, "Again, I'm like Mr. Greg, and I'm not going to go into, but here we represent the people of this Parish and we want to be transparent in whatever, we have

all of this that is out there and we want to show transparency here, I don't have, that what we suppose to do, that's why we were elected to do, to show some transparency so if we have nothing to hide ,then, I don't understand all of this, why are discussing, to be fair, if he's not going to be able to come in the session and to hear actually what is being said."

Mr. Lemoine, expressed, "I don't feel like I was treated fair."

Councilman, Paige replied, "I'm going to make a couple of comments, I'm not here to help anybody to say anything, the way I see it, though my understanding what is going on here is that the Office of Planning and Zoning, and Mr., Nowlin, is the individual that appoints the individual that manages the position and upon the dismissal, he has the right to do so as well. In the past when we were under the old form of Government we would have Executive Session and have individuals and all parties involved to come forth, that type of thing. It's a new day now, and if this is the wishes, I think at that last meeting, told Mr. Nowlin, I'm not one to pick up these papers because they always lie on me in the papers and try to paint me as an individual that my people don't know me as, so, they know how I feel that way and when they edit different things in their paper, I know who exactly who I am, as far as the fact Mr. Lemoine had put some letters and things in the paper, there's a letter to the Editor and various things, I never read it or entertain it, I wanted to hear what happened and I told Mr. Nowlin, at the meeting that this Council need to be a breath and not hearing it in the streets or Wal-Mart he has the responsibility to give it to us the five people that are serving and, I think, I mentioned to Ms. Roy, the day after the meeting, that I had a problem with abruptly being dismissed from duty or whatever, you know in that particular position we found how sensitive it is, you just can't find an individual that can do that type of work just by a whim, out tomorrow and replacing, we had to call a special meeting it was delays in transactions and businesses because of it, I don't think it made a big damper on it, I hope it didn't, where we are now and I want to hear from Mr. Nowlin about what the reasoning and things I don't know as far as the individual, Mr. Lemoine if he plans to say anything about you that type of thing, that person should be able to look the accuser in the eye about something, but, even if you go into Executive Session if no action taken, there is no comment to be made, relating to you, now if something is related we must state when we come out of the session in the way, I'm understanding it, now I don't know the intent of it to just bring us up to date on the managing of that office, now I'm surprised to see you here tonight, Mr. Greg it's always good to see you, and you know how I feel about you, my thing is that we're at a crossroad now that he has been relieved of his duties as that individual and that upon the choosing, by the President of the Parish, I think we need to go forth and hear from Mr. Nowlin, and if he's talked with the legal minds, to say that he just wants the Council and the Clerk, here for our reasoning, I think that we should move forward with, now I don't have a problem hearing whatever you have to say, Mr. Greg, I think you have the rights to do so and that's where, I'm at with it, you know in the olden days I'll be jumping up and down and shouting, if he wants the meeting open to let the public hear what you has to say, I'll be

jumping up and down to say that, but I don't think the Home Rule Charter allows that, it allows the President to dictate on who he hires and who he fires in that particular position so I think it's for us to move forward and to allow Mr. Nowlin to explain, now some of you guys may be privilege to know what has happened, but I don't know." at that time Mr. Lemoine said, "I don't no either, and then he said, "Don't role your eyes at me Nowlin." Councilman Paige continues, "A lot has been said, but we need to clarify this and move on as a Parish, plain and simple, I wish you no harm at all, Mr. Lemoine and I wish you well in your endeavor."

Mr. LeMoine, replied, "I am a human being, I'm not perfect, I make mistakes, I make a lot of them, Hell, I probably made some today and I'll make some tomorrow, I'll tell you what my mistakes were, but I feel that the Administration made some mistakes jumping to conclusions with a very careless and reckless handling of the truth some bald face lies to my face, lies about me to the public, look I'll take all the heat you want to give me for something I done, don't make up anything, don't jump to conclusions, don't exaggerate, you know that comment a mighty thin slice of ham doesn't have two sides to it, What about my side? No one wants to hear my side, I'll admit my mistakes and I'll take the heat for them, but don't blow it up and quit slandering my name in profession all I got to sell is my knowledge of the Building Codes and my reputation, you all wanted me run off, I'm run off, ok, I'm gone, I'm not coming back, I don't want to come back, but stop running me down, you want me gone you got it, do whatever you want to do now, but leave me alone, stop running me down, stop slandering my name, because I'm about to run out sense of humor here, I wish you all no ill will, like I said Mr. Dean Runnels is going to do you a fine job the Department is going to click right along, one monkey don't stop no show, the department is going to run without me, but I don't like the way I was run off, I never got a chance to tell my side, look in my files, How many times have I been reprimanded over the years? How many times have I been Counseled? How many times I've been sent home without pay? None. I went from fat, dumb and happy, to out the door, I wasn't counseled, no letters or nothing, the one time I was Counseled is when Mr. Nowlin told me to come in his office and tell my daughter to stop putting stuff on Social Media about somebody that worked at the Live Oak Building at that time I was accused of being rude and abusive to the Staff over there and that is not true, what I did do I chose to ignore my antagonist, Ms, Creamer right here, in the room, when I did had to speak to this person, I said, "Please, Thank You, and Yes, ma'am and No ma'am, I was nothing but polite she heard me and admitted it to him. Tired of the lies you-yal, you got what you want, I'm gone, stop lying on me, getting real close to slander."

Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "Don't say, you-y Chairman, Bedgood, replied, "Don't say, you-yal, because I didn't know nothing about it, until the meeting that night, and I still don't know anything."

ou-yal, because I didn't know nothing about it, until the meeting that night, and I still don't know anything."

Mr. Lemoine, continued, "The attorney that suppose to defend me never spoke to me, it's in the Administrative section of the International Building Codes which we adopted as the Police Jury for that section is in effect. I suppose to be immune from criminal, civil, and prosecutions any wrong doings done without malice. That wasn't never research it's in effect. The next paragraph supposed to be defended by the DA office, I was not. How can you ever defend someone you never speak to? How can you accuse someone without speaking to them? I found this out from reading the paper, that's what I'm talking about. You wanted me gone, I'm gone, stop running me down, it's not necessary, I'm not coming back, I think it's real convenient that you can hide behind fine print and Home Rule Charter and have your little sitee without me, fine, do what you want. The mistakes I've made, I'll own up to them and admit them, I'll shout them from the roof top, just remember that Ham has two sides to it."

Councilwoman, Hoover said, "Mr. Greg, I just want to tell you How much I appreciate everything you have done for this Parish, this is the largest Parish and you have ran from the North, South, East, and West for the little bit of money you worked for and I appreciate you, I know that you have a heart of Gold, where you tried to reach out and help people, this is what disturbs me to see somebody reach out to try to help people, that's what we suppose to do is to help people and it hurts me as a Council member to see hands tied, can't help you, but I know you, I was around a long time as well and I see the work that you do and the phone calls that you make when we call you about certain things that's going on and how you reach out to people and I just wanted to say, I appreciate you, I don't understand and I don't understand why when it happened, why it wasn't reported to us, if it happened way back then, why haven't it's been reported to us, that's what I have a problem with, because we should know, what is going on. If you know something and you don't report something that's the law, If you see somebody kill someone and don't report it, well, you're an accessory or if you knew something that was going on and they didn't report it, seems like somebody is in malfeasance they didn't report it either, so you're taking the fall, I don't think you should take the fall by yourself."

Mr. Lemoine, responded, "I got a list of technical violations by the length of my arm, I have a bunch of them, waving permit fees for disasters, didn't have the paperwork from the Council, technical violation, there is a bunch of them, go back to March, 2016 flood, probably a hundred of them there, your house burns down, I waive the permit fee, didn't have the authority to do it. Technical violation, somebody spoon fed a list of permit numbers to my antagonist and everyone of those permits were the ones I waived fees for disasters, What a coincidence they happen to get the exact permit number, right,? That didn't pass the smell test, in my books. Yes, I'm guilty of technical violations for helping people. If you're going to be technical on that, well, I guess technically I can't be in Executive Session."

There was clarifying of information, between Councilwoman, Hoover and Councilman, Chris Paige. Councilwoman, Hoover, thought Councilman, Paige asked for Mr. Lemoine to be in an Executive Session, and that's when Councilman, Paige corrected

her and told her he asked for an Executive Session but not with an individual being present.

Mr. Lemoine, replied, "You can look at my phone, I turned in and the text on that phone says, "I just want this to end, I want a clean break, and by the way that text reference a lie that was told to me, by the Executive Assistant, that Victor Jones banned me from the Courthouse, I couldn't come in until after four thirty, Victor Jones, says different, he told me on two occasions. So that's a bald face lie, I'm tired of people lying about me and running me down."

On motion by Councilwoman Patsy Hoover, duly seconded by, Councilman Russell Rachal hat the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby go into Executive Session

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

After discussions concerning the Executive Session and back into Regular Session doors were opened there was no actions taken on the matter, it was only a briefing and in the 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