

MARCH 8, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH LAFOURCHE

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612, HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

The Parish Council was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mr. Lindel Toups, Chairman, who then stated that the Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Toups announced that the opening prayer would be led by Mr. Mike Delatte. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Phillip Gouaux.

Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

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

ABSENT: None

Chairman Toups that the Public Works Director Ray Cheramie, Assistant District Attorney Lisa Orgeron, Finance Director Shannon Chaisson were present. The Parish President was not present.

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Chairman Lindel Toups announced that the first item was Public wishing to address the council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The first item (1) on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the December 29, 2003, Lafourche Parish Council Special Meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to accept the December 29, 2003, Special Meeting minutes. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (2) on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2004, Lafourche Parish Council Regular Meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte to accept the February 10, 2004 Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Atzenhoffer pulled **item (33)** under the January 27, 2004 Public Works & Solid Waste Committee

minutes , page 14, which was a motion to submit James Cantrelle, II Subdivision (47) lots, District 6, Ward 4, to be presented before the January 29, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. He requested that another public hearing be held by this council, not the Planning Commission, for this item. Chairman Toups reminded Mr. Atzenhoffer that the District Attorney ruled that items could not be pulled from the minutes. Mr. Phillip Gouaux relinquished his time to Bridget Pierson and then suggested that the council, upon final adoption, either not adopt or defer the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Pierson spoke in opposition of the subdivision based on safety issues. Next, Chairman Toups relinquished his time to Mr. David Waitz, the subdivision engineer for the developer. He mentioned that the streets were measured, residents' safety concerns were reviewed, parish and Planning Commission requirements were met, and then asked that the subdivision be approved. He added that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the subdivision. Discussion ensued regarding subdivision requirements, safety issues, and how to handle this situation. Chairman Toups then read a fax he received from the Planning Commission concerning this subdivision and also residents' concerns of the adjacent subdivision. The discussion pertaining to the safety issues continued. Mr. Atzenhoffer suggested that a few councilmen visit the site and give a report at the next Public Works & Solid Waste committee meeting with their recommendation. Mr. Gouaux discussed the option of the parish forming an ordinance that would reduce the amount of homes allowed per subdivision. He concluded that the subdivision, which has met all the criteria, could only be delayed if a legal problem existed. A resident of the area also expressed his concern regarding the potential of heavy traffic in the subdivision. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to send this item back to the Public Works & Solid Waste committee meeting. The motion and second were both withdrawn. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (3) on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the February 25, 2004, Lafourche Parish Council Special Meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to accept the February 25, 2004 Special Meeting minutes. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2004,
COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

The next item (4) on the agenda was to approve the minutes and recommendations of the February 25, 2004, Finance and Legislative Committee meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne, Chairman of the Finance and Legislative Committee, and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to accept the minutes of the Finance and Legislative Committee meeting. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Proceedings of the February 25 , 2004 Finance and Legislative Committee Meeting are as follows:

**FEBRUARY 25, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

**THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE,
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF**

APPOINTMENTS AND PERMITS COMMITTEE MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mr. Tommy Lasseigne, Chairman, stated that the Finance and Legislative Committee was ready for the transaction of business following the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 7:55 with the following:

- PRESENT:** Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Mike Delatte
Mr. Michael Matherne
Mr. Tommy Lasseigne–Chairman
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer
Mr. Lindel Touns
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II–Chairman
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine
- ABSENT:** None

MOTIONS

The next item (1) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the updating of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Phillip Gouaux suggested that the new Council Clerk put to Code of Ordinances on a CD.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the updating of the Lafourche Parish Council’s By-Laws. Mr. Phillip Gouaux mentioned that he, along with pass councilman Mr. Joseph Fertitta and Council Clerk Sheila Boudreaux, worked on updating the By-Laws, which have not been updated in five years. He requested that Ms. Boudreaux furnish the council with corrections that have been made, but not passed, within the past 5 years. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne to distribute the work that was done on updating the By-laws to the current Councilmen for their review and have the councilmen make recommendations for changes to the By-laws at the next committee meeting. The committee **adopted** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning zoning. Mr. Phillip Gouaux **deferred** this item until the next committee meeting.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning parish-wide recreation. Mr. Phillip Gouaux **deferred** this item until the next committee meeting.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the subdivision ordinance (drainage and driveways). Mr. Phillip Gouaux mentioned that people are pouring driveways and sidewalks with no expansion joint on the parish line and said that the cement has to be cut if the parish has to remove a culvert. He said that he will introduce an ordinance at the next full council meeting that states that an expansion joint must exist at or near the parish line/servitude to avoid major damage when removing a culvert. Mr. Gouaux said that this issue did not fall under the Planning Commission’s jurisdiction. A discussion ensued regarding how the cement contractor would know where the line was.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning parish employees. Mr. Daniel Lorraine discussed the issue of salary increases for parish employees. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Lindel Touns requesting the administration to look into giving parish employees a 10% raise, excluding the employees that were just hired. A discussion ensued regarding the percentage of the salary increase and the option of the

