

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY,**  
**June 17, 2019**  
**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, June 17, 2019 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 Chairman Rodney Bedgood and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Russell Rachal.

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

Absent: Patsy Hoover.

The Parish Council Clerk at this time would like to amend the agenda to add a item:

1. Council to consider approving a six-month extension of the agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Waste Connections for the use of the Parish Solid Waste Transfer Station.

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: Council to consider approving a six-month extension of the agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Waste Connections for the use of the Parish Solid Waste Transfer Station

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item was to recognize any invited guests.

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next agenda item we will hear the report of the Public Works Director, Mr. John Richmond. Mr. Richmond had already sent all his written but gave a brief update on the road work and culverts that was changed out or repaired. Mr. Richmond asked for any questions or concerns.

Chairman, Bedgood wanted to know if some wash gravel can be put on some of those hills. Mr. Richmond, replied, "Yes, we can, but it will double the cost of the road base that we use, and the road base is holding quite good on the hills." Mr. Richmond, told Chairman Bedgood, to give him a list of those hills and he'll check into it, Chairman, Bedgood, informed him, he had already called them in.

Councilman, de Graffenried, wanted to address something that he's been holding since April and now he's wanting to deal with something that he's wanting to ask him. He passed out some copies of pictures off Mr. Richmond Facebook Page. Councilman, de Graffenried, begins, "See on your Facebook post, you had a road fixing party, I don't know where

this was, but it was right after the storm, you had Parish employees come out and you worked on some roads, I appreciate the fact you get out of the office and you can be seen and people can know you're taking care of the roads or culverts or something."

Mr. Richmond, replied, "This was on White Oak Lane, where there is relatively new asphalt that's there, we were trying to save the road and not cut through that new asphalt and that's what you see there. What we did, we cut the old culvert, put on some bands and extended those culverts out and did about 90 percent of it in one day and went back the next day to press it out."

Councilman, de Graffenried, "I'm happy you're getting out the office and doing something and things." During this time Councilman de Graffenried passed out another picture from Mr. Richmond Facebook page. Councilman, de Graffenried, continues, "This is where my problem comes in and my question, is, How are you're going to maintain being a well differentiated leader and you're running for Parish President and your also heading the road Department so whether you fix a road or you don't fix a road it's going to look political and here when we get this picture where you've taking something that's helpful and something very public and you turned it into a campaign advertisement; so, now I wonder if we have Parish employees is helping you campaign? Do you see where I get confused? Where is the dividing line between fixing a road and campaigning and that leads me to my question? In this Parish when someone in the Sheriff's Department is running for office, they would have to take unpaid leave. When somebody in the District Attorney's Office is running for office, they take unpaid leave, are you going to take unpaid leave?"

Mr. Richmond, response was, "I hadn't plan on it Doug, I... and at this time Councilman Paige came in with a question, "What do our policy say for that type of thing or situation, or what do the Home Rule Charter says, you should not attack, not attack, I didn't say the right word." Councilman, de Graffenried, replied, "I just asked a question." Councilman Paige, replied, "That's why, I want to ask one, now. What do our policy say, the legally, before we go marching down this trail?" Councilman, de Graffenried, replied, "I don't know that the District Attorney or the Sheriff or anyone has a policy that's written, I don't know if we have a policy, I'm asking an integrity question right now." Councilman Paige, responded, "Mr. District Attorney, also I see that happening across the streets the City Council, I don't know about the school board or other places, if we need to address something we need to look at the legality of it, as far as we sit here as policy makers, now, if it's something we need to put in the policy for this body, we need to look at that, but to say a Department Head for the Parish or the City of Natchitoches or the School Board, whatever it may lie, it needs to be addressed, and one time only, and then the integrity as you speaking, being involved in Politics, you need to go in the black community and see how, they come up with bags of money, to buy people and they always do that, because they buy signs and pay people qualifying fee, people pretty much know who they are, so when we enter this discussion let's make sure we trail down the road, where we try to make some accomplishments rather than say, to him or to any individual to look in the mirror and say, What do you feel where your loyalty should lie, you know whatever. Bark down that road, legally, what rules and what grounds we stand on as a public body on what the policy say."

Councilman, de Graffenried, replied, "This is the first time this group has to deal with this, matter fact the only thing that I've been able historically to find out when Louie Bernard was Parish Administrator and ran for Clerk of Court, that's the only parallel we have, so we don't have any policies and I don't know if we're the ones

who sets the policy, that might be from the Executive Branch, I don't know so, I yield to the Parish Attorney too? Councilman, Paige, continues, "Especially a Department Head, because we're talking about the integrity of the whole foundation that governs us and it really needs to be address instead of people sitting here playing politics and not telling the truth and letting the community know what's going on, because it's happening on a large scale, when we talk about fair elections, we've seen it time and time again in this community, that's why I want to make sure that we don't go too far with this."

Parish President, asked, "Can, I interject something if I may? It's always a concern with someone holds a public position in office, the first question, are they campaigning on the job? And the answer to that is they should not be. I don't know about this taking leave without pay, I know Senators and Representatives runs for re-election without doing that. I ran for my election for Parish President and tried hard not to campaign you have a certain to be a public servant and you have a certain time to campaign. I think me and Mr. Richmond has had this discussion before as far as I know he's trying very hard not to campaign, no literature or discussion with people about the elections, he can speak more to that, because I don't follow him around. I think a point of using a photograph taking at a work environment, it's worth addressing, but taking leave without pay to run for re-election or run for an office, may be a little much. I don't think it violates State policy."

Councilman, de Graffenried, "You just did oranges to apples, you talk about when you done it as an elected official, he's not elected, he's an employee of the Parish, it would be like Sheryl was running for some office, we would have to look and there would have to be some type of determination in turns of fairness and in turns of the law and terms of protecting Mr. Richmond integrity. This is a good thing, (pointing at picture 1) and this is a good thing, (pointing at picture 2), but you can say wait a minute did the Parish pay for this?"

