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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, MAY 24, 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 6:01 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. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Brent Callais
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

ABSENT: Mr. Lindel Toups

Chairman Matherne also recognized Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph as being present.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2005, Regular Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to accept the May 10, 2005 minutes. Mr. Brent Callais requested that the minutes be changed to reflect "Amy Martinez" (on page 15, Two-Thirds Agenda, item 3, Discussions) instead of "Tracy Martinez". The minutes were **approved**, with the request made by Mr. Brent Callais, by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

The next item on the agenda was the Public to address the Council. Constable Dwain LeBouef addressed the Council regarding the importance of the derelict housing issues and how much of a health hazard/eye sore that they caused in the Parish. He brought proof of some of the activities that occur at such locations. He showed and explained to the Council evidence confiscated from a subject that he had just recently arrested, that lived in an abandoned building.

Ms. Dianna Dufrene, resident of Des Allemands, addressed the Council regarding item (27) on the agenda, which pertained to the proposed ordinance establishing an "Idle Speed Only" zone in Bayou Des Allemands. She said that she appreciated the idle only in Des Allemands because it would help during high water. Ms. Dufrene explained another area that she thought would also need an idle only. She then showed pictures of boats that she believed to be running too close together and too high of a speed. Ms. Dufrene continued with explanations of her complaints. She thanked the Parish President for all of her time which she had spent in regards to the matter and appreciated how busy she was.

Mr. Tyrone Williams asked Ms. Dufrene how far did she live from the area in question (referring to a picture that she had provided). Ms. Dufrene replied that was standing approximately 50 feet from her front door, when she had taken the picture.

Mr. Michael Delatte asked Ms. Dufrene to clarify that Mr. Cavalier (another resident that Ms. Dufrene claimed that was also complaining) lives on the St. Charles side of the area in question. Ms. Dufrene responded that he does live on the St. Charles side and that she was actually the last Lafourche, but he was further out. Mr. Delatte then asked Ms. Dufrene if she had any letters from anyone else supporting her complaints. She said that she actually did, but that they did not live near her. A brief discussion ensued regarding visits to the area in question. Mr. Delatte said that he had done his own studies of the idling and the time it takes to go out to the quarter mile mark. He said that he had taken the air boat tour to see the effects from different stand points and also went out on different occasions. Mr. Delatte stated that Ms. Dufrene was present on one occasion and explained that the air boat had done a good job that day. He said that he had approached by jet ski a third time, going down to the power lines to realize the sounds produced by them running wide open. Mr. Delatte said that he just recently made his fourth visit to the area, that he had launched at the boat launch, he had rode and timed going down the canal at idle speeds, and that it had taken six and a half minutes to get from the air boat tours to the quarter mile mark from Ms. Dufrene's front door. A brief discussion and explanations continued. Mr. Delatte stated that he had also noticed at least 12 "No Wake Zone" signs (posting the Lafourche Parish Ordinance 2916) that were already posted. He explained the intentions of his original ordinance and what was changed. Discussions continued regarding the area in question. Mr. Delatte explained that the Parish Council did not have authority to post anything or set limitations on private property and that the owner would have to do so on his own. He continued with further explanations, said that they were trying to do the best that they can, and was working on good faith efforts. A brief discussion ensued regarding the legalities of posting signs on private property with tax payers money.

Mr. Arthur Matherne addressed the Council regarding the idle only ordinance. He first thanked the Council, the Parish President, the Water Patrol, and the Sheriff's Department (from both parishes) for going out to check the false statements made in regards to his company. He explained why he was again defending himself, in regards to the complaints of his air boat tours. Mr. Matherne continued with his beliefs in the matter.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that the Bylaws (Ordinance No. 2403) does not allow for any person to address the Council more than two times concerning the same matter.

PRESENTATIONS

The next item (2) on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. Denise Hughes, Community Action Director, to give a presentation on recently attended 32nd Annual Training Conference, Louisiana Association of Community Action Partnerships, Inc. (LACAP) that was held in Many, Louisiana. Ms. Hughes said that she had attended the conference, so resourceful information could be brought back to the community to be more self sufficient. She then introduced two of her staff members: Shandra Streams and Tomais Bourda. Ms. Hughes requested that they give a brief report on what they had learned at the training conference.

Ms. Shandra Streams stated she was the Community Services Block Grant Coordinator for Community Action. She gave information in regards to the grants. Ms. Streams said that the conference had provided an opportunity for the agency to gain additional knowledge of the workings of other community action agencies, as well as the opportunity to network and gain insight with them. She explained the different areas of training of available programs that may add to the success of their agency: National Indicators, Activity report, CSBG I/S Survey, Monitoring and Fiscal. Ms. Streams stated that Lafourche Community Action was used as an example because their agency had received a flawless review for 2004. She said that a wonderful program (Teen Summit - Lafourche) would begin in the summer, with the support of the Lafourche Parish Government and the City of Thibodaux. Ms. Streams handed out brochures, explained the program and what it would provide for the community. She stated that the Parish President had graciously offered to host a "Dinner with the Parish President" banquet which would be held on July 31, 2005. Ms. Streams said that a "3 on 3 Basketball Tournament" would be held on July 23, 2005 at the Martin Luther King Park in Thibodaux. She mentioned an art contest and an essay contest that would be going on. Ms. Streams said the "Teen Summit - Lafourche" would be held on July 30, 2005 at the thibodaux Civic Center. She asked for the Parish to continue with their support.

Mr. Tomais Bourda (WAP Program Coordinator) said that he was sent from the Baton Rouge Parish area to look at Lafourche Parish's weatherization program. He explained that one of the main objective in the training was to develop a priority list for both site built and mobile homes. Mr. Bourda had handed out reports that show the dramatic changes, increase in money (per house/unit), and a program called "walk-aways".