allowing the Parish President, along with the Finance Department to come up with a figure. Mr. Michael Matherne reminded that committee that the council only hires two employees—an auditor and the Council Clerk, and added that he was not in the position to tell the Parish President what to pay her employees. Several Councilmen spoke in favor of the raise but in opposition to the 10%. An **amendment** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, and **carried** requesting the Parish President to looking into the possibility of giving parish employees a pay increase, excluding the amount of 10% by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, being that of Mr. Daniel Lorraine. The **motion died** since the amendment, to exclude the 10%, passed.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning a millage for the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging. Charlene Rodriquez, the Executive Director for the Council on Aging, discussed a proposal she sent to the council regarding a millage for the Council on Aging. She elaborated on home meal deliveries, transportation services, salaries, and the elderly residents who receive and do not receive services. Mr. Toups suggested that the Council on Aging request that the Sheriff's office lower the meal prices. Mrs. Rodriquez mentioned that they are United Way funded, which does not allow them to do business with some of the big, local businesses. She then discussed the issue of liability insurance.

The next item (8) on the agenda was a motion to discuss the Thibodaux-Raceland-Savoie Project. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer mentioned that the committee discussed at the last meeting the possibility of spending \$1 million of parish money on this project. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups that public meetings be held in the next 30 days to allow for public comment on this project, prior to the council making a decision as to whether or not to fund the project. A discussion ensued regarding where to hold the meetings and who would attend the meetings to provide information. Mr. Phillip Gouaux discussed other drainage problems with several of the Pump Stations and protection levees in his area, stating that an attempt needs to be made to fix these problems before spending money on this project. Mr. Atzenhoffer stressed that the motion was just to hold public meetings. The committee **adopted** the motion to hold a public meeting to discuss the Thibodaux-Raceland-Savoie Project in the Bayou Blue, Lockport, Thibodaux, and Raceland area by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairman Lasseigne requested that the committee deviate from the agenda, discussing item (9) after item (12).

The next item (10) on the agenda was a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 04-006 and stating that all checks issued by the Lafourche Parish Government shall be signed by any two of the following three individuals: Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph, Parish Administrator Cullen Curole, and Executive Assistant Arlene Toups; and that these individuals are authorized to sign on all accounts dealing with the transfer of funds. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Lindel Toups requested that the Parish President's signature be on all checks. The committee **recommended approval** of said resolution by a vote of by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, being that of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES. NO. 04-020

SIGNATURES FOR CHECKS

The next item (11) on the agenda was a resolution to declare parish property on attached list as surplus. A Point of Order was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, stating that according to the Home Rule Charter, any property abandoned by the parish needs to be introduced as an ordinance, opposed to a resolution. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer **deferred** this item until the next council meeting, where it will be placed on the agenda as a proposed ordinance by the Council Clerk.

The next item (12) on the agenda was a resolution approving the holding of an election in Recreation District No. 3 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 17, 2004, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, pending a resolution from Recreation District No. 3, which will be provided to the Lafourche Parish Council before the next full council meeting to be held on March 9, 2004. Mr. Brent Callais *abstained* from voting on this item, as advised by the District Attorney and the Board of Ethics, due to his father being one of the beneficiaries of this tax. A Point of Order was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, cited the Home Rule Charter, stating that levees, taxes, or assessments require the adoption of an ordinance. He referred to a letter from the District Attorney's office stating such. He requested that this item be placed on the full council agenda as a proposed ordinance. Mr. Daniel Lorraine then read aloud a letter received from the District Attorney regarding this issue, advising the council to introduce this item at the next council meeting, which would in no way delay the holding of the election in July. Mr. Lorraine then referred to resolutions that were adopted over the years, such as resolutions approving tax calls and the holding of elections to authorize the renewal of a special tax or the levying of a special tax. He just asked that an election be held to let the people vote on whether or not they want the tax. He then comment on the issue of the one year moratorium, stating that in his opinion, it was just a delay tactic. He agreed to put this item on the next full council agenda as a proposed ordinance. Mr. Toups suggested that the millage be dropped and that the 10th Ward use a sales tax, so that everyone pays for it. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer stated that because something was done wrong in the past does not make it right and added that the council should follow the Home Rule Charter, which states that any increase in tax requires an ordinance. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer *withdrew* item (9), a resolution placing a one year moratorium on any new millages. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine requesting that **item (12) and item (9)**, respectively, **be placed on the next full council agenda as proposed ordinances** by the Council Clerk. The committee *approved* the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