Mr. Richmond begins, "Two things, Let's back all the way back to the beginning before I ever made a decision to enter into this race, I called Billy Jo Harrington, I called the DA, what do I need to do here? I specifically asked about the leave of absence and I'll be quite candid with you, I told him, I told Billy Jo, I really need my job, I would like to keep my job, I'm not going to be campaigning on Parish time or anything related to that no literature handouts, not speaking, no nothing and these were his words, I hate to put words in his mouth, but given this situation, he said, "If you need an opinion on it, just ask me, I feel very comfortable we can render an opinion on that, you don't have to leave your job to run for office, as long as there is no campaigning on public time. Now let's jump forward the first picture, that's a page where I was trying to give some "Atta Boys" to some hard-working men, you notice there is no faces in the picture, they didn't want them. I said, "At least let me take pictures of your boots, people need to see you out here doing work and their pretty modest guys they said, ok. There's no cropping there they truly did not want to exist. And this picture, the second picture, and this did come from my campaign team, this is what I call my campaign team a group of 4 to 5 volunteers friends that I have and one of them put this out, thought it was a nice thing to do, if we think this was not a good place to go, that's not an issue with me at all backing that up and establishing that line, I certainly don't want to cross the line at all. This something that came out from the campaign team, this is something I myself published, myself on Facebook just as a kudos to the guys who did the job."

Councilman Doug de Graffenried, replies, "Those boundaries and even yesterday, the guy at church, I shouldn't have told him who you were, that was like

a, I shouldn't have done that, I should have just let the poor man sit in the back of the church and be, these boundaries are mushy, they are really mushy and I hope he didn't bother your pre-service meditation to badly." Mr. Richmond, responded, "I don't have a problem talking to people." Councilman de Graffenried, continues, "It seems like, that we just don't realize and my concern was you're going to get into this thing whether a road gets fixed or doesn't get fixed or a motor grader is sent out or not sent out, how are we going to keep those integrities so people can say, he didn't do my yard." Mr. Richmond, replied, "I totally understand and I don't disagree with you, I will say that the priorities will stay the same and those priorities is whether I'm running for a position or not, I tell this to people all the time, because they will recognize me and they will say, Hey aren't you that guy running for office? And I will say, "Yes, but I'm here fixing your road and we can talk about that later and we're not going to talk about it today that happens plenty times in people front yards when, we have to go knock on their door to let them know that you're about to tear up the road in front of their house or dig up a culvert in front of their house, those type of things happens and they're going to happen, whether it was you guys, Mr. Nowlin, or me or any public official that's elected or not it's going to happen and if it's needs to be a hard fast line, let's determine where the hard fast line is and maybe ask the DA for an opinion, I'm not sure." Councilman, de Graffenried, responded, "An we're not sure either this is the first time for us as well, we might need to write an Ordinance, I don't know." Councilman, Paige gave examples of others who was running for office and now you have people in positions that are running, now how can you stand up and say it wasn't political?

Councilman Rachal, replied, "Those are all good questions, but I have heard from different people, they asked me have we done anything different from where we started, this has nothing to do with you getting the work started, I have nothing against you for that, but you know it's election time and you know how rumors gets started, but the thing is, Why can we all of a sudden do things now when we couldn't never do it in the past? They say, well it was because he puts on there be sure, when they call complaining, be sure you call 357-2200 get that on; so, I can come out there tomorrow, that don't look good." Mr. Richmond, replied, "I don't say so I can out there tomorrow." Councilman, Rachal, replied, "So, I can get out there." Mr. Richmond, replied, "I tell them to put it on our work list." Councilman, Rachal, responded, "But we haven't changed nothing, the way we report roads, but all of sudden there is work starting to get done hand over fist." Mr. Richmond, replied, "Can, I answer your question?" Councilman Rachal, "Sure, I hope you would, because I've been asked the same questions." Mr. Richmond, replied, "Let me help you with an answer. There's are two big reasons for that. I'm not going to roll the bus over any of my predecessors on how they ran their business in the Highway Department, that's how they ran their business in the Highway Department, I run things differently the culture is different, and that culture is different and you know that in any business or any organization the culture will slowly evolve or slowly change, that culture is better now than it was a couple of months ago, three or four months ago, it's not as good as it going to be in four or five or six months, it's ever revolving, but that's the soft part of it. The hard number part of it you can ask the budget director we haven't over step any of our major budget caps we haven't step outside with numbers what we've done is some strategic pricing on materials for example, I mentioned one earlier, washed gravel for decades has been the answer to everything, wash gravel is \$29.50 a ton, and \$29.50 I can buy out of Texas only a 15 minutes more a haul distance than the other place we were getting our road base material from, I can buy road base material, DOTD certified for \$13.50 a yard a yard weighs almost a ton and a half, so obviously paying this makes a difference we have also

gone to the trouble of going out in our site doing some test spots, in our sites and around the Parish so we can mix bottom ash, we found the right mixture of bottom ash, I'm getting a little technical, but you need this for the answer, bottom ash and the road base material and it binds up and it holds beautifully, \$13.50 a ton for the road base material and \$6.50 for the bottom ash now I'm looking at a combine rate of about \$10.00 dollars verses \$30.00 dollars. I can put down 3 times more material on the ground for the same dollar so we're taking advantage of doing that. We also and you may have heard me or you may not have heard me we don't grade roads anymore we work roads, we pull ditches, we clean culverts, pull things to the middle and that's a learning process for our guys they are not great or perfect at it yet but they're getting better at it and as we do that, what happens is now a sudden the repeat offenders roads whenever I got there we was going back every week and now we're not going back there every week, we're going back there once a month and sometimes every six weeks, that's where we're making the difference, that's how we're getting more work output out the same dollars and the same manpower. Where's there's a will, there's a way and I just had to find the way. I hope that's helpful?"

Councilman Rachal, reply was, "Like I told you it has been a drastic improvement and I'm glad it is, and it's well appreciated, but I just had been asked those questions; so, I was going to ask you the same thing. I couldn't answer them." Mr. Richmond, stated, "I hope that helped?" Councilman Rachal replied, "It does help, but I do have another question, I sent you that list where you got the money to hire that Operator 3 and you told me based on the funding for that person, I'm not going to mention that person name, but from the cost saving of the dismissal of the previous road maintenance supervisor and the Interim Director of Public Works and anticipated the savings in equipment budget line item for the equipment, now according to what I'm looking at, How much savings are we anticipating for that equipment for the budget line item?"

