

**FEBRUARY 22, 2005  
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH LAFOURCHE**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.**

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mr. Michael Matherne, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman Matherne announced that the opening prayer would be led by Council Member Mark Atzenhoffer. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Daniel Lorraine. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tyrone Williams  
Mr. Michael Delatte  
Mr. Michael Matherne - Chairman  
Dr. Tommy Lasseigne  
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer - Vice Chairman  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II  
Mr. Brent Callais  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2005, Regular Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to accept the February 10, 2005 minutes. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

Chairman Michael Matherne announced that the next item on the agenda was the Public wishing to address the Council. Ms. Charlene Rodriguez, Director of the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging, made the Public aware of the Bayou-River District Senior Olympic Games beginning March 17, 2005 and ending April 23, 2005. She suggested to anyone interested in participating to contact their local Senior Citizens Centers or the Council on Aging for more information and forms.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of any reports on the Parish. Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph addressed a couple of issues that she thought was important to the Parish. She began with a detailed report from her recent trip to Washington. President Randolph then encouraged the Councilmen to set a travel policy.

Ms. Shannon Chiasson, Finance Director, presented a report of the Parish's finance and handed out copies to the Councilmen. She gave status reports on the Audit, Road Sales Tax Districts', Solid Waste, January 2005 Sales Tax, collections, Royalty Fund, Drainage District No. 12, 2005 Supplemental No. 1, Health Unit and activities. Ms. Chaisson responded to questions asked by the Council.

### **ENGINEERING REPORT(S)**

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of planned, presently on going, recently completed or other projects by appropriate engineering firms engaged by the Parish. Mr. Kirk Trosclair with Duplantis Design Group, PC reported on the Marydale Community Waterline Improvements Project (DDG Project No. 04-334). He stated that the project was currently under design, and was being coordinated with Lafourche Parish and Terrebonne Parish Water Districts. Mr. Trosclair stated that a meeting was to be held with Councilman Williams on the next Thursday regarding a right-of-way acquisition for the proposed improvements. He anticipated requesting approval from the Council at the next meeting to advertise for bids on March 11, 2005, with bids being received on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and construction beginning at the end of April 2005.

Mr. John Plaisance with J. Wayne Plaisance reported on the hard surfacing and repairing of streets project in the Golden Meadow Park. He stated that an engineering contract was received. Mr. Plaisance said that testing companies were being presently being coordinated to come out and do an initial testing. He said that they hoped to be out for bids by the end of March.

### **LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT**

The next item on the agenda was a motion to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. No one being present, Chairman Matherne moved to the next item.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The next item (2) on the agenda was an Executive Session to discuss the following:

b.) Smithport Planting versus Suard Barge Services, No. 95364

Chairman Matherne stated that the Executive Session had been *canceled*.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

The next item (3) on the agenda was a presentation of a Certificate of Recognition honoring Glenda Laiche as "Older Worker of the Year" in Lafourche Parish. President Randolph presented the Certificate of Recognition which honored Ms. Glenda Laiche as "Older Worker of the Year".

The next item (4) on the agenda was a presentation by Mr. Dirk Barrios with Lafourche Parish Water District No. 1 to present his annual report. Mr. Dirk Barrios presented an annual report of 2004 for the Water District and provided the Council with copies. He summarized projects that were completed, under construction, under design, and briefly went over other important information. Mr. Barrios responded to questions asked by the Council.

Mr. Brent Callais thanked Mr. Barrios, the President of the Board (Sidney Triche) and its members, for working with him for the last year and all their hard work on getting a lot of great things accomplished.

Discussions and debates ensued regarding a variance that was granted on East 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Callais mentioned that Fire District No. 3 would be installing a "dry" hydrant into the Valerie Canal which would allow fire trucks to pump from the canal.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that Mr. Barrios and the Water District was doing a great job.

Discussions and debates continued pertaining to the water line sizes, lengths, and costs.