Ms. Hughes stated that most of the programs with Community Action would be provided on-line. She said that the staff had been going through a lot of training with the weatherization program. Ms. Hughes mentioned the Consumer Credit Counseling and Credit Report program that was acquired from the training conference. She said that she had attended a directors meeting that consisted of issues to present to the local officials and board members that pertained to Louisiana Energy Efficiency Funds (LEEF), and then explained what the program was regarding. Ms. Hughes asked that the Councilmen take their time to review the Senate Bill 219, to then fill out the attached "Resolution of Support for the Louisiana Energy Efficiency Fund and Other Energy Solutions", and to get it back to her office. She explained what the bill would do for the people of the Parish and requested that the Council support it.

Mr. Tyrone Williams said that he was very proud of Ms. Denise Hughes and her staff on doing such a great job in the Parish. He said that he was very happy with their work because he was not receiving any complaints, like he had in the past, and that they were a blessing to the community.

Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer stated that he had attended a day of the conference and that he was enlightened by the fact that he had met with people all around the state that also have similar problems. He made some quick comments of the information which he learned of at the conference. Mr. Atzenhoffer requested that the agency come back to the Council with a report on how the changes in the Weatherization program saved money and how much.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)

The next item on the agenda was a presentation of any reports on the Parish. Parish President Charlotte A. Randolph first commended Community Action because their agency was doing some superb things for the Parish. She presented a slide presentation to show the progress of the Parish. President Randolph also commended the Councilmen and employees of the Parish because situations were better in the last eighteen months, since they have been in office. She said that drainage was significantly better and that a massive road improvement program would be soon beginning. President Randolph gave a detailed report on repairs and renovations done and planned. She said that additional maintenance personnel was hired to help with reducing the number of outside contractors. President Randolph showed a slide that represented the "new hires" of the Parish, to which departments, and why the hire was

beneficial to the Parish. She gave information regarding the Council on Aging and the re-dedicated Health Unit Revenues. President Randolph then gave an update on the Road Sales Tax District Projects. She explained that there were a total of 23 packages, gave some bid dates, and time frames of estimated completion. President Randolph recognized some “future needs” projects. She then showed and explained some slides of work that was being done throughout the Parish by the Department of Public Works. President Randolph stated that they had renewed relationships with: the Department of Transportation and Development, the Lafourche Basin and Levee District, North and South Lafourche Levee Districts, local drainage districts within the Parish, and FEMA. She mentioned that Ms. Gretchen Caillouet, Director of Economic and Grants Development, was continually searching and applying for federal and state dollars, but the reality was that more local money was needed. President Randolph then went over new equipment that was needed, to better parish projects. She continued her report by stating that money (\$2 million) was appropriated for the Golden Meadow lock, anticipated increased involvement in the LA 1 replacement to Fourchon and Grand Isle, and that a new jail was being discussed. President Randolph said that a new jail could possibly cost \$20 million, which may save money in the long run, but would be an initial major expense. She anticipated spending \$1.6 million in 2005 for the present jail. President Randolph mentioned the fund balances that were inherited from the previous Council from many areas, and that they were used to catch up on years of neglect. She said that the cost of catching up doubled or tripled the cost of simple maintenance. President Randolph said that new equipment was purchased (giving the Parish the tools to complete projects quicker and better) because the existing equipment was not salvageable, allowed over time to insure a speedy turn around, and hired additional people to work on more projects simultaneously. She said that difficult decisions were made and that there were more ahead. President Randolph spoke of the sales tax in Lafourche, and that they provided revenue to the Sheriff, the School Board, Road Sales Tax Districts, and to the Solid Waste Fund. She said that the millages in Lafourche provide revenues to a variety of local services. President Randolph showed a slide and explained the percentages of revenues received by each entity.

Parish Administrator, Mr. Cullen Curole, continued the presentation by explaining the percentages.

President Randolph spoke in detail of the Libraries: revenues, expenditures, rededications, millages, boards, facilities, and other issues. She said that it was mandated in 1987 by the Federal Government to do something about “storm water”, that nothing was done in the last 18 years, and that it was due in 2007. President Randolph stated that funds were needed for coastal projects, that it was very difficult to go to Baton Rouge and Washington to ask for help in funding projects, to assist with the problems being experienced in Lafourche Parish. She mentioned that Mr. Windell Curole was hired as a part-time employee for his expertise with Coastal Zone Management money. President Randolph explained millages and what was recognized as excess funds. She continued with further explanations.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux asked what would happen during an emergency type basis and where would the funds come from to recover the cost. President Randolph replied that the Chevron settlement was reserved for such an instance. A brief discussion ensued regarding what was typically done and what should be done to balance any preventions of an emergency and the actual emergency.

Mr. Daniel Lorraine quickly referred to the Council on Aging and that they had never really had any tax base support. He explained that a moratorium was placed when they were trying to present a tax base, which prevented it from happening. Mr. Lorraine asked if the amount of money that they had received this year would be the same or less next year. President Randolph responded that it was up to 25 percent of that fund, that their needs would be addressed at budget time to make sure they have the money that they would need. A brief discussion ensued regarding the previous Administration and of the millages in the Parish.

Mr. Lorraine asked if the Mobley/Serigny Levee would be continued to be fixed. Mr. Ray Cheramie responded that three contractors had looked at the project, a low bid was received, and that the recapping of the levee would be done. Mr. Lorraine stated his concerns of the levee’s condition.