STAFF REPORT

The next item (13) on the agenda was a Presentation of financial report by the individual in charge or individual with knowledge of present and ongoing matters and the highest ranking individual internally to whom the Finance Staff/Employees report to in the Lafourche Parish Finance Department, (that person prior to reporting to the President) as required by the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section B, Item 2, which states: "The president shall submit monthly reports to the governing authority on parish finances and may require any parish officer or employee to report to the governing authority when necessary for the proper administration of the parish. President Randolph mentioned that this presentation is made at the full council meeting. A motion was offered Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Tommy Lasseigne, and *carried* to **defer** this report until the full council meeting, where this report will always be presented, by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item (14) on the agenda was Public to address the Committee. Steve LeRay addressed the committee regarding the Thibodaux-Raceland-Savoie Project and mentioned the drainage problems on the west side of Thibodaux.

The next item (15) on the agenda was any other business. A motion was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and *unanimously seconded* to reschedule the March full council meeting, due to an election, to Monday, March 8, 2004.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Council Legislative and Finance Committee of February 25, 2004, was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

**TOMMY LASSEIGNE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH FINANCE
AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**STACIE GRAVOIS, INTERIM COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**

The next item (5) on the agenda was to approve the minutes and recommendations of the February 25, 2004 Board of Appointment and Permits Committee meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Mr. Michael Matherne, Chairman of the Board of Appointment and Permits Committee, and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to accept the minutes of the Board of Appointment and Permits Committee meeting. The minutes were *approved* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Proceedings of the February 25, 2004 Board of Appointments and Permits Committee Meeting are as follows:

**FEBRUARY 25, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERMITS COMMITTEE WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND LOUISIANA.

Mr. Michael Matherne, Chairman, stated that the Board of Appointments and Permits Committee were ready for the transaction of business following the close of the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee Meeting. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order at 7:41 P.M. with the following:

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

ABSENT: None

MOTIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action or appoint two (2) Community Representatives to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council, one to replace Mr. Michael Matherne and one to fill a vacancy/advertised. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip

Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte to appoint Mr. John LeBouef and Mr. Shane Hebert. The Committee *recommended the appointment* of **Mr. John LeBouef and Mr. Shane Hebert** to the **Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action or appoint three (3) Community Representative Alternates to the Lafourche Parish Head Start Policy Council/advertised. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer for each councilman to recruit candidates from their respective district to serve as an alternate for the Head Start Policy Council. A discussion ensued on how alternates are chosen. Mr. Gouaux stated that re-advertising for the position was not necessary and asked that the councilmen bring names to the next committee meeting. The Committee *approved* the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint one (1) vacancy to the Bayou Blue Fire Protection District of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche, due to the resignation of Ms. Pansy C. Chauvin/advertised. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer said he received a letter from Peter Parks asking to be reappointed to the board. He added that there was still a vacancy that needed to be advertised. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to reappoint Mr. Peter Parks and to advertise for the vacancy. The Committee *recommended the appointment* of **Mr. Peter Parks** to the **Bayou Blue Fire Protection District of the Parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche** and to *advertise* for the vacancy by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint three (3) vacancies to Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 6. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and *carried to advertise* in the parish journal for the three (3) vacancies to the Lafourche Parish Drainage District No. 6 Board by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint three (3) vacancies to Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 8. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried to advertise* in the parish journal for the three (3) vacancies to the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 8 Board by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (6) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint two (2) vacancies to Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 5. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and *carried to advertise* in the parish journal for the two (2) vacancies to the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 5 board by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (7) on the agenda was a motion to take appropriate action to appoint one (1) vacancy to Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Management Commission, due to the resignation of Alvin Arceneaux, Jr. A motion was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte, and *carried to advertise* for the vacancy to the Lafourche Parish Game and Fish Management Commission by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (8) on the agenda was a motion to ratify the appointment of Mr. Gene Griffin as the Town of Golden Meadow's representative on The Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 3, due to the passing of Mr. Julian Smith. A motion was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. The Committee *recommended the appointment* of **Mr. Gene Griffin** as the Town of Golden Meadow's representative on The Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 3 Board by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (9) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the Lafourche