Mr. John Richmond, replied, "It's a \$100,000-line item the last time I saw it we've moved \$50,000 out and we have \$50,000 left in that budget line item." Councilman, Rachal, responded, "But according to what I'm looking at right here in the March 18 approved budget revision line 400500 equipment rentals is increased by \$86,609 that's not saving, that's an increase." Mr. Richmond, responded, "That's a different budget line item. One is the equipment rental and one is for new equipment purchases. I thought I made that clear in the last meeting or maybe I didn't. There are separate line items." Councilman, Rachal, stated, "I knew that's an increase and I was trying to figure out where it came from." Mr. Richmond, responded, "Why's there's an increase there is an inclusion in that line item for all the maintenance associated with all of those graders, but I understand your specific questions but it's two different line items, one that has the maintenance for the graders and one is the bottom line at the end of the budget there was a hope that it will be maybe the ability to buy some new equipment at the end of the year and \$50,000 of that money has been moved and the decision was to buy no new equipment because we can't afford the personnel to put on the equipment; so, we'll just hang tight and move that money as needed, but with luck, we might not need as much but the previous Public Works Director with his leaving covered 4 to 6 months of those person's salary already. Those were some great questions, thank you for giving me the opportunity to answer, call me anytime."

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. Councilman Paige, asked, "Are you running for any political office?" Ms. Harris told him no, she didn't have time.

There was no questions or concerns.

Chairman, Bedgood, then recognizes Parish Treasurer Ms. Julie Lockhart Let the Council know all her reports were mailed out to the Council members. Julie, stated, "I also sent out an email asking if anyone had any questions before the meeting, the audit is going and I feel we're at the end of it, we're answering questions at this time for the 2018 audit, so any suggestions, questions, if you need anything just call and if I don't know the answer, I'll tell you I don't know the answer but if you've give me a little time, I'll find out what I'm needing to know."

Councilman Paige, responded, "I don't know who sent out the email or anything, to ask questions before meetings and that's not to allow people to ask questions... at this time Ms. Julie Lockhart, said, "No, No, and Councilman, Paige, stated, "No, not you but someone or somewhere that came, it started somewhere but I surely think it should go away, because the public has spontaneous questions they would like to ask sometimes all this writing some letter and sending some questions over before you get here to answer any Department Head should be ashamed of themselves to that, that's just not right."

Ms. Julie, replied, "I understand, and I did have a question and I obviously wouldn't have been able to answer it right then, it took me a day to at least get back to you, so that's because I'm learning, and two is that I have to make sure, I'm not ever just going to give you an answer, saying oh sure that's the answer if I don't know, definitely that's the answer."

Parish President, responded, "It's should be obviously that the Council or anybody can ask questions at any time, you don't have to give advance notice of the questions the point of that person was, if you're asking a question it's going to take a lot of research and printing out a lot of data or information if we had it in advance we could be prepared to answer whether to we'll get back to you we want to answer the questions at the meetings and every time we can we should, but don't ever hesitate to ask a question at the meeting to give us advance notice, ask it and if you can answer it ok, and if not we'll get back to you-all."

Ms. Lockhart, responded, "Don't wait to a meeting, you can call, email or whatever."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Interim Director of Planning and Zoning Mr. David Kees, Jr. Mr. Kees, begins by saying, "I also sent out my report this week, I just like to say the numbers out loud, with permits we took in \$16,568.00 for the permits fees in May we paid IBTS and this Council approved for a two-year contract we'll be getting that signed soon, we paid them \$8,370.00 for their services and inspections and everything else. I'll be happy to entertain any questions."

Chairman, Bedgood then recognizes Parish President.

At this time Mr. John Richmond, asked, "Can I step back for a moment, I know it's out of line, but I apologize. Doug asked some good questions and it got some wheels turning here I don't want to take up a lot of time at this meeting, but Mr. Rachal brought up the Social Media sites that I monitor and contribute to, I'm certainly not an administrator on it I'm just a participate on it, it's fix the roads in Natchitoches Parish when I first got this position, I said I wasn't going to join that, because it seems overwhelming with negative, but the more I got to know the people in the Parish on these roads, it made me realize a lot of it they were uninformed or misinformed and so

I joined that so that I could help people direct their thoughts in a very positive way and I've seen some of that happened and I'm thankful it has I hope I've had a little positive impact, but Doug brought up a great point, it had to do with church yesterday, whenever he introduced me to someone and should he had done it or should not have done it, As a public servant I don't care if someone comes up to me if they see me out at the checkout at Walmart, Super One, or if I'm sitting down to eat somewhere or heck, I had people to knock on my windows at the drive thru at McDonalds and I'm okay with that, I hope we're not going to go to a position where we're going to say that what I did, and Mr. Rachal brought up a fine point of it, I never even thought about it, that it could be politicking for me to tell people to call 357-2200 with your road issues and to get in on our work list, because my whole intent in doing that I look at hundreds of requests and that's like calling the phone company telling them I have a problem with my road, I was only trying to guide people in the right direction. I hope we don't go to a spot for being helpful regards of being hurtful, but I certainly do understand the point, and I'm certainly not trying to talk against it, I'm just coming from a point I'm making. I was just trying to be helpful to the people in the Parish."

Parish President stated, begins his report talking about Payne Subdivision in the Phase 1 stage of the street project. I'm thankful to see that, while I'm still in office, it's been many, many years.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Payne Subdivision-Public bids were received and opened on April 10, 2019. The lowest bid was submitted by Cross Keys Construction, LLC, of Shreveport, Louisiana in the amount of \$200,426.71. The bid tabulation and recommendation for award has been approved by Louisiana Facility Planning and Control. The construction contract has been executed and the Notice to Proceed has been issued to the contractor. Construction is to be completed by early August, but, good weather this time of the year should allow an earlier completion date.

House Bill 2 of the 2019 legislative session includes an additional \$300,000 for street improvements in Payne Subdivision. The bill has been enrolled and is awaiting the governor's signature.

Courthouse Security Improvements:

As reported during the January meeting, the Parish has also requested and received authorization from Facility Planning and Control to combine two locally funded courthouse projects with the state capital outlay project. These projects are closely related to the state project and would need to be performed at the same time. By combining the projects, the Parish will gain the benefit of closer coordination of the design and construction and of cost efficiencies from the larger project. These two locally funded projects are the replacement of the electrical service equipment (\$450,000 budget) and the inmate access to the courthouse (\$150,000 budget). Funds for these two projects are in the existing Parish capital budget.

The architect met with the Parish to review the preliminary design conceptual plan. At that time, the architect presented a number of design alternatives with each having an estimated cost of construction. Although the basic plan alternative would address many of the security issues, it would require some desirable features to be constructed in a future project. The Parish has initiated discussions with the State to determine if the State would be able to increase the amount of State funds for the project. We are also reviewing the Parish capital improvements program to determine if additional funds can be dedicated to this important project.