Mr. Tyrone Williams asked President Randolph about the mosquito control program and if it was possible to receive a report showing the last time that his area was sprayed. President Randolph said that they were supposed to go into every area. Mr. Williams then said that he had been receiving complaints from residents regarding the mosquitos and that there had not been any spraying done. President Randolph replied that the efforts have been doubled since March because of the many complaints which were received and that the contract was soon coming up. Mr. Williams requested that the Administration ask for a report of the spraying done in his area. President Randolph said that she would ask for a report. Chairman Matherne suggested that the new contract include that a GPS monitor be installed in their trucks to report where they are spraying and what time. President Randolph agreed that it would be a good idea.

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. Larry Picciola with Larry J. Picciola, Inc. gave an update on current ongoing projects:

PROJECT 5A (CHOUPIC/KRAMER): *Bids were received, reviewed, and a letter recommending Huey Stockstill, Inc. was to be awarded for \$878,400.60 (which was close to the budgeted amount).*

PROJECT 6A (RACELAND): *Currently out for bids, bids scheduled to be received on June 14th.*

PROJECT 3A (BAYOU BLUE): *Currently out for bids, bids scheduled to be received on June 14th.*

PROJECT 3D (BAYOU BLUE): *Currently out for bids, bids scheduled to be received on June 28th.*

PROJECT 3E (MATTHEWS TO VALENTINE): *Notice to proceed was given to the design engineer and the initial ride through had been done. Survey should begin this week or the next. Total design time should be between 90 to 120 days.*

GENERAL: *Currently evaluating the bids and how they relate to the overall budget. Should be able to update the overall estimate for all the projects, once the bids would be received (next month) on two more projects.*

Mr. Phillip Gouaux asked Mr. Picciola if a map, a road list, or a master list was developed (including distances) to go by. Mr. Picciola stated that he was working with the Department of Public Works to make sure that they would have the appropriate list. Mr. Gouaux suggested that the Council adopt a master road list once the projects are completed.

Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked why there was not a letter for the approval of the contract with Stockstill at the meeting. Mr. Picciola was explaining that it was bid last Thursday, when President Randolph stated that the Council required that contracts go out with the packages. A brief discussion ensued regarding the contracts and the deadline to provide information for a Council meeting.

Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer asked who was the engineer that had Project 3E. Mr. Picciola stated that the engineers were Picciola and Associates. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked which project would be next. A brief discussion ensued regarding the next scheduled project. President Randolph then said that a complete list could be provided after the meeting of all the pending projects. Dr. Lasseigne asked if the concrete panels were assigned to an engineer. President Randolph said that it would be in the near future. Chairman Matherne asked Mr. Picciola how much engineering does it take for concrete paneling. Mr. Picciola said that it would be a much quicker process turn around on that project. Chairman Matherne requested that some of the street curbs be included in the Leighton Subdivision.

Mr. John Plaisance with J. Wayne Plaisance reported on a couple of ongoing projects. He said that the survey for the Sacred Heart property needed to go through a subdivision process and would be before the Planning Commission at their next meeting.

Mr. Plaisance then reported that the bids which were received a couple of weeks ago were considerably over budget for the repairing of the Oakridge Park Levee Road. He said that he was working with the Contractors and the Administration on trying to make some changes to reduce the cost of the project. Mr. Daniel Lorraine explained that the project was to be scaled back so it could be continued. He recommended that the Administration send a letter to the Mayor of Golden Meadow, asking for

consideration with paying the engineering fees. Mr. Lorraine explained why he thought it would be a good idea to ask for the consideration. He then asked Mr. Plaisance for clarification of the project being scaled back. Mr. Plaisance stated that the Contractor had agreed to scale back the project and to also extend the bids.

Mr. Edwin Cheramie with Cheramie/Whitney Architects gave an update on the planned renovations for the Whitney Building. He said that he had met with the District Attorney and his staff on several occasions to do preliminary fact findings and design work. Mr. Cheramie said that the interior designs should be finalized and presented to the District Attorney sometime in the next week. He said that the construction documents would then be reviewed, developed, and brought to the Administration with cost estimate projections. Mr. Cheramie stated that at this stage that the existing budget appeared to be adequate for the work to be done on the inside and as well as some of the identified exterior work.

Mr. Joseph Caillouet stated that he represented the Parish as the architect for the Lafourche Parish Health Units, as well as the Parish library system, for the upcoming projects. He said that the contracts were signed and that a notice to proceed was given to BET Construction for the Parish Health Unit building. Mr. Caillouet stated that a preconstruction meeting would be held in the first part of the next week, with Ron Folse and his staff at the Health Unit, to schedule the progress and the process of the renovation, in addition to the project.

Mr. Caillouet then reported on the library projects. He stated that he had given a status report the previous night at the Library Board's Building Committee meeting in regards to the projects. Mr. Caillouet highlighted the meeting: The Gheens project had been completed, received a Certificate of Occupancy by the Fire Marshall, a punch list was developed, a Certificate of Substantial Completion would be signed, documented, and delivered to the Parish. Bids were received on May 19th for three of the Library Branches (6th Ward, Bayou Blue, and Raceland) and the results were presented to the Library Board's Building Committee. The three change orders that were requested (two were approved and one was denied) were also presented at the meeting. The overall project cost and expected revenues to the Library Board were presented and taken under advisement. Mr. Caillouet stated that estimated times, percentages of completion, and estimated amount of money to possibly invest, were given for a twelve month time frame. He then said that in all likely hood that the Galliano facility would be the next project to be completed, was expected to be done by the end of the month or the beginning of June, at which bid dates would then be set. Mr. Caillouet said that land acquisitions would be looked at in the Thibodaux area or possible other sights, that the projects have had moved off of dead center, and was progressing well with the projects.

Chairman Matherne asked how expensive would it be for an artist to render what the proposed buildings would look like. Mr. Caillouet explained why it would not be an accurate picture.