Mr. Michael Delatte thanked Mr. Barrios for such a great job. He briefed everyone on how well the point system, which was being used in Ward 6 for the last seven or eight years, was working.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The next item (5) on the agenda was a proclamation expressing sincere gratitude to Kathleen Dolese Gros for founding the Thibodaux Area Toy Drive and for her many years of service to the citizens of Lafourche Parish. Chairman Matherne presented the proclamation to Ms. Gros which expressed sincere gratitude for founding the Thibodaux Area Toy Drive and for her many years of service to the citizens of Lafourche Parish. President Randolph thanked Ms. Gros for making little children happy. Ms. Gros took the opportunity to thank all the leaders of the Parish. She stated Sheriff Webre had assisted her (for at least eight years) in getting bicycles for the children. Ms. Gros said there were 903 families last year, each child (over 2,000) received at least two gifts, and each family received food coupons.

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to **open** the **Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification**, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

## PUBLIC HEARING & ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (6) on the agenda was an ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 20:1 of Sub-Chapter "A" of Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances to add the Parish President as a non-voting member to the Community Action Advisory Board. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to **defer** this item and present it as a resolution at the next Lafourche Parish Council meeting. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved to vote and this item was **deferred** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### ORDINANCE WAS DEFERRED

The next item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on Onforio Lococo Drive; authorizing the placement of said signs; and authorizing penalties of violators thereof. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The ordinance **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### ORD. NO. 3549 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON ONFORIO LOCOCO DRIVE

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 3009 that allocated the proceeds of certain proposed bond issues of the Parish of Lafourche, to certain Road Sales Tax District and/or drainage areas of the parish, to provide monies to pay a portion of the cost of construction, improving and resurfacing parish streets and roads in such Road Sales Tax Districts; all costs related to constructing and improving drainage facilities in such drainage areas and replacing or improving waterlines in Marydale Subdivision; prioritizing the streets, roads and drainage areas to be improved with such bond proceeds; and providing for other matters necessary in connection therewith. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The ordinance **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Daniel Lorraine.

### ORD. NO. 3550 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 3009

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance de-dedicating the last 760 feet of West 13<sup>th</sup> Street from Jasmine Street to Lilly Street, including Lilly Street, Ward 10, District 8 of Lafourche Parish. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. The ordinance **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### ORD. NO. 3551 DE-DEDICATING THE LAST 760 FEET OF WEST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance to provide for a supplemental appropriation for the Lafourche Parish 2005 Operation and Maintenance Budget as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Dr. Lasseigne discussed deleting part 2, lines 2 and 4 and part 15, line 2 of the building funds. He asked the Administration if this was the money from the Health Unit. President Randolph said that it was the rededication, yes. Dr. Lasseigne mentioned what the tax call stated. President Randolph stated that the tax call was for future revenues and the rededication came from the reserve fund. Mr. Cullen Curole, Parish Administrator, stated that the percentages were applied to the future revenues from the funds and did not apply to the fund balance that was rededicated. A debate ensued pertaining to the interpretation and intent. Dr. Lasseigne explained his reasoning for proposing the amendments. President Randolph clarified that any expenditures would have to be approved by the Council before they could be made. Discussions and debates continued. An **amendment** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to delete part 2, lines 2 and 4 and to also delete part 15, line 2 of the building funds. After a brief discussion and an explanation from President Randolph, the amendment was *withdrawn*. Dr. Lasseigne questioned part 5, line 2, which pertained to operating supplies. Mr. Curole explained that it was mostly facility charges. Discussions and debates again continued. An **amendment** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, to change the dollar amount in part 10, line 3, Operating Services line item to \$145,136.00 to correspond with the Fund Detail on page 12, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original ordinance *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 3552 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE LAFOURCHE PARISH 2005 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET**

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2795 and enacting a new ordinance stating that the street between West 55<sup>th</sup> and West 56<sup>th</sup> Streets is hereby considered to be West Avenue C, Ward 10, District 8 of Lafourche Parish; and authorizing the necessary placement of the new street name sign. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to *defer* this item to the March 8, 2005 Lafourche Parish Council meeting.