The total increase in the project cost to fund the desired project features is estimated to be \$750,000. House Bill 2 of the 2019 legislative session includes an addition \$350,000 for the project, leaving \$400,000 to be funded by the Parish. Ordinance 008-2019 includes the \$350,000 state funds and the \$400,000 of Parish Funds.

ADA COMPLIANCE:

a. HC Ramp (Main Courthouse): We met with the architect to review possible design revisions to the HC ramp. As soon as the design is finalized and a new cost estimate is available, we will re-advertise the project. An increase in the project budget may be necessary in order to complete the project.

In view of the delay in getting the project constructed, the Parish plans to move forward with the construction of the new handicap parking spaces in the NPSO parking lot. These spaces are needed for handicapped persons who must enter the courthouse through the NPSO door on the west side of the courthouse. The plan will be taken from the ramp project and quotes will be obtained from qualified contractors.

Quotes were solicited for the ADA parking improvements and the low bid in the amount of \$6,450 was received from Page Builders, LLC. Award of the contract is on the agenda for the Council meeting on June 17, 2019.

Carolyn Roy asked exactly what's going on in Payne Subdivision and the Parish President went over everything with her about the phases and the cost of each and how the money is being put up by State and the Parish's matches. And other State money to be got that's out there for the Parishes.

Carolyn Roy also asked about the appearance of the outside in front of the Courthouse. She wanted to know if there's money to clean the front of the Courthouse, which looks like mold or something out there. Parish President, said, Yes, there is money, and it will be done before the Courthouse Improvement.

Councilman de Graffenried had three questions for Parish President, Rick Nowlin. "Blanchard Road, is the Engineering for Blanchard road or dirt Blanchard? Parish President, replied, "It's for paved Blanchard, that's in the Parish." Councilman de Graffenried, replied, "So the dirt Blanchard is in the City." Parish President, responds, "Yes, and it's a Capital Outlay for that also." Councilman Doug de Graffenried, continues, "There is the urban legend out there, in Parish District 3 that's there is going to be a road swap." Parish President replied, "That's news to me." Councilman de Graffenried, "It's floating out there just wanted to see. My other question is, I missed the emergency what was the emergency, you declared an emergency?" Parish President replied, "To purchase the road material, we had a supplier who couldn't supply the materials and we couldn't work some roads that really needed it some of the roads were hazardous, quite a few are hazardous, in order to go to a different material from a different source, I constrained according to how the budget is structured and the limitations on overages on any one line items I had to do that and I hope that in a few months with the 2020 budget we can consider as a group to have road building materials as a line item in the budget to get what ever type of material is needed whether it's Winn Rock, screening or gravel, you know A B C D any type of material if we're so specific in our, we still purchase things by a purchase order but if I separate them in the budget then we're flexibility a little bit." Councilman de Graffenried, "I still don't see how that constitute an emergency, State Law, Louisiana State Law says an

Emergency means an unforeseen event bringing with it the destruction or injury of life, property, or immediate threat of such destruction the Q and A in the Louisiana Government Budget Act says, that LGBA defines emergency an unforeseen event bringing with it destruction, injury, life, or property on imminent threat of such of injury, this strict definition of an Emergency is intended for event for planning for being characterized as an emergency." Parish President, replied, "I agree with that totally. You can't say it's poor planning on the Parish part, when you call someone to order materials and they tell you they're going to be shut down for the next 3 weeks that can happen, ok." Councilman Doug de Graffenried, asks, "How do that constitute an emergency and what decision needed to be made that bypass or needed to bypass this Council?" Councilman Paige, interjected, "They called me and mentioned it to me as well, but one thing for sure out on Bermuda road, that road is in such a mess that, I think Ms. Patsy called Mr. Richmond and I told her and I said, my God, at that time they had no material to put in it, as I understand it, I was told they couldn't do the work out there, but as we sit here and ponder on the question, I just wish that you went out there and drove that road, those people and what I told Ms. Patsy, I told her, this needs to be declared an emergency because someone is going to hit that pothole and run into Cane River, it was that bad and we're not talking about 20 people going down this road, we're talking about everyday 400 to 500 at least use that Parish road to come in and out of town, it's ridiculous, to where you go on a road and to see they have created another road over at the edge of the road because they're dodging potholes like crazy, I'm not talking about, I'm hope I'm saying it nicely Potholes, my God these things are so deep, I'll branch a body in it and a car would drive over it, that bad, I don't know what you deem as an emergency, but when these people are living the way their living out there and we live in the City limits, I'm not going to question that, before I make the Department Head of the Highway Department ought to have the responsible to deem an emergency, now whatever technology you want to say, what wording that did not declare it, that's your business."

Parish President, responded, "I went out there and I made the call, I thought it was unsafe to travel the road at any reasonable speed, you an slow down to 5 miles per hour, but that's not going to happen and it's not just that road, that's a classy example." Councilman de Graffenried, replied, "How's a road condition constitute an emergency under State law, I ask you that question, no public utility right, now, How does road conditions constitute an emergency under State Law, therefore, bypassing the Legislative right, of this body to set budgets and watch over budgets?" Parish President replied, "It's a public health and safety issue and second I requested a special meeting with the Council, and I couldn't get one, because people were not available, and I couldn't get three people of the Council." Doug de Graffenried, replied, "I saw one email, never an email if I could attend the meeting. To the Attorney, how does bad road condition constitute an emergency to see under State law?" The Parish Attorney, answered, "I don't know you haven't asked me for an opinion, and you haven't provided me with what you're reading." Doug de Graffenried, "I thought you approved this before it went out? So, you have not seen the emergency declaration from the Parish President?" The attorney asked to see what Councilman de Graffenried was talking about. Mr. Richmond asked to be added to the conversation. Mr. Richmond, begins by saying, "I don't know how many emails went out, I know I reached out to all the Council members and said emergency is kind of the schematic here because we have a couple of options you can call a special session to address the issue or to declare an emergency, but it was from my understanding that the decision was made most of not all, and everybody had the understanding of what we were talking about and lets be very specific in this instance the Company Winn Rock that produces the aggregate that's the budget line item, that is used for

those is down and can't supply the material they have on and off up and running when they be up and running and when we needed material we bought it, we probably bought about half the material that we try to buy and in this case we had dwindle our stock down, hoping that Winn Rock would be up we could by some more we called and they say they were going to be down for 3 weeks, three weeks is eternity in my work; so I made the call to Mr. Nowlin and I say here's the deal we have two budget lines or maybe three for Winn Rock material we obviously is not going to spend all of that this year, I need to move that money over to another place so I can spend it, so there goes the budget Symantec that has to happen and that's ok, that's the rules we all play by; so, in every effort to move that that takes approval by the Council or it took and emergency declaration, once again emergency is a little bit of a harsh word according to the circumstances and I understand Doug's question but, I was under the understanding that we're under the premise that all were collectively working on, on that Friday, having spoken with each one of the Councilmen, but perhaps I was wrong."