Head Start Program in the Ward 6 area. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Mike Delatte mentioned that the 6th Ward area once had a Head Start program but it was closed down. He added that a negotiation process has begun to check into the feasibility of re-opening it and possibly housing it in the library that will soon be built in Ward 6.

The next item (10) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion about appointing a board/committee to look at the Planning Commission and Subdivision regulations. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer mentioned that these regulations need to be updated and suggested appointing a subcommittee to review the regulations and recommend to the council possible changes. Mr. Callais was informed that the Blue Ribbon Committee has reviewed the Planning Commission and that they have made recommendations. Mr. Gouaux suggested that the council ask the Planning Commission if they have any recommendations for changes, and then form a committee after recommendations are received from the Planning Commission. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer said that he was on the agenda for tomorrow night's Planning Commission meeting.

The next item (11) on the agenda was a motion to move the Blue Ribbon Committee report from the March full council meeting to the April 13, 2004 full Council meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, being that of Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item (12) on the agenda was any business be addressed. Mr. Toups announced that Mr. Dale Toups, Jr resigned from the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 8 Board. A motion was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and *carried* to **advertise** for the vacancy to the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 8 Board by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (13) on the agenda was Public to address the Committee. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Council Board of Appointments and Permit Committee of February 25, 2004, is adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPOINTMENTS AND
PERMITS COMMITTEE**

**STACIE GRAVOIS, INTERIM COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**

The next item (6) on the agenda was to approve the minutes and recommendations of the February 25, 2004 Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, Chairman of the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee, and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte to accept the minutes of the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee meeting. The minutes were *approved* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Proceedings of the February 25, 2004 Public Works and Solid Waste Committee Meeting are as follows:

**FEBRUARY 25, 2004
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF LAFOURCHE**

THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2004, FOLLOWING A SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HWY. 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

Mark Atzenhoffer , Chairman, stated that the Public Works and Solid Waste Committee was ready for the transaction of business at 6:12 P.M.. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

PRESENT: Mr. Tyrone Williams
Mr. Mike Delatte–Co-Chair
Mr. Michael Matherne
Mr. Tommy Lasseigne
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer–Chairman
Mr. Lindel Touns
Mr. L. Phillip Gouaux, II
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Chairman Atzenhoffer asked if anyone from the public wanted to address the committee. Barbara Danos commented on item (13), referring to Delta Farm Roads, and asked why the parish did not agree to take over a deplorable street from HWY 308 to LA 657, which state agreed to black top only if the parish took it over. Arthur Matherne discussed also Delta Farm Roads, mentioning that the garbage situation improved but the road is still in bad condition. Mr. Gouaux said that the road, with the exception of a small piece of about 500' that was given back to the parish, is still state owned.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Ray Cheramie, Public Works Director, reported on the following: operation acceptance of the Al Robichaux Pump Station, verbal agreement on a right-of-way at the Natural Gas Pump Station, the Kraemer Drainage Pump Project, acceptance of bids on changing the pumping engine at Loudivine, receiving bids on locating 36' pumps at both the Fantastic and Edward Guidry Pump Stations, the hiring of two employees for the barns at region B,C, and D for the culvert cleaners, the ordering of equipment, and the ring levees south of the South Lafourche Levee District not having legal right-of-ways. Councilmen addressed the following issues: expropriating the property of the right-of-ways at the ring levees, the status of Oak Point Road, the possibility of using a flex schedule, and the time limit of purchasing new equipment.

PRESENTATIONS

The first item (1) on the agenda was a presentation by Joe Picciola of Picciola & Associates with a report of a cost estimate to overlay the remaining unpaved public streets in Lafourche Parish. Mr. Touns mentioned that it will be approximately two months until the cost estimate would be ready.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a presentation by Windell Curole of South Lafourche Levee District with a report of proposed projects for 2004. Mr. Curole updated the council on its projects, specifically addressing the following issues: levees, drainage, pump stations, the flood gates, loss of marsh, and types of flooding. Mr. Curole also informed the committee that Drainage District No. 1 supplies spray for the SLLD and then a discussion ensued regarding the issue of the

parish paying for the fuel for the pump stations.

MOTIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was a motion to submit Rosemary Gardens Subdivision (141) lots, District 5 Ward 11, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting (Sketch Plat Approval). Chairman Atzenhoffer announced that item (3) has been pulled from the agenda.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a motion to submit Sugar Plum Mobile Home Park, (4) mobile home spaces, District 6, Ward 7, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch Plat Approval) Mr. Lindel Toups mentioned that these lots were sold for \$30,000 to \$40,000 and said that this mobile home development cannot be stopped because the parish does not have any zoning. Mr. Toups suggested hiding the development with a fence or bushes and was told by Pat Matherne that the committee could recommend this request to the Planning Commission. A **amendment** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to ask the Planning Commission to include a visual barrier, such a fence or bush, by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, being that of Mr. Tommy Lasseigne. The committee **recommended** that item (4), as amended, be sent to the Planning Commission by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (5) on the agenda was a motion to submit Eugene Chiasson Subdivision (2) lots, District 9, Ward 10, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch/Final Plat Approval).

Item (6) on the agenda was to submit Betty Benoit Subdivision (2) lots, District 3, Ward 1, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch/Final Plat Approval)

Item (7) on the agenda was to submit French Turn Subdivision, Addendum No. 4 (28) lots , District 8 Ward 10, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Final Plat Approval)

Item (8) on the agenda was to submit Francis Bourgeois, Sr. Subdivision (2) lots, District 4, Ward 3 , to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch/Final Plat Approval)

Item (9) on the agenda was to submit Perque Subdivision (4) lots, District 2, Ward 6, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch/Final Plat Approval)

Item (10) on the agenda was to submit Roz Properties Subdivision (1) lot, District 9, Ward 10 to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch/Final Plat Approval)

Chairman Atzenhoffer made the following corrections: Item (7) should be a **sketch** plat approval and item (9) should be **(15)** lots. Pat Matherne said that items (5) through (10) were given recommendations by the consultant to be submitted to the Planning Commission. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to send items (5) through (10) to the Planning Commission. The committee **approved** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (11) on the agenda was a motion to submit James Cantrelle, II Subdivision (47) lots, District 6, Ward 4, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. (Sketch/Preliminary Plat Approval). Mrs. Matherne said that she visited the site with the consultant and engineer. She added that this item was deferred at the last Planning Commission meeting due to safety issues, which will be addressed at tomorrow night's Planning Commission meeting. A motion was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to send item (11) to the Planning Commission. The committee **approved** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas

and zero (0) nays.

The next item (12) on the agenda was a motion to recommend the placement of a Performance Bond in the amount of \$6,250.00 for the completion of final inspection items on Sugar Ridge West Subdivision, Addendum No. 3, District 2, Ward 6, to be presented before the February 26, 2004, Planning Commission Meeting. A discussion ensued by Pat Matherne regarding the need for the Performance Bond, since the subdivision did not pass inspection and, therefore, could not be given final inspection. She also described how the value of performance bonds are determined. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups.. The committee **approved** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (13) on the agenda was a motion requesting someone from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and/or Senator Reggie Dupre and/or Representative Loulan Pitre to discuss the highway exchange program. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to enter into discussion. A lengthy discussion ensued by Senator Dupre, who represents the majority of Lafourche and Terrebonne Parish residents, regarding the highway exchange program and how it works with DOTD, mentioning several state roads that are not eligible for any federal matches and are local in nature. Subjects addressed prior to discussing the exchange program: fuel taxes in Louisiana, DOTD's master plan and its budget, and federal matching for highways. Senator Dupre summarized the way new highways are built in the state—parishes agree to take over a local state highway with little traffic in exchange for the state bringing up that local highway to standards with any necessary repairs. He mentioned that many complaints have been received throughout Louisiana on these local roads and that this problem needs to be addressed. A discussion ensued regarding the funding of roads/highways. Senator Dupre continued to discuss the highway exchange program, mentioning the statutory limit on the number of roads and Lafourche Parish's deficit, which is growing, since this passed and could jeopardize the new highway construction being planned. Senator Dupre suggested that the exchange program be tried at a section of LA 657, the Delta Farms road, the new Larose link between 3235 and LA 1 and a new on system bridge, which will be part of a state highway system, in Larose that will be built near Larry Picciola's office. He also suggested addressing the portion between the intersection of LA 308 on the east side of Bayou Lafourche up to the Dead End, where the limits of the state jurisdiction are located. Senator Dupre suggested that the council pass a resolution and have the Parish President send a letter to Governor and the DOTD secretary making an offer to exchange the previously mentioned section of LA 657 if the state agrees to bring it up to standard, such as doing a full overlay and maybe adding some shoulders, in order to bring the road to the top of the list. He suggested that another action that could be considered would be to send a resolution to the Governor, DOTD, and the Lafourche Parish Delegation supporting some sort of dedicated funding for the local state highways. Councilmen then addressed Senator Dupre. Senator Dupre then suggested that the council give the Parish President the authority to negotiate on the exchange program. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to authorize the Parish President to meet with DOTD and the Governor's office to negotiate with the state a deal where the parish could take over LA HWY 657, north of LA HWY 308, and LA HWY 310 under the Exchange Program. The committee **adopted** the motion by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. Senator Dupre announced that tomorrow was the deadline for the advertising of local bills.