**ORDINANCE WAS DEFERRED**

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, to *close* the **Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification**, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, to *deviate* from the agenda to discuss item (33), and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (33) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the Detention Center and the newly created Subcommittee. Mr. Lindel Toups stated his concerns pertaining to the Detention Center and requested that a meeting date be set. Mr. Brent Callais stated that a discussion item was on the agenda (and in the meeting packets) to propose the date of March 1<sup>st</sup> as the first meeting of the Lafourche Parish Detention Center Improvement Subcommittee. A brief discussion and explanations ensued. The Council agreed on the March 1<sup>st</sup> date.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to *return* to item (12) on the regular agenda, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The next item (12) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance declaring property belonging to the Lafourche Parish Council, as surplus property. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The next item (13) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing for a supplemental appropriation for the Lafourche Parish 2005 Operation and maintenance Budget as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

The next item (14) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing a variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations at French Turn Subdivision, Addendum No. 2, Ward 10, District 8, as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their January 27, 2005 meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE VARIANCE AT FRENCH TURN SUBDIVISION**

The next item (15) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing a variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations at Elvin J. LeBlanc Subdivision, Addendum No. 1, Ward 4, District 7, as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their January 27, 2005 meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE VARIANCE AT ELVIN J. LEBLANC SUBDIVISION**

The next item (16) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing a variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations at Highlands, Addendum No. 1, Ward 10, District 8, as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their January 27, 2005 meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE VARIANCE AT HIGHLANDS**

The next item (17) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing for the purchase of a parcel of property on the corner of Cypress Villa Lane and Shady Drive adjacent to the Jesse Dufrene Pump Station from its owner, Howard Dufrene for its appraised value of \$1,500; and authorizing the Parish President to sign all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE PURCHASING PROPERTY FROM HOWARD DUFRENE**

The next item (18) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude amendment with Dickie Bourgeois; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AMENDMENT WITH DICKIE BOURGEOIS**

The next item (19) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance adding Section 14:151 to Sub-Chapter "D" of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances for the Lafourche Parish Council as it pertains to the consumption of alcoholic beverages, liquor and malt beverages prohibited in public; and providing for penalties for violators thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 14:151 TO SUB-CHAPTER "D" OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

## RESOLUTIONS

The next item (20) on the agenda was a resolution ratifying the recommendation of Southern University Alumni Federation to appoint Mr. Lloyd Robinson to replace Mr. Don Harry on the Lafourche Parish Civil Service Commission. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### **RES NO. 05-033 APPOINTING MR. LLOYD ROBINSON TO THE LAFOURCHE PARISH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

The next item (21) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Civil Service Board to incorporate into the Civil Service System appointment and dismissal provisions for classified Legislative clerical employees. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, to add "*WHEREAS, any current civil service position that was established to provide clerical assistance to the Council Clerk shall remain in the civil service system under the Legislative Branch, effective upon adoption of resolution;*" and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to delete "...and shall be submitted to the Lafourche Parish Council for final ratification;" and *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine. The original motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### **RES NO. 05-034 APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL PROVISIONS FOR CLASSIFIED LEGISLATIVE CLERICAL EMPLOYEES**

The next item (22) on the agenda was a resolution approving the contract amendment offered by the State of Louisiana (CFMS #603282, Amendment 3) to implement said programs in accordance with state requirements and subject to the recommendations of the LAT Board; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract(s) and all associated documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### **RES NO. 05-035 STATE OF LOUISIANA (CFMS #603282, AMENDMENT 3)**

The next item (23) on the agenda was a resolution approving the signing of a new contract offered by the State of Louisiana (CIAP Cooperative Agreement No.2513-02-05, Amendment 3) to implement said program in accordance with state requirements and subject to the recommendations of the LAT Board; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract(s) and all associated documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### **RES NO. 05-036 STATE OF LOUISIANA (CIAP COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO.2513-02-05, AMENDMENT 3)**

The next item (24) on the agenda was a resolution providing increased funding and a cooperative endeavor agreement to support 2005 funding levels for operational and capital expenses of the Council on Aging, Inc. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, for the Council to receive a report detailing the expenditures from the funds that are given to the Council on Aging, Inc. The amendment *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

### **RES NO. 05-037 PROVIDING INCREASED FUNDING AND A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.**

The next item (25) on the agenda was a resolution asking the Administration to authorize Entergy to proceed with installing the necessary street lights at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3235 and Louisiana Highway 24 in Larose, Lafourche Parish, Ward 10, Districts 7 and 8, due to a dark and dangerous intersection. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-038      INSTALLING A STREET LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
LA HIGHWAY 3235 AND LA HIGHWAY 24 IN LAROSE**