Chairman Bedgood, stated, "I got the call and I said I can't say it was my call for the whole Council, but I said, I couldn't come to a meeting at that time, and I said if you felt like it was an emergency then you have my okay to do." Parish President replied, "That's the message I got." Councilman, Paige, replied, "The whole matter of it is, is it legal and I imagine that also needs to be looked into to, Mr. Counsel, that when you're calling council members to see basically an opinion of a particular item or a situation is that legal? Because at one time that was questionable, because under the Police Jury form of government you could not call so many jurors to ask one question or another. So when you go into this dialogue be ready for it and the other matter of it is I'm willing to stand and vote to give him the authority to come up here and if it takes a vote, then you have my vote to say I'll consider that an emergency and if it's illegal, my understanding was I think he made the right shot called to get out there and help those people because it was a very dangerous situation."

Councilman, Rachal spoke, by saying, "I got a question, I know all the emails came out and I know I said I was available all the times and the next thing I heard was go on and let him have it, I didn't know who all could show up or who couldn't, I knew I could have made it, but the question I have is I sent that public request information to the two of you May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> in the evening you called me in my office on my phone and you said, do you had a few minutes? I was wrapping up with a driver education class and I was trying to make heads and tails of what you were talking about didn't you not tell me it was not in reality an emergency?" Mr. Richmond, replied, "That's what I just said here, that the use of that word emergency is the legal technically term, but emergency as far as lament terms it was not people could just stay in their homes and not travel." Mr. Rachal, said, "Hold on a minute, but what about Harmony Road we have three cemeteries on them, and we can't get a drop of gravel on them." Mr. Richmond, replied, "You can, and you will." Councilman, Rachal, continues, "The people hand me my behind, everyday like I'm not doing anything for their road and on May 20 we sat right here and he asked you, about was their an emergency in the rock budget, and you said no it wasn't." Mr. Richmond, replied, "It wasn't and it still Isn't, there is more than enough money in the budget." Councilman Rachal, continues, "On May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:21 Councilwoman Hoover said, "Mr. Nowlin will be on Bermuda road tomorrow, I have that emergency funding, who called that emergency you or Ms. Hoover? Mr. Richmond, replied, "It wasn't me; I can't call an emergency." Councilman Rachal, "Who called the emergency? I knew it was coming two weeks in advance." Parish President replied, "I called the emergency, she called me and asked me to declare an emergency on Bermuda road. I will look at the road situation and I will look at the materials and supply situation,

if you look at the emergency Ordinance it doesn't mention Bermuda road or any other road it was not a road specifically it said we have an emergency and a situation where we're putting Public Health and Safety in jeopardy if we stop working on these roads." Councilman, Rachal, stated, "Then I'm asking for an emergency on Harmony road because the Funeral Home will not open a casket at the cemetery because the body is beat up so bad the family can't review the body the last time, so, that, I'm calling an emergency right now, for Harmony road." Mr. Richmond, explained, "I can't call an emergency." Councilman, Rachal, "Whoever around this table who has the authority to do it, I'm asking you right now, you did it once, the presence has been set, I want an emergency right now." Councilman, Paige, stated, "See, when you get into this type of dialogue and get to talking about it's an emergency over here, but it's not an emergency over there. So, my take on it, it's let these gentlemen do their jobs...if he didn't have material to do Harmony road then that's one thing, but that particular time the material is so low he couldn't get out there, the way I understood. I don't know, but all I do know we are to help people out in their time, in their tough times and it's some tough times on these rural people out here, now to sit up here to say, oh Harmony road is an emergency, but Bermuda road is not, I'm not going to go there, as especially as an individual like me and Mr. de Graffenried who lives in the city limits and a block away from the courthouse, I'm not going to sit and tell people that they can't get help to get to the church or get to the cemetery, now that's just not right, go help these people at one time he had a gentleman, who sat here and say, "All the roads are like that in Natchitoches Parish" and I would just about go off there was no help getting to these people, now we're helping people, and now we'll saying it's an emergency over here, but it's not an emergency over there." Councilman, Rachal, replies, "For three years, I've put Harmony road on for Capital Outlay, for three years, Bermuda road was never put in Capital Outlay in Baton Rouge asking for funding." At that time people was saying Bermuda Road was put on there, it was about thirty people came out. Parish President replied, "Yes, and it wasn't selected by the State." Councilman Rachal, continues, "It's our place to do something about it now. I'm not talking to you Mr. Paige, I'm talking to him, Okay if there's money, and there's gravel, and you're saying it's something left over, lets see about getting some for Harmony road then." Mr. Richmond, "Got you, that's fair, but it will fall in the category with everything else, when we look at things, like, and I understand we need to maintain roads that goes into our Cemetery, we need to that but it also goes into public safety in regards to people are on that road that may need dialysis whenever people call, Harmony Road is a long road, it's not a short road, the idea of going in and dumping some rocks and grading it will not fix Harmony road, Harmony road will need to take a comprehensive fix that involves ditches, drainage, culverts, road material, and a proper crowning of that road and those are all things that will take time and you just don't throw a Grader Operator out there and just say go fix that road we're going to have to develop a plan and I have about 20 of those type of plans, I'm working on now so I could make sure that when we do them, that we do each one as efficient as we can and cost effectively as we can, and cause little nuisance to the public as we can, sometimes that means in interim we're trying to get people from point A to point B. I'm sorry, but I'll promise you with the truth, I'm never going to back up and never going to sugar coat anything with a 1000 miles of road we have a lot of bad roads, Goldonna road is just about the same shape, we have roads in every District that are big long roads that's heavily traveled that we have to come up with a plan to fix. It's obviously not coming from the Capital Outlay Budget that is controlled by sources outside of our control, we can lobby for that and I hope we get it, but we have to fix our stuff we have to fix our problems and we will, but it's going to take a while in some cases it can't happen overnight, I'm sorry." Parish President, replied, "In the meantime we need to keep them passable." Councilman Paige,