The next item (14) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the Kraemer Grave Site Stabilization Project. Mr. Mike Delatte described the problem to be that the protection levee and drainage system passes to the rear of the grave yard and that the water is approaching and has eaten away several feet. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and **carried** that the administration look into finding a solution to this problem with either monetary assistance or in-kind services.

The next item (15) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the

Kraemer Highway 307 to Sanchez Road Levee Project. Mr. Mike Delatte said that he discussed this issue with the Department of Public Works and mentioned that this project could be done with in-kind services. He described the flooding problem of this area and suggested that a 60'-70' wide levee be built so that residents can avoid submerging their cars into flood waters. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and **carried** that the Department of Public Works address this problem by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

The next item (16) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning a parish-wide equipment utilization report from the Department of Public Works. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais requesting Ray Cheramie, Public Works Director, to present a monthly report on the canals/ditches dugged in each district and the equipment used to dig the canals, whether it is for the parish or the drainage district. Mr. Lorraine also wanted to know where the dragline was at. Mr. Toups said that he receives this report from each barn. Mr. Gouaux said that he felt this report was not necessary. The committee **adopted** the motion by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, being that of Mr. Michael Matherne and Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

The next item (17) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning pumps in District 6. Mr. Toups said that Ray Cheramie addressed this issue under his report, saying that the pump will be installed.

The next item (18) on the agenda was a motion to enter into discussion concerning the drainage project in Valentine. Mr. Lindel Toups discussed the flooding problem in the area and asked that the project, which was canceled, be started again.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (19) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean a culvert located along LA. HWY. 1 and across HWY 1 by Circle K in Cut Off, in the area of Mr. Kenry Vegas' residence located at 16012 West Main, Cut Off, LA 70345, Ward 10, District 8, Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana. Mr. Brent Callais mentioned that Mr. Vegas' sewer system does not work due to a heavy downpour and said that the culvert mentioned above is clogged and needs to be cleaned. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Toups suggested that Mr. Callais request that the parish culvert cleaners be used. Mr. Callais said he would put in a second work order. The committee **adopted** said resolution by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES. NO. 04-017 DOTD CLEAN CULVERTS KENRY VEGAS RESIDENCE

The next item (20) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean the culverts located in the vicinity of 10340 HWY 1 located in Valentine, Ward 4, District 7, Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. The committee **adopted** said resolution by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES. NO. 04-018 DOTD CLEAN CULVERTS 10340 HWY 1

The next item (21) on the agenda was a resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Sealevel Construction, Inc., in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion on the Construction of the Kraemer Drainage Pump Station - Fema Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Ward (6), District (2), Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. The committee **adopted** said resolution by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES. NO. 04-019 SUB-COMPLETION PUMP STATION

OTHER BUSINESS

The next item (22) on the agenda was any other business of the Committee. Mr. Lindel Toups mentioned that the date for the March full council meeting had to be changed due to an election being held in the Barrios Center.

Item (a) was the Chair to address the Committee regarding agenda items. Chairman

Atzenhoffer asked that councilmen be more specific when placing motions to enter into discussion concerning an issue on the agenda. He also referred to the Solid Waste sub-committee and asked that they be aware of the open meetings law and publish when the meetings will be held.