Dr. Tommy Lasseigne mentioned that he had seen a request for bids for the Galliano Library furniture in the newspaper and then asked how the bids was authorized to be done. Mr. Caillouet explained that a bid date was set to receive and that it was authorized through the Library Board. A detailed debate ensued regarding authorization, additional services, the cost and owners of new furniture. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer stated that a process should be determined because the Parish would be billed for the work done by the architect, which was not authorized by the Council. Chairman Matherne asked if the Administration would take it under advisement to review the contract for a protocol. President Randolph said that part of it was not anything that they were advised of, but that she could certainly research it. Mr. Atzenhoffer suggested that a couple of Councilmen get with the Administration to go over this issue and come back before the Council with a report for the next meeting.

Mr. Atzenhoffer asked Mr. Caillouet if the total amount was \$12 million in projects. President Randolph replied that the proposal amount given by Mr. Caillouet at the meeting was not that of the

Library. A discussion then ensued on the actual figures and of the fees that were being paid. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked why they were still getting billed for printing, postage, and permits, above the \$900,000 that was to be paid for the projects. Mr. Caillouet replied that the fees were for reimbursable expenses. A debate continued regarding the reimbursable fees to be paid. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated his concerns regarding the contract. He said that if the millage was to be renewed that the contract could stay to life. President Randolph explained that it was not an open-ended contract and that it had limitations. She said that the contract would end once the current millage would expire and the money was expended within the millage's budget. A brief discussion ensued to assure the fact that the contract would expire. Mr. Caillouet made a comment to clarify the situations regarding the fees collected and that they included all aspects of engineering: civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, and also soil testing and any other type of professional fees associated. Detailed discussions continued regarding the contracts, services and fees. Mr. Tyrone Williams commented that it was previously voted on that the Parish would have three new libraries: Thibodaux, Galliano, and Raceland. He said that Thibodaux was still waiting for a library, but Galliano and Raceland each had one, plus Bayou Blue and Gheens. Mr. Williams said that there was \$3 million and then asked what was the Parish waiting on. He said that the tax payers money and time was being wasted. Mr. Williams then suggested to everyone that they "tighten up".

Ms. Heather Klingman, with Duplantis Design Group, gave an update on the Marydale Community Waterline Improvements Project. She said that a lot of progress was made with the servitudes and that there was only three or four servitudes left to acquire, which was anticipated to be received by the end of the week. Ms. Klingman stated that the project was moving forward, that advertisements and bids should begin in the next two weeks. She said that there were a lot of servitudes (80 to 100) that were needed.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. Chairman Matherne stated that Mr. Camille Morvant had already left the meeting.

Chairman Matherne recognized that Councilman Lawrence Mounic, from the Town of Golden Meadow, was also present. He then thanked Constable Dwain LeBouef for coming to the meeting.

ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION

The next item (3) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Sections 9:1-32, 9:99, 9:151-154, and 9:157-165 of the Code of Ordinances relative to strengthening nuisance ordinances. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Atzenhoffer explained that three separate sets of amendments were included in their packages, mostly for "general house cleaning", to add and strengthen the existing ordinance.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to accept the first **amendment** (which was submitted by Mr. Michael Matherne), and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to accept the second **amendment** (which was submitted by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer), and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, to accept the third **amendment** (which was submitted by Mr. Lindel Toups), and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

The original ordinance **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3605 STRENGTHENING NUISANCE ORDINANCES

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to *open* the **Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification**, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

PUBLIC HEARING & ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (4) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting a servitude agreement between Sylvia Riche' Naquin and the Lafourche Parish Council in order to construct, operate, and maintain a thirty foot (30') maintenance servitude, twenty-two (22) miles below the City of Thibodaux; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all documents. 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. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3606 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, SYLVIA RICHE' NAQUIN

The next item (5) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting a servitude agreement between Jean Plaisance Chiasson and the Lafourche Parish Council in order to construct, operate, and maintain a thirty foot (30') drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of the ditch and a temporary servitude in the Larose area; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all documents. 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, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3607 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, JEAN PLAISANCE CHIASSON

The next item (6) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting a servitude agreement between Albert Henry and Velma Henry and the Lafourche Parish Council in order to construct, operate, and maintain a fifteen foot (15') drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of a small ditch in the New Mount Zion Subdivision area; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all documents. 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, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3608 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, ALBERT HENRY AND VELMA HENRY

The next item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting a servitude agreement between David Michael Carey and the Lafourche Parish Council in order to construct, operate, and maintain a thirty foot (30') drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of the ditch and a temporary servitude in the Larose area; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all documents. 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, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3609 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, DAVID MICHAEL CAREY

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting a servitude agreement between Delores Custella Mack and the Lafourche Parish Council in order to construct, operate, and maintain a fifteen foot (15') drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of a small ditch thirty-eight (38) miles below the town of Thibodaux; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer all documents. 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, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3610 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, DELORES CUSTELLA MACK

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on Aucoin Lane in Thibodaux, Ward (1), District (2) of Lafourche Parish; requiring the installation of speed limit and children at play signs; and providing for penalties of violations 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. Michael Delatte and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams. The ordinance **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3611 FIFTEEN MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON AUCOIN LANE

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Lafourche as it pertains to tax renewals for the Lafourche Parish public library; to authorize the levy of special taxes therein, making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Chairman Matherne asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Ms. Beverly Arabie begun by stating that Mr. Chiquet tried to purchase the Wal-Mart building in Thibodaux, but the people of Thibodaux did not want a Wal-Mart library. She then said that he had also tried to purchase the Whitney Building and that did not go through either. Ms. Arabie spoke of a previous letter regarding the millage renewal and said that she had to wait until she had a president before the letter could be sent to the Council. She referred to the ten year projection, which was handed out at a previous Council meeting. Ms. Arabie explained the 10 year projection, the estimated expenditures and revenues. She continued with explanations on why the library was in need of the millage renewal.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux questioned if the proposed 11 libraries would be under the control of the Library Board and if the public school libraries were included. Ms. Arabie confirmed that the public schools were not included.