responded, "Every month when we look at this budget and we see the amount of money spent per District and I just look at Ms. Patsy and say, "Okay", we spend \$100,000 in Mr. Rachal District, and \$100,000 in Mr. Bedgood's District and when it comes to Ms. Hoover's District it's about maybe \$10,000 you can get the record and see and we're talking about gobs of people traveling down Bermuda road and some of these roads that we travel, Oh I think a small amount of fairness need to be given and I know these Districts are huge, don't get me wrong, I know they are huge, and I know you got more miles of road compared to what she has but when you talk about the number of people that travels down some of these roads like Bermuda road and some of the other roads like she has no way you can justify that she's only getting \$10,000 and that type, it's ridiculous." Chairman, Bedgood, spoke, "Let me say one thing since I'm the chairman, I think I made the call to the Secretary to see who could be there and who couldn't be there, I think three could not be there, I didn't know what road it was at that time, and I made the call on my part, not you-all, on my part, I made the call, and said if it's an emergency go ahead, you-all can blame me for it, if you want to blame me for it, I can blame for everything freaking thing over, here anyway; so, it's not going to change nothing on my thing up here, okay, my title is "Blame Rodney Bedgood." He gets blamed for it. That's my middle name so I accept that as the Chairman, I'm going to take the responsibility, okay." Parish President, responded, "I signed the Ordinance." Chairman Bedgood continues, "I told Rick, as far as I'm concerned, I cannot get there and I understand that two more can't get there so, if it's an emergency on my part, go ahead, so, anyway, that's where I stand on it you-all. I will take that blame, because I'm the Chairman of the Council." Parish President, replies, "No, that's not your blame, that was on my report thirty minutes ago. Ms. Harris, did you discuss about the Head Start Close out? Give an update, hopefully I can give you a press release in the next few days. Last Friday we had a conference call with several others with Head Start Regionals in Dallas, it still hasn't been no official announcement on who the new Grantee will be, Head Start is planning on being here next week with a close out team hopefully we would know then the new Grantee may join them, I don't know, we expressed our concerns about being able to meet and close out by June 30<sup>th</sup> and I've already sent them a letter earlier, saying we'll be willing to operate up to 90 days if they would reimburse us for our expenses, they was not real interested in that and so, but they did ask us to file an application for a 30 days extension taking us to July 30, that application my go out tomorrow." Ms. Julie and Ms. Sharon told him it was submitted this morning. Parish President, continues, "We had to project normal expenses through June 30 and the additional expenses through July 30<sup>th</sup> and we've done that now because they recognize June 30<sup>th</sup> as not going to happen they asked us to submit on a reduce staff administrative staff, not teachers or assistant teachers, just a few administrative staff to assist in the closeout; so that's pretty much where we stand there all official announcements has to come out of Dallas, but we'll release information as soon as we're authorized to do so, and the only other thing I have to mention is that I'll be attending a Conference in Washington DC next Tuesday I got an invite to attend the something I didn't know existed, The White House Intergovernmental Affairs they invited certain Parish and Counties leaders to come and discuss things of importance, the only thing that's going to cost the Parish is my plane ticket, I'll take care all the other expenses and it's a budget expense and something good may come out of this, open some doors and get to know some people who can help us down the road." Councilman Rachal, asked, "On that 30 days extensions did they commit to reimbursement for our expenses for 30 days?" Parish President responded, "No, what they said was they wanted the estimate for the expenditures through the end of this grant cycle, which is June 30<sup>th</sup> and it appears, correct right if I'm wrong,

Julie, we always try to under spend our budget with a little bit left over because when a cycle ends you have certain amount of days to that you can actually spend money we rather have a little extra and spend it and to post 30 to 60 days after it closes out than being short and the Parish would have to throw cash into the pot and so we'll be taking money that's already budgeted to cover the 30 days extension, we made it clear once the approved money runs out it may be July 30th or July 15<sup>th</sup> that's when we shut down, we can't go beyond that point."

Councilman Rachal, asked, "So we can't go over the last day in July, correct?" Ms. Julie, replied, "That's correct. We can go to July 31<sup>st</sup> and we have 90 days after that to tie up everything." Parish President, response, "So, we're going to be doing bookkeeping." Councilman, Rachal, asked, "So the original 90 days is off the table?" Parish President, replied, "We didn't take it off the table, they just didn't accept it, they only going to do it for 30 days and that will cover the salaries and the people that we just have to be there and utilities we have already started cancelling contracts, xerox copiers and all these other types of stuff."

Ms. Julie Lockhart, replied, "They suppose to be here Tuesday, so on the initiative schedule the Grantee is supposed to meet with us Tuesday, now whether we would know who that is before then, they will not commit nothing, to that." Parish President, responded, "We got a phone call, we're trying to be polite and to try and work with them because the Parish needs the program so forth, we want to assist in that, but I told the lady in Dallas, all with due respect this is a conversation we should have had 90 days ago, you're asking us to jump through hoops in the last two weeks in June to get something laid out to cover the month of July and expect my people to work 80 hours a week to get it done, but that's when you deal with Federal Government, that happens."

Chairman, Bedgood stated the next item to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held Monday, May 20, 2019.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried 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, May 20, 2019.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda Appointments of Boards and Commissions.

Consider adopting a resolution confirming re- appointment/appointments to the following boards/commissions.

Council to consider approving re-appointment of Ms. Jan Frederick to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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 re-appoint Ms. Jan Frederick to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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

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

Council to consider approving the appointment of Mr. Mike Newton to replace Mr. Roger Williams on the Natchitoches Parish Hospital Service District.

At this time Chairman Bedgood offered it, but there was no seconded, it died for lack of second. The motion didn't Pass.

Parish President replied, only two people applied for that position, a local bank employee with financial background and an employee at the hospital. Councilman Paige, asked "Could you come up with anymore?" Parish President, "I have to re-advertise it."

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider approving the appointment of Mr. Richard Johnson to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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 appoint Mr. Richard Johnson to the Natchitoches Parish Tourist Commission.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

First Adoption of proposed Ordinances:

- A. Council to consider Introducing Ordinance 010-2019 for a budget amendment to the Operating Budget for a highway fund amendment.