Next, Mr. Donovan Toups addressed the committee regarding the Loudivine Pump Station, specifically asking why the parish decided to replace the pump with 30" pump in this farm area. Ray Cheramie stated that one of the deplorable pumps is being replaced with an old pump that was removed from the Tom Foret Pump Station.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Mike Delatte and with no further business the Lafourche Parish Council Public Works and Solid Waste Committee of February 25, 2004, is adjourned at 7:33 pm.

**MARK ATZENHOFFER, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH PUBLIC WORKS
AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

**STACIE GRAVOIS, INTERIM COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH**

PRESIDENT REPORT

The next item (7) on the agenda was a presentation of monthly report by the Parish President as required by the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section B, Item 2, which states: "The president shall submit monthly reports to the governing authority on parish finances and may require any parish officer or employee to report to the governing authority when necessary for the proper administration of the parish. Chairman Toups announced that President Randolph was in Washington, D.C. Shannon Chaisson, the Finance Director, presented the President's report. Mrs. Chaisson stated that the administration reviewing into the 2004 budget, which was developed by the past administration, and identifying funds that may be available to address the goals and objectives of the current administration and council. She added that the most urgent priority was GASB 34, a standard of accounting of all infrastructures including roads and bridges. She mentioned that the deadline for compliance was June 30, 2004 and said that the parish auditor advised the parish to use the inventory list and measurements of all roads and bridges in Lafourche Parish that the state maintains. Mrs. Chaisson also stated that in order to comply with the financial reporting requirements of GASB 34, new software will be purchased, at an estimated cost of \$6,400-\$8,000, within the next week.

ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance to accept the subdivision known as the Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 3, Sugarland Subdivision, Ward (3), District (6), into the parish system. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams, and *carried* to adopt said ordinance by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3388 ACCEPT LOTS 1, 2, 3, & 4 BLOCK 3 SUGARLAND

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour on West 220th Street, West 221st Street and West 222nd Street, "Speed Checked by Radar" and "Caution Children at Play", Ward (10), District (9) of Lafourche Parish; requiring the placement of "Speed Limit, Speed Checked by Radar, and Caution Children at Play" signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. A motion was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and *carried* to adopt said ordinance by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3389 15 MPH WEST 220TH, 221ST, & 222ND STREETS

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a speed limit of ten (10) mile per hour on West 223rd Street, "Speed Checked by Radar" and Caution Children at Play", Ward (10), District (9) of Lafourche Parish; requiring the placement of "Speed Limit, "Speed Checked by Radar" and "Caution Children at Play" signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof A motion was

the subdivision known as the “Evangeline Heights Subdivision, Addendum No. 1, Phase D2”, Ward 11, District 5 of Lafourche Parish. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (20) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to accept into the parish system the subdivision known as the “Blocks 3 & 4, Re-division of Tina Guidry Property”, Ward 11, District 5 of Lafourche Parish. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (21) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance .to accept into the parish system the subdivision known as the “Highlands Subdivision”, Ward 10, District 8 of Lafourche Parish A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (22) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to regulate a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on all motor vehicles traveling on Live Oak Lane, Ward 6, District 2 of Lafourche Parish; to require the placement of “Speed Limit” and “Children at Play” signs; and providing penalties for the violation thereof. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (23) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to regulate a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on all motor vehicles traveling on Samantha Drive, Ward 6, District 2 of Lafourche Parish; to require the placement of “Speed Limit” and “Children at Play” signs; and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (24) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance to change the location of the Polling Precinct 6-2 from the Chackbay Volunteer Fire Department No. 2 to the Wilbert J. Tauzin Center; to further establish the effective date; and to provide for any other matters thereof. A motion was offered by Mr. Mike Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (25) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3138 to reflect only the upgrade of the Lafourche Parish Library System to include the purchases of the Schwab Law Office Building in Thibodaux, to relocate Headquarters, \$387,000, the Baudoin Super Market Building in Lockport to relocate the present Lockport Library, \$187,000, and two acres of land from Mr. Gaston Rodrigue in Chackbay for \$50,000; and to enact a new ordinance that would allow the Lafourche Parish Public Library to purchase the Chouest Building in Galliano to relocate the Cut Off-Galliano Library at a cost of \$500,000; and to authorize the signing of all pertinent documents associated with the ordinance. A motion was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (26) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3138 to reflect only the upgrade of the Lafourche Parish Library System to include the purchases of the Schwab Law Office Building in Thibodaux, to relocate Headquarters, \$387,000, the Baudoin Super Market Building in Lockport to relocate the present Lockport Library, \$187,000, and two acres of land from Mr. Gaston Rodrigue in Chackbay for \$50,000; and to enact a new ordinance that would allow the Lafourche Parish Public Library to accept a lease offer from the Lafourche Parish School board for three (3) acres of land in Bayou Blue for fifty (50) years at a cost of \$100 per year in order to construct a permanent building not to exceed \$680,000; and to authorize the signing of all pertinent documents associated with the ordinance. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (27) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3138 to reflect only the upgrade of the Lafourche Parish Library System to include the purchases of the Schwab Law Office Building in Thibodaux, to relocate Headquarters, \$387,000, the Baudoin Super Market Building in Lockport to relocate the present Lockport Library, \$187,000, and two acres of land from Mr. Gaston Rodrigue in Chackbay for \$50,000; and to enact a new ordinance that would allow the Lafourche Parish Public Library to accept a lease offer from the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 8 for a plot of land in Gheens for ninety-nine (99) years at a cost of \$100 per year in order to construct a portable building measuring 24' x 40' for a cost not to exceed \$50,000; and to authorize the