Chairman Matherne inquired as to the passage of the item to the Council as being listed on the agenda as “voting on millage” or “discussion regarding millages”. President Randolph advised that according to the agenda that “millage issues” would be discussed and that the public was not advised that the Library Board was going to vote on the millage that night.

Mr. Gouaux questioned whether the standards would be effected if the public school libraries and Nicholls State University library were included. Ms. Arabie advised that the library would be over the standards, but that those libraries are not under their system. Mr. Gouaux stated that the parish exceeds the standards of the Library Board and that the taxpayers are being asked to pay for too much. Ms. Arabie commented that the services they provide are to the public whereas public schools service the school population only.

Mr. Daniel Lorraine motioned for an amendment to be made and to be followed by a discussion.

Chairman Matherne asked twice if anyone else from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne advised that there was a **motion** by Mr. Lorraine and asked for a second to the motion. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne seconded the motion. Mr. Lorraine offered an **amendment** to Section 3 on page 2, to state “6:00 p.m.” and not “5:00 p.m.” The amendment was seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Chairman Matherne asked for any discussion on the amendment. Hearing none, the amendment **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Lorraine then explained why it should be considered.

Mr. Gouaux suggested that the costs that would be incurred in a special election was excessive and that it would more economical in a regular election.

Mr. Atzenhoffer agreed with Mr. Gouaux, since the millage does not expire for another two years, that the spending of monies for a special election would not be economical. He said that if done the following year, that the costs could be shared by everyone on the ballot because it would be an election cycle for congressional seats. Mr. Atzenhoffer further stated that history had shown that when the only item on the agenda was a millage that there was a lower voter turnout. Mr. Atzenhoffer also commented that not enough time was given for discussions on the millage at a special meeting and that the agenda did

not spell out specifically what was to be discussed. He said that the agenda had only stated discussions regarding the millage issues and did not specify to vote on a millage issue or not.

President Randolph advised that two rededications were sent to the District Attorney for his opinion on technical questions. She said that the first being a question regarding a street light fund and the second being a question regarding the health unit fund. President Randolph referred to the Sunshine Law that states that when a public meeting is held that the public must be notified as to what would be discussed and acted upon at the meeting. She said an agenda that only stated that the Administration would discuss the millages did not meet with that requirement and did not afford the Public Notice that the Council would vote on the millages. **President Randolph stated to Mr. Daniel Lorraine that until the last meeting, she had not heard Mr. Lorraine discuss coastal erosion as being a major problem for his district. She stated that she takes every opportunity she has to attend a coastal meeting, and that Mr. Lorraine's district was a "poster-child" for coastal erosion. She further stated that anyone who has seen a picture of coastal erosion has seen it in his district. President Randolph stated that the reason for bringing this up was because it was not being seen that the state or the federal government was moving very quickly. She stated that the Council was trying to save the Parish from putting money into coastal erosion and drainage projects. President Randolph further stated that Mr. Lorraine's belief that the actions of the previous Council had saved the Parish money was totally erroneous because money had to be spent to take care of the neglect. Mr. Lorraine advised he wanted the floor next. President Randolph questioned Chairman Matherne as to whether she could continue and he advised that she could continue on the millage.** President Randolph advised that in order to achieve future goals, that it may possible to have to go back to the people. She advised that was the reason fo an attempt at a rededication as it was a common practice in other parishes in the State and which had been successful. President Randolph stated that there should have been no discussions of millages because the agenda indicated that the Administration would be discussing the millage.

Mr. Lorraine reiterated that the millage expires in 2006 and not in 2007. He advised that the South Lafourche Levy District, the Ambulance District, the Hospital District in Ward 10 ,and the library would hold an election in October 2005 and which would be paid by taxpayer's money regardless. **Mr. Lorraine stated that as far as coastal erosion was concerned was that the oil royalties that were being "ripped off" in the state would take care of that problem. He further stated that coastal erosion could be addressed with the number of trips the Parish President took to Washington, D.C. Mr. Lorraine stated that she took more trips than all of the prior Parish Presidents and with the money spent on plane tickets, Golden Meadow could have been saved.** Mr. Lorraine advised that if the millage was not "rolled back", that the new libraries would be built, but some may never open.

Mr. Callais stated that on January 31, 2005 the Library Board met to discuss the ad valorem tax and a new millage election. He then said that the Finance Committee meet twice, once on May 2, 2005 to call the election. Mr. Callais stated that the South Lafourche Levy District's October 2005 election had been changed to July and that they were renewing their millage three years early.

Mr. Gouaux stated that millages are all about money. According to Mr. Gouaux, special election turn-outs are 3% to 5% and would not be a good representation of what the public would want. He stated that he did not believe in special elections, especially when there was sufficient time for a regular election. Mr. Gouaux stated that the Library Board had a year-and-a-half to do so. He explained that his non-support of the millage was not due to financial spending, but because of the low voter turn-out and it would not be a good representation of what the parish would wish.

Dr. Tommy Lasseigne questioned who would not support lowering taxes. He stated taxpayers would being saving approximately \$37,000 a month. Dr. Lasseigne advised that investing in a special election would not be wasted, as taxes would be reduced.

Mr. Atzenhoffer advised that the millage would not be effective until March 2006, regardless of when it was voted on. He advised that the public would not being saving as much as suggested by Dr. Lasseigne. He further stated a vote at that time was not needed. He said the costs could be shared with

a congressional election next year.