Ms. Julie Lockhart, "This was in your big packets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page, it's we had a couple of lines that were a coding between contractual processing and contract services and as stated earlier money from the Winn Rock to the base material.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 010-2019 for a budget amendment to the Operating Budget for a highway fund amendment.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Public Hearings:

A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 004-2019 to effect a zoning change from an R-2 Residential District for multi-family residences to an R-1 Residential District for single family residences on Lots 2 and 5 of Angler's Paradise Park Subdivision situated in Sections 27 and 28, Township 9 North, and Range 6 West along Hampton Road in Natchitoches, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Mr. David Kees, wanted to make a correction and to amend B to say instead of for a single-family residence he wants it to say for commercial use, when they come out of Public Hearing.

B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 005-2019 to effect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to an B-1 Business District for single family residences on a 23.57 acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

After the Chairman had read this one, Councilman Paige wanted to know do they need to table B before amending it, because he stated, with wording it can cause everything to change. Parish Attorney, stated, "I looked at the Ordinance and it stated it, but if it was just your noticed, but in your Ordinance it was incorrect. Notice went out saying single family residence." Councilman Paige, replied, "I don't know, but a similar situation happened before, and we don't want to make no mistakes." You only can do action when you're out of Public Hearing. The timeline if you must re-introduce it the public hearing will have to be next month. Councilman, Paige, wanted to know the time frame and would there be any opposition on it. At this time two ladies said it might be because they were there, because they didn't know what was going on.

C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 006-2019 to affect a zoning change from an RMH-1 Residence District for single family residences and manufactured homes to an R-3 Residence District for multi-family residences on a 1.87-acre parcel situated in Section 13, Township 9 North, and Range 8 West, as shown on the Survey attached hereto with an address of 761 Highway 504 in Natchitoches; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 007-2019 to effect a zoning change from an R-2 Residential District for multi-family residences to an R-1 Residential District for single family residences on Lots A, B, C, and D of Angler's Paradise Park Subdivision situated in Sections 28 and 40, Township 9 North, and Range 6 West along Hampton Road in Natchitoches, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

E. Council to Adopt Ordinance 008-2019 to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget.

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 go into public Hearing.

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

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

Discussion for A.  
No discussion for A.

Discussion for B.  
Councilman Paige wanted to take B out so they can be properly advertisement. The ladies wanted information about the RV park, they received a letter, but can't find out information concerning the Park. The guy from the RV park told the ladies he would be happy to discuss anything they wanted to know outside the door, because nothing is going to be done tonight on it.

Parish President at this time, said, "I'm not an Attorney and he's probably going to chew me out, but listening to this the notice was sent out incorrect. You can table this, and re-introduce it at the next meeting and have the public hearing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and have a 60 days delay, but if you amend the Agenda to tonight to re-introduced the Ordinance with the correct language, you would have the public hearing in the July meeting and vote on it at that time and it would be a one month delay." Councilman Doug, stated, "If we had the State of Emergency, we could adopt it tonight." Parish President, replied, "The State of Emergency didn't cover this."

Discussion for C.  
No discussion.

Discussion for D.  
No discussion.

Discussion for E.

Parish President had his hands raised, and wanted to discussed some changes to the amendment with some revised figures since the last Council meeting, had a meeting with my staff and others and found out we needed to do some adjustments we did the initial Ordinance in red and the minor changes is done in Blue ink This is for the Courthouse Security Project.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried 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:

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

- A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 004-2019 to effect a zoning change from an R-2 Residential District for multi-family residences to an R-1 Residential District for single family residences on Lots 2 and 5 of Angler's Paradise Park Subdivision situated in Sections 27 and 28, Township 9 North, and Range 6 West along Hampton Road in Natchitoches, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 004-2019 to effect a zoning change from an R-2 Residential District for multi-family residences to an R-1 Residential District for single family residences on Lots 2 and 5 of Angler's Paradise Park Subdivision situated in Sections 27 and 28, Township 9 North, and Range 6 West along Hampton Road in Natchitoches, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

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

- B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 005-2019 to affect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to a B-1 Business District for single family residences on a 23.57-acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby amend the agenda to add the correct wording to Introduce Ordinance 005-2019 to say to affect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to a B-1 Business District for commercial use on a 23.57-acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

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

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 005-2019 to affect a zoning change from an I-A Industry-Agriculture District to a B-1 Business District for commercial use on a 23.57-acre parcel situated in Section 41, Township 7 North, Range 7 West along Louisiana Highway 120 in Natchez, as shown on the Survey attached hereto; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

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

C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 006-2019 to effect a zoning change from an RMH-1 Residence District for single family residences and manufactured homes to an R-3 Residence District for multi-family residences on a 1.87 acre parcel situated in Section 13, Township 9 North, and Range 8 West, as shown on the Survey attached hereto with an address of 761 Highway 504 in Natchitoches; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 006-2019 to effect a zoning change from an RMH-1 Residence District for single family residences and manufactured homes to an R-3 Residence District for multi-family residences on a 1.87 acre parcel situated in Section 13, Township 9 North, and Range 8 West, as shown on the Survey attached hereto with an address of 761 Highway 504 in Natchitoches; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

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

D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 007-2019 to effect a zoning change from an R-2 Residential District for multi-family residences to an R-1 Residential District for single family residences on Lots A, B, C, and D of Angler's Paradise Park Subdivision situated in Sections 28 and 40, Township 9 North, and Range 6 West along Hampton Road in Natchitoches, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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 adopt Ordinance 007-2019 to effect a zoning change from an R-2 Residential District for multi-family residences to an R-1 Residential District for single family residences on Lots A, B, C, and D of Angler's Paradise Park Subdivision situated in Sections 28 and 40, Township 9 North, and Range 6 West along Hampton Road in Natchitoches, as shown on the Survey attached hereto (Municipal Address: Unassigned); and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

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

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

E. Council to Adopt Ordinance 008-2019 to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget.

Parish President wanted to make sure if they adopt Amendment No. 1 please put in as revised.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by, Councilman Rodney Bedgood that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt Ordinance 008-2019 to adopt Amendment No. 1 as revised to the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Resolutions:

Council to consider authorizing the Parish President to acquire a credit card from Exchange Bank in the name of the Natchitoches Parish Government.

Parish President informed the Parish had a credit card for many years, but it was in the previous Treasurer's name and he would like it not to be in an individual name, but in the Parishes name.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Resolution authorizing the Parish President to acquire a credit card from Exchange Bank in the name of the Natchitoches Parish Government.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider adopting a Resolution authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement with the Natchitoches Community Alliance for economic development services.