signing of all pertinent documents associated with the ordinance. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (28) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3138 to reflect only the upgrade of the Lafourche Parish Library System to include the purchases of the Schwab Law Office Building in Thibodaux, to relocate Headquarters, \$387,000, the Baudoin Super Market Building in Lockport to relocate the present Lockport Library, \$187,000, and two acres of land from Mr. Gaston Rodrigue in Chackbay for \$50,000; and to enact a new ordinance that would allow the Lafourche Parish Public Library to accept a lease offer from the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 2 for a plot of land in Raceland for a period of fifty (5) years with an option to renew for an additional fifty (50) years at a sum of \$100 per year in order to construct a permanent building not to exceed \$680,000; and to authorize the signing of all pertinent documents associated with the ordinance. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (29) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance requiring all contractors and land owners to provide an expansion joint between the property line and the parish servitude when building a driveway or sidewalk. A motion was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (30) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the issuance, sale and delivery of not exceeding \$40,000 in the form of revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2004, of the Veterans Memorial District (Ward 10) of the Parish of Lafourche, and other matters relating thereto. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (31) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the issuance, sale and delivery of \$750,000 of Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2004, of the Veterans Memorial District (Ward 10) of the Parish of Lafourche, and other matters relating thereto. A motion was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (32) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the holding of an election in Recreation District No. 3 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, July 17, 2004, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein. A motion was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (33) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance placing a one year moratorium on any new millages. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

The next item (34) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance declaring property belonging to the Lafourche Parish Council, Parish of Lafourche, as surplus property. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (35) on the agenda was a resolution supporting proposed legislation to reduce or remove over time sales taxes on machinery and equipment used in manufacturing by means of definitional exclusions; and to eliminate over time borrowed capital as a basis for the assessment, imposition, and collection of the corporate franchise tax. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer said that this resolution would be sent to the State Senators and Representatives saying that the council supported removal of these taxes, in which Louisiana is the only state that still charges these taxes making the state uncompetitive. Mr. Phillip Gouaux suggested that council members send a synopsis/information to the councilmen prior to the meeting so that appropriate research could be done. A discussion ensued regarding the state tax intake and if this removal/reduction of the tax would affect farm equipment. Mr. Brent Callais suggested that this item be tabled until the committee meetings but was told that the session would be over by that time. A motion was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Tyrone Williams
 Mr. Mike Delatte

Ethics, who advised him to get a legal opinion. A **resolution** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and *carried* requesting an opinion from the District Attorney on whether or not Councilman Brent Callais should abstain from voting on an ordinance that will be voted on next month regarding the purchase of the Chouest building in Galliano for the library.

RES NO. 04-023 DA OPINION ON LEGALITY OF B. CALLAIS VOTING ON LIBRARY PURCHASE

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The next item on the agenda was public wishing to address the council. Rosa Galjour, a board member of the South Lafourche Veteran's Association, announced that a major priority is the purchase of two vans for the veterans. She publically thanked Mr. Freddie Guidry, Jr. for offering the Fire Station in Galliano as the pick up station for the hospital trips for the veterans.

ADJOURN

On motion by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of March 8, is now adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

**LINDEL TOUPS, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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