Chairman Matherne asked for any other discussions. Hearing none, a vote was taken electronically. The ordinance **failed** by a vote of four (4) yeas, that being of Mr. Michael Delatte, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Daniel Lorraine; four (4) nays, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Michael Matherne, Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORDINANCE FAILED

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the parish to dedicate a parish drainage servitude located on the northern boundary line of Delta Woods Subdivision to the Town of Lockport; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all necessary documents. 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. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. The ordinance **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3612 DEDICATE A PARISH DRAINAGE SERVITUDE

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a right-of-way agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and the Allan Land Company for flowage easement in the Fantastic Acres Pump station Outfall area west of Mathews. 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. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

ORD. NO. 3613 RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT, ALLAN LAND COMPANY

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, to **close the Public Hearing & Ordinances for Ratification**, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

The next item (13) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as the “South Louisiana Bank”, Ward (11), District (5) of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ACCEPTING INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM, SOUTH LOUISIANA BANK

The next item (14) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as the “Ruby Pierce Subdivision”, Ward (10), District (8) of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ACCEPTING INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM, RUBY PIERCE SUBDIVISION

The next item (15) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as the “Tracts A and B of the Penelope Bergeron Hebert Et Al Property”, Ward (3), District (4) of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ACCEPTING INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM, TRACTS A AND B OF THE PENELOPE BERGERON HEBERT

The next item (16) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance authorizing the Parish President to acquire a servitude in the facilitation of the FY02 LCDBG Program, Morristown Community Sewer System, Raceland, Louisiana; and to execute any and all documents pertaining to said servitude. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance. Mr. Atzenhoffer advised that “finishes out” the Morristown sewer program.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE, FY02 LCDBG PROGRAM, MORRISTOWN COMMUNITY SEWER SYSTEM

The next item (17) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Bowie Lumber Associates and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain and remove a drainage and flood control pumping facility in the Chackbay area, Ward (6), District (2); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, BOWIE LUMBER

The next item (18) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Kent Bouvier and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a maintenance servitude of a drainage canal in the Larose area, Ward (10), District (8); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, KENT BOUVIER

The next item (19) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Galliano Marine Services and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a twenty-five (25') foot drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of the ditch in the Cut Off area, Ward (10), District (8); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, GALLIANO MARINE

The next item (20) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Wayne LeBlanc & et als and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a fifteen foot (15') drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of the drainage canal in the Galliano area, Ward (10), District (9); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, WAYNE LEBLANC & ET ALS

The next item (21) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Montana Corporation and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a thirty foot (30') drainage and maintenance servitude for flood protection levee in the Bayou Blue area, Ward (11), District (4); 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 AGREEMENT, MONTANA CORPORATION

The next item (22) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Calvin Plaisance and Elaine P. Callais and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a drainage and maintenance servitude plus the width of the drainage canal in the Galliano area, Ward (10), District (9); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, CALVIN PLAISANCE AND ELAINE P. CALLAIS

The next item (23) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between CMB, L.L.C. and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a fifteen foot (15') drainage and maintenance servitude for flood protection levee in the Bayou Blue area, Ward (11), District (4); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, CMB, L.L.C.

The next item (24) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Bill and Lisa Chabert and the Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain a fifteen foot (15') drainage and maintenance servitude, plus the width of the drainage canal in the Cut Off area, Ward (10), District (8); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, BILL AND LISA CHABERT

The next item (25) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the attached servitude agreement between Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Lafourche Parish Council to construct, operate, and maintain three (3) lighting fixtures with poles in the Pointe-aux-Chene area, Ward (11), District (7); and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

The next item (26) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 2:207(A)(2a) of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to travel expenses for members of the Lafourche Parish Council. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 2:207(A)(2A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TRAVEL EXPENSES

The next item (27) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance establishing an "Idle Speed Only" zone in Bayou Des Allemands for a quarter of a mile from West Bayou Lane in Des Allemands in a southerly direction along Bayou Des Allemands. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE "IDLE SPEED ONLY" ZONE, BAYOU DES ALLEMANDS

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (28) on the agenda was a resolution approving the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lafourche Parish Government and the South Louisiana Economic Council, Inc., for the 2005 membership, for the sum of \$25,000 for its efforts in economic development in assisting to create new jobs, promote industry growth and job retention with businesses located or looking to locate in Lafourche Parish; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and all relevant documents. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Mr. Atzenhoffer advised that the Council had been asked to support the South Louisiana Economic Council in their effort to write grants and draw industry to the area, and in paying someone else to do the same thing. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that whoever had been more successful should be supported. He explained that both entities were not needed. The resolution **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-128 COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT, SOUTH LOUISIANA ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC

The next item (29) on the agenda was a resolution to fill one (1) vacancy on Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 8 Board (Gheens). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams to adopt said resolution. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-129 FILLING ONE (1) VACANCY ON LAFOURCHE PARISH RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 8 BOARD (GHEENS).