Parish President gave a summary that "The Parish had a line item for \$10,000 for Economic Development and this year \$8,000 for a total of \$18,000 for Economic Development because \$10,000 was never spent last year. Since the \$18,000 is under the Economic Heading as miscellaneous expenses and I thought I would formally come to the Council for the Council it can go to the Economic Development Alliance that what we discussed at the time we presented the Budget." Councilman de Graffenried wanted to know what does the Economic Development Alliance do? Natchitoches Community Alliance is an agency that is now responsible for coordinating and all economic development for the Parish, you know about up to four year ago or 3 years ago we had the City, Northwestern, Educational Institutions, and the Red River

Waterway Commission everybody had their own individual efforts and it became to be a problem dealing with Economic Development and we really wasn't sure of who to contact they contact the City, sometimes the Parish, somebody looked at this area and before the Ad-hoc Committee it was recommended that we have only one basic house for all information coming from the Parish so we created the Natchitoches Community Alliance the budget for the Natchitoches Community Alliance was primarily funded by the City of Natchitoches and Northwestern State University they put in four or five times more than we do each. For one employee and office equipment." Councilman Doug de Graffenried, "How much does Economic Development and the Natchitoches Community Alliance has brought to Natchitoches Parish in the last 2 years?" Parish President, replied, "We're still working on it, last year we had 33 companies look at our Parish and we didn't get a one. The Port is the hottest right now." A point was made about the roads. The roads are in bad condition and this could hurt someone wanting to come to Natchitoches in the Parish. A question was asked does the Parish still pay fees to the CDC and are the fees up to date, the answer from the President was, "Yes, the Parish is still an active member of the CDC." There Council agreed to a MOU between the Parish and the Community Alliance to participate and to get resources.

A resident was very upset for the actions of the Council because she spoke on how positive and needed for the Parish is Economic Development and Tourism and they all work hand in hand. She said, "When I moved to Lafayette it was a little chuck change town, it was no more than a dot on a map, twenty years Lafayette Parish has become a force to be wrecking with, Economic Development is viable to the success and revenue of tax dollars coming into this Parish and we desperately need them. There was more discussion and relevantly from the following discussions.

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 indefinitely postpone until he can bring it back up to us authorizing the Parish President to execute an agreement with the Natchitoches Community Alliance for economic development services.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider adopting a Resolution of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations.

This for the 2020-2021 Grant Cycle and it's a lot of paperwork dealing with policies that is needing to be adopted and there are four resolutions to follow. Is to say you're going to comply with State and Federal laws, and a lot of other things. It's a prerequisite for having your application funded by the State these are 100 percent grants and not matching funds. This is the type of Grant we got for the Payne Subdivision Sewer Project the President plea for consideration on that Project.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt a Resolution of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations.

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

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

Other Agenda Items:

Council to consider approving that a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure be adopted, and the Chief Administrative Official be appointed as Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG program.

On motion by Councilman Doug de Graffenried, duly seconded by, Councilman Chris Paige that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approving that a Citizen Participation Plan/Citizen Complaint Procedure be adopted, and the Chief Administrative Official be appointed as Citizen Complaint Officer for compliance with the LCDBG program.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider approving authorizing the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the development of the LCDBG proposal taking into consideration citizen participation requirements and views of the governing body.

Parish President, replied, "On Wednesday we have a public hearing for citizens input we don't know what type of project is going to come out of that we been looking at the Payne Subdivision Sewage System only half has been done and we're looking to submit to complete the collection of the sewer project.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approves authorizing the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the development of the LCDBG proposal taking into consideration citizen participation requirements and views of the governing body.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider approving that a Procurement Policy be adopted for compliance with the LCDBG program.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve that a Procurement Policy be adopted for compliance with the LCDBG program.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider approving authorizing the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG proposal and implementation of the project, if funded.

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 approve authorizing the Chief Elected Official to proceed with the procurement and selection of professional services for the purpose of assisting in the development of the LCDBG proposal and implementation of the project, if funded.

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

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

Parish President recommends Shuler's who's doing the first part of the sewer system should be the ones to complete the sewer system.

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider approving the continuing of the Natchitoches Times as the official Parish Journal for Natchitoches Parish.

On motion by Councilman Rodney Bedgood, duly seconded by, Councilman Doug de Graffenried that the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the continuing of the Natchitoches Times as the official Parish Journal for Natchitoches Parish.

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

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

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda

Council to consider awarding the contract for the construction of Courthouse ADA Parking improvements to Page Builders, LLC, Natchitoches, LA., in the amount of \$6,450.00, in accordance with their quotation dated May 7, 2019, and authorizing the Parish President to execute the necessary documents in connection therewith.

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 approves awarding the contract for the construction of Courthouse ADA Parking improvements to Page Builders, LLC, Natchitoches, LA., in the amount of \$6,450.00, in accordance with their quotation dated May 7, 2019, and authorizing the Parish President to execute the necessary documents in connection therewith.

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

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

Council to approval of a six-month extension of the agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Waste Connections for use of the Parish Solid Waste Transfer Station.

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 of a six-month extension of the agreement between the Parish of Natchitoches and Waste Connections for use of the Parish Solid Waste Transfer Station.

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

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

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items. (3 minutes)

Mr. John Hodgeson wanted to know where's the money is at for Pardee Road? Did the Parish get the Capital Outlay for Pardee Road? Parish President, replied, "No, we did not. The State did not. It was a Capital Outlay Project, we put in several."

Mr. Hodgeson discussed a letter from the Governor on the Capital Outlay Project, but Parish President, says, "That's news to me." and Mr. Richmond and David Kees also said they haven't seen any letter from the Governors Office. Mr. Hodgeson said it was last year.

Chairman Bedgood stated the next item on the agenda to Adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Chris Paige, 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:

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|-------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Ayes: | Councilman Paige          |                      |
| Ayes: | Councilman Rachal         |                      |
| Ayes: | Councilman de Graffenried |                      |
| Ayes: | Councilman Bedgood        |                      |
| Ayes: | Councilwoman Hoover       | <b>Motion Passed</b> |

Since there was no other business the meeting was adjourn:

Attest:

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Rodney Bedgood, Chairman

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Sheryl Frederick,  
Council Clerk