The next item (26) on the agenda was a resolution approving a contract with Frost Lumber Co., Inc. in the amount of \$34,572.66 and with Coburn Supply Company in the amount of \$5,375.33 for material needed in the construction of the Administrative portion of the parish's animal shelter; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract and all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Discussions and explanations ensued regarding the construction of the animal shelter. The motion *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Brent Callais and Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

**RES NO. 05-039      CONTRACT WITH FROST LUMBER CO., INC. AND WITH COBURN  
SUPPLY COMPANY (PARISH'S ANIMAL SHELTER)**

The next item (27) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to Edward J. Lapeyrouse Metal Works, Inc. in the amount of \$1,588.25 to apply additional waterproofing to repair gutters instead of installing additional down-spouts and to replace wood decking found to be defective during the roof replacement; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Change Order. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. A discussion was held pertaining to quotes and how the bids were done for the project. Discussions and explanations continued in regards to change orders, inspections, and when they should be needed. The motion *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Brent Callais.

**RES NO. 05-040      CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, EDWARD J. LAPEYROUSE METAL WORKS**

The next item (28) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to Grosjean Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$10,069.14 to provide additional labor and material to correct defective decking found when roofing layers were removed; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Change Order. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to adopt said resolution. A brief debate ensued in regards to change orders. The motion *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas and three (3) nays, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Brent Callais.

**RES NO. 05-041      CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO GROSJEAN CONTRACTORS, INC.**

The next item (29) on the agenda was a resolution approving a contract(s) with Byron Talbot in the amount of \$577,546 for drainage improvement on the FEMA West Thibodaux Drainage project in Thibodaux; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract and all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams to adopt said resolution. A brief discussion ensued pertaining to the contract and the bids that were received. Further discussion was held regarding the installation of box culverts. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-042      CONTRACT(S) WITH BYRON TALBOT, FEMA WEST THIBODAUX  
DRAINAGE PROJECT**

The next item (30) on the agenda was a resolution approving contract(s) to accept the lowest bid of \$159,746.95 from LL & G Construction, Inc. for the upgrade to the Natural Gas Pump Station; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract and all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked if the contracts had performance bonds. Ben Hodson with Picciola & Associates stated that all the contracts had payment and performance bonds. Discussions continued in regards to change orders and bids. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-043      ACCEPTING THE LOWEST BID FROM LL & G CONSTRUCTION, INC.,  
UPGRADING THE NATURAL GAS PUMP STATION**

The next item (31) on the agenda was a resolution providing information regarding street improvements to be funded with proceeds of the series 2005 Road Bond issue. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. Mr. Daniel Lorraine suggested that the list include widths, length, and anticipated costs. President Randolph stated that the list was to be published, for the public to be aware of the streets that were going to be done. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-044      INFORMATION REGARDING STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

The next item (32) on the agenda was a resolution stating that the proposed road on the property of the proposed bank site at the Northwest Corner of the Service Intersection shall be recommended for acceptance into the parish system contingent upon completion and construction according to parish subdivision regulations. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. Mr. Atzenhoffer explained the requested resolution. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-045      PROPOSED ROAD SHALL BE RECOMMENDED FOR ACCEPTANCE  
INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM**

**DISCUSSIONS**

The next item (34) on the agenda was a discussion concerning fire districts. Mr. Lindel Toups spoke of the Gheens Fire Department. He then requested that the Administration do some research on the Parish combining fire insurances, audits, and supplies for the nine fire districts. Mr. Toups also requested that the Administration check into the feasibility of combining the Lockport, Raceland, and Gheens Fire Districts into one. President Randolph said that it would be a good opportunity to discuss these matters with all the Fire Chiefs at the next Fire Chief's Association meeting, which would be held in March. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the fire districts' expenses and how they could run more efficiently.

Chairman Matherne announced to the Public that a Social Security Reform meeting would be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Houma Municipal Auditorium with Congressman Charlie Melancon speaking.

Mr. Lindel Toups questioned the way the Council was handling the proposed ordinances and what could be done to discuss the proposal at the same meeting. Discussions and debates ensued on how it should or could be changed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of January 25, 2005 **adjourned** at 8:45 p.m.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**SHEILA B. BOUDREAUX, COUNCIL CLERK  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**