The next item (30) on the agenda was a resolution to fill two (2) vacancies on Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 3 Board (Ward 10). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. Mr. Brent Callais nominated Mr. Gregory “Greg” Sanamo and Mr. Wayne Rouse, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-130 FILLING TWO (2) VACANCIES ON LAFOURCHE PARISH RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 3 BOARD (WARD 10)

The next item (31) on the agenda was a resolution to fill three (3) vacancies on the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 4 Board (Thibodaux). A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams to adopt said resolution. Chairman Matherne clarified that Mr. Donald Yates, Mr. David Boudreaux, and Mr. Mike Tardo would be re-appointed. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-131 FILLING THREE (3) VACANCIES ON THE LAFOURCHE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4 BOARD (THIBODAU)

Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer offered a **motion** to *defer* items 32, 33, and 34 and was seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. A brief discussion ensued regarding why the items should or should not be deferred. The motion *failed* by a vote of two (2) yeas, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and Mr. Phillip Gouaux; six (6) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

The next item (32) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bidder for the Raceland Library construction; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Mr. Brent Callais offered an **amendment** to fill in the blanks with the appropriate information, was seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Atzenhoffer advised that the current approved statement of probable building construction from JBC/AIA was \$391,000. He questioned why the amount of the construction costs had risen. Mr. Atzenhoffer also questioned as to whether a higher bid was due to a complete “turn-key” project. **He inquired as to when he visited the Bayou Blue project for approving a \$600,000 bid on a \$391,000 estimated costs if he would be parking on shells or concrete. Mr. Atzenhoffer further questioned what the estimated costs of filling the libraries with furniture, computers, books, etc. would be. He again questioned if this would be a “turn-key event” including such things as the sewerage and air conditioning.** Dr. Lasseigne relinquished his time to Mr. Joseph Caillouet. Mr. Caillouet advised that the estimate that Mr. Atzenhoffer had referred to was the original estimate taken from a report prepared in May of 2000. He explained several reasons why the amount of the estimate had changed. Mr. Atzenhoffer questioned the amount of the site costs for each item. Mr. Caillouet advised that Sixth Ward would be approximately \$120,000, Raceland at \$50,000.00, and Bayou Blue at approximately \$110,000. He advised that change orders should be very minimal. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked when the project would be started and completed. Mr. Caillouet advised that his company would start as soon as the contracts were signed by the Administration and further that a 310 day completion time had been given. Dr. Lasseigne questioned the parking capacity at each location. Mr. Caillouet said that Sixth Ward would have approximately 17,500 square footage, Raceland at approximately 7,600, and Bayou Blue at approximately 16,000. The resolution *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas, one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-132 ACCEPTING LOW BIDDER, RACELAND LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The next item (33) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bidder for the Bayou Blue Library construction; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Mr. Atzenhoffer offered an **amendment** to fill in the blanks with the appropriate information, was seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and **carried** by a vote of six (6) yeas; two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Daniel Lorraine and Mr. Phillip Gouaux; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. The resolution **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas; one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-133 ACCEPTING LOW BIDDER, BAYOU BLUE LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The next item (34) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bidder for the Ward 6 Library construction; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. Mr. Delatte offered amendments to fill in the blanks with the appropriate information, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas, one (1) nay, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. The resolution **carried** by a vote of seven (1) yeas, one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Atzenhoffer requested that Mr. Caillouet keep the Council updated on the progress. Mr. Caillouet agreed to same.

RES NO. 05-134 ACCEPTING LOW BIDDER, WARD 6 LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The next item (35) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bid of Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$487,173.00 for the Twin Oaks Drainage Improvements; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne asked if it was a FEMA project. Chairman Matherne replied that it was indeed a FEMA project. The resolution **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-135 ACCEPTING LOW BID, SEALEVEL CONSTRUCTION, TWIN OAKS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The next item (36) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bidder for road construction in Road Sales Tax District No. 5, including packet which covers the Chackbay, Kraemer, and Choctaw areas; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer offered an **amendment** to fill in the blanks with the appropriate information, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. The resolution **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-136 ACCEPTING LOW BIDDER, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT NO. 5

The next item (37) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bid of Barriere Construction in the amount of \$1,631,879 for road construction in Road Sales Tax District No. 2, including Phase 4A, which covers the South Lafourche area; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. The resolution **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-137 ACCEPTING LOW BID, BARRIERE CONSTRUCTION, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT NO. 2

The next item (38) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bid of Huey Stockstill, Inc. in the amount of \$157,918.32 for the repair and overlay of Park Levee Road at Oakridge Park; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** to *defer* this item to the next Council meeting was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RESOLUTION WAS DEFERRED

The next item (39) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 1 to Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc., as a decrease in the contract price by \$3,224.58 for Delmar Farms Bridge Replacement; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Change Order. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to adopt said resolution. The resolution **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas; zero (0) nays; one (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-138 CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, GRAND ISLE SHIPYARD, INC., DELMAR FARMS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The next item (40) on the agenda was a resolution approving an agreement for professional services between Matt Fannin of the LSU Cooperative Extension Service and Lafourche Parish to conduct a site selection study to determine the best location for a proposed AG Facility in Lafourche Parish; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne said that he was questioned by farmers on why someone was being paid to determine the best location for an AG Facility, if it had not been determined if the same would be constructed. President Randolph advised that a feasibility study was also included in the agreement. Mr. Gouaux spoke of reasons why he agreed with the study being conducted. Mr. Cullen Curole advised that the business and maintenance line item included an allocation of \$280,000 for the AG building. Mr. Daniel Lorraine gave reasons why he thought the study should not be conducted. Mr. Brent Callais suggested forming a sub-committee to perform the duties of a site selection. President Randolph stated her reasons for hiring professionals. Mr. Curole explained that it was anticipated that the parish would not be able to afford the building, that state money would be used, and that the study would facilitate in giving accurate and complete information to the state. Dr. Lasseigne and Mr. Atzenhoffer both questioned why Economic Development would not be handling the study. A brief discussion ensued. The resolution **failed** by a vote of three (3) yeas, that being of Mr. Michael Delatte, Mr. Michael Matherne, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux; five (5) nays; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RESOLUTION FAILED

The next item (41) on the agenda was a resolution stating the Lafourche Parish Council's endorsement of Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc., located at 11660 Highway 308, Larose, to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program for the construction of a new mechanic shop. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. The resolution **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas; zero (0) nays; one (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-139 GRAND ISLE SHIPYARD, INC., LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM, NEW MECHANIC SHOP

The next item (42) on the agenda was a resolution stating the Lafourche Parish Council's endorsement of Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc., located at 18838 Highway 3235, Galliano, to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Program for the construction of a fabrication shop. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. The resolution **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas; zero (0) nays; one (1) abstention, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-140 GRAND ISLE SHIPYARD, INC., LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM, NEW FABRICATION SHOP

The next item (43) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to install missile barrier fencing/screen at its cost along the Highway 90 (future I-49 Corridor) Overpass in the Raceland-Mathews area for the safety of children and adults visiting the Recreation Park and/or Lafourche Tourist Commission Office. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-141 LA DOTD, INSTALLATION OF MISSILE BARRIER FENCING/SCREEN

The next item (44) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the United States Coast Guard and other necessary entities establish maritime curfews on the state bridge on Louisiana Highway 316 crossing the Intracoastal in Bayou Blue, Ward (11), District (2). A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. Mr. Daniel Lorraine questioned as to whether other curfews would be effected. Mr. Atzenhoffer advised of the attempt to join it in with the other curfews. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-142 MARITIME CURFEWS, STATE BRIDGE ON LA HIGHWAY 316

The next item (45) on the agenda was a resolution to Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean the property located under the Intracoastal Bridge on Delta Farm Road. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-143 LA DOTD, CLEANING PROPERTY, UNDER THE INTRACOASTAL BRIDGE, DELTA FARM ROAD

The next item (46) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Administration to approve a contract between Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway LTD Architects and Planners and Lafourche parish Government for temporary architectural services to assist in the preliminary planning and site selection for a new Detention Center facility; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer all necessary documents. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to adopt said resolution. President Randolph advised that she had met with Sheriff Webre and a decision was reached that the contractor should be an independent contractor, as Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway may become potential contractors in this project. She further stated that the independent contractor should be selected by the Department of Corrections or the American Correction Association. President Randolph also reported that Sheriff Webre offered to pay half of the money needed. Mr. Brent Callais offered a **motion** to *defer* on the grounds that Administration would choose the professional. Mr. Phillip Gouaux seconded the motion. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne voiced his concerns regarding the delaying of the project, but would vote to *defer*. Mr. Daniel Lorraine advised of his concerns of not having enough information. Mr. Gouaux questioned the source of the recommendation of Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway. Dr. Lasseigne advised that the committee recommended hiring someone and Sheriff Webre recommended Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway. President Randolph advised Dr. Lasseigne of the procedure of having the Council approve a professional for this project. Mr. Atzenhoffer advised of his reasons why Gossen-Gasaway-Holloway should be used and that this item should not be deferred. President Randolph voiced her concerns about having the same contractor do the study and would then potentially construct the facility. The motion to *defer* *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas; one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RESOLUTION WAS DEFERRED

The next item (47) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Administration to present all parish wide and underlying millages to the Council in their own individual ordinances starting with 2006. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Mr. Atzenhoffer voiced his reasons for adopting the resolution. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

RES NO. 05-144 PARISH WIDE AND UNDERLYING MILLAGES

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (48) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Morristown Project. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne requested that Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer update the Council on the Morristown Project. Mr. Atzenhoffer advised that the District Attorney and the Administration have come to a resolution with the landowner and had received approval from CDBG of the proposal. He advised of no litigation or expropriation. Mr. Cullen Curole explained that CDBG allowed the Council to proceed without expropriation and that the grant could cover the enhanced costs, but that the Parish would have to pay for the “hook-up”, which was approximately \$4,300. Mr. Phillip Gouaux questioned as to whether someone who did not qualify for the program would be allowed into the system. Mr. Curole advised that it was his understanding that the pump station was designed with additional capacity.

The next item (49) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Road Sales Tax District’s No. 3, 5 and 6. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and Chairman Matherne both stated that they would like concrete time lines on these projects.

The next item (50) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the road at Oakridge Park. This item was *deferred*.

The next item (51) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the airport road in the South Lafourche area. Mr. Daniel Lorraine stated his concerns in that records showed that the air port road was considered private and he then asked that the Administration take all necessary steps for the road to become public.

The next item (52) on the agenda was a discussion concerning culverts removed by the parish down streets. Mr. Daniel Lorraine advised he would amend the ordinance because he did not believe culverts should be removed and not replaced from driveways.

The next item (53) on the agenda was a discussion concerning legislative spending (laptop computers, pda’s, etc.). This item was *deferred* to the next meeting. Mr. Tyrone Williams inquired as to whether cameras were or would be available for use. President Randolph and Chairman Matherne both clarified that the purchasing of cameras were possible.

The next item (54) on the agenda was a discussion concerning speed bumps. Mr. Brent Callais advised that the Sheriff had yet to give any results of the study that was being done. He requested that the Sheriff or a representative attend the next Council meeting in order to give an update. Mr. Daniel Lorraine said that a response should be given shortly, as he had recently brought necessary paperwork to Captain Roy Gros. Mr. Cullen Curole advised of his conversations with Mr. Dill and their agreement to meet and go over the matter. Mr. Callais requested a fax of any information received. Mr. Lorraine advised that the Sheriff had agreed to pay fifty percent (50%) of the costs of the study.

The next item (55) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the upgrade of the parish water lines by the Water District liaison. Mr. Brent Callais referred to a June 7, 2004 report regarding an upgrade of the waterlines for fire protection. He advised that the Water District was ready to move on this matter and Mr. Sidney Triche and Dirk Barrios would be attending the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of May 24, 2005 **adjourned** at 9:33 p.m.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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