

**JUNE 28, 2005  
RACELAND, LOUISIANA**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH LAFOURCHE**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, WAS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 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. Mark Atzenhoffer, Vice-Chair, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer announced that the invocation would be led by Council Vice-Chair, Mark Atzenhoffer. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Lindel Toups. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tyrone Williams  
Mr. Michael Delatte  
Mr. Michael Matherne - Chairman (*arrived at 7:51 p.m.*)  
Dr. Tommy Lasseigne  
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer - Vice Chairman  
Mr. Lindel Toups  
Mr. Phillip Gouaux  
Mr. Brent Callais  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

**ABSENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

The first item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2005, Regular Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to accept the June 14, 2005 minutes. The minutes were **approved** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

**PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

The next item on the agenda was the Public to address the Council. Mr. Tom Weatherly, Vice-President of Communications and Research for the Louisiana Restaurant Association addressed the Council regarding item (19), commercial restaurant menu labeling. Mr. Weatherly gave a brief description of the make-up of the Louisiana Restaurant Association. He stated that they were against the ordinance. He explained that even though a polling of the members had not taken place, various problems were found by just a reading of the ordinance. Mr. Weatherly stated that the association was aware of the difficulties being endured by the shrimping industry, but felt that this ordinance would only work against the independently owned restaurant owners. He stated that the ordinance would make it very difficult for them to be conscientious and work-up to doing what the ordinance proposed. He stated that restaurants were not the bad guys with regards to the problems being incurred by the shrimping industry. Mr. Weatherly asked the Council to re-examine the ordinance. He further asked that local restaurateurs not be made the "scape goat" for the problems the shrimping industry had.

Mr. Weldon Matherne inquired as to whether he could address the Council on item (38), regarding a new zip code in the North Larose area, at the time that item (38) would be discussed. Mr. Phillip Gouaux stated that he would relinquish time for him to do so. Mr. Gouaux also stated for the record that the resolution had been amended to reflect what was being requested in the Larose area.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

The next item (2) on the agenda was Ms. Martha Babin, Head Start Director, to give her quarterly report. Ms. Babin spoke about two (2) handouts. She stated that Congress had appropriated money so that all Head Start staff would receive a one (1%) percent cost of living increase. She stated that they had applied for the \$24,215 in funding and that the packets were ready for the Policy Council to approve on Thursday, June 27, 2005. She stated that after obtaining President Randolph's signature on July 5, 2005, that the packets would be sent to Dallas to meet the July 8, 2005 deadline.

Ms. Babin then discussed the recent application for a special one-time supplemental funding. She stated that supplemental funding in the amount of \$409,477 had been applied for. She further stated that the packets had been available during the week of June 27, 2005 for review. She said that she had one packet with her at the meeting, if anyone was interested in viewing it. Ms. Babin stated that the packets basically asked for additional funding in the amount of \$50,000 for renovations at the Galliano site, \$50,000 for the possible construction of a building by the Louisiana Technical School and for play ground equipment. She stated that even though the funding was applied for in June of 2005, nothing would be heard until June of 2006.

Ms. Babin then discussed a 2004 application for a one-time supplemental funding. She stated that the total amount of supplemental funds applied for was approximately \$490,000. She said information was received in May of 2005 advising that the program would receive \$58,900. She stated that the \$58,900 was strictly to renovate and repair the center at Martin Luther King Park in Thibodaux and that those funds could not be used for any other projects. She went on to explain the reason for the application for the funding. She stated that a mobile classroom building was being used and that at one time state regulations allowed for a playground to be a number of feet away from the building. She said when the state regulations changed that there was not enough funding to change the playground and put it closer to the building. She advised that she had recently met with a representative of the Mayor's office to discuss ideas for the renovations. She stated that the City was excited about the project. Ms. Babin went on to explain that for the last few years the building had been used as a Parenting Center and as office space. She further stated that children were not being housed there because it was not licensed. She stated that with the funds received, that the playground could be renovated by placing it closer to the building and that a fence could be placed around it. She said that she thought the new site could possibly be opened in the 2006-2007 school year.

Ms. Babin then discussed the second hand-out, which she advised was a demographic report. She discussed the lack of vacancies for area children. She stated each school year they were funded for 347 children. She stated that 342 children were currently enrolled. Ms. Babin went onto explain that slots were reserved for the school board, if they so needed them. She stated that in addition to those numbers, that approximately 157 children were on a waiting listing to get into the program. Ms. Babin then thanked the Council for their support over the past year.

The next item (3) on the agenda was Dr. Morris Coats, Ph.D. with Nicholls State University to give a presentation regarding his study on Lafourche Parish millages and taxes. Dr. Coats apologized for the shape of the document received by the Council, stating that it would be polished before handing in the final version. He advised that the main point of the document was that a local government was a really competitive enterprise. He stated that people and businesses move in and out of the Parish all of the time. Dr. Coats stated that local government was the closest and most responsive to the people. He mentioned a few things that were better handled by local government, including recreation and mosquito control. He then stated some things that could not be done or could not be done very well by local government, such

as protecting industries and re-distributing income. He stated that local governments needed to be wary of spending on special interest groups at the expense of other groups. Dr. Coats advised that two comparison groups were used. He explained that one group was neighbors of Lafourche and that the other comparison group was other small metro-parishes. He stated that Lafourche was not really competing with Orleans Parish, Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish or East Baton Rouge Parish for businesses. He stated that domestic migration was also looked into. He stated that Lafourche Parish had lost about three percent (3%) of its 1990 population. He further stated that property tax rates and sales tax rates were looked at. He said that it was found that a one (1) percentage point rise in the sales tax rate would lead to about a \$1,300 drop in per capita sales. He stated that a negative trend had been found with regards to sales tax base in Lafourche Parish. He advised that this was due to various reasons, a few being out-shopping, such as in Terrebonne or Orleans parishes, and internet sales. He stated that property sales tax rates were found to be at the high-end. Dr. Coats stated that property tax rates were found to be fifty (50%) higher than Lafayette Parish, thirty (30%) percent higher than Ouachita Parish, and about forty (40%) percent higher than Terrebonne Parish.

Mr. Daniel Lorraine confirmed with Dr. Coats that the report was dealing with the unincorporated areas of the Parish. He voiced his concern about having Dr. Coats' report ready since February of 2005 and not having received it until the present time. Mr. Lorraine stated that Dr. Coats had said that the sales tax rates were up and down. He informed Dr. Coats that he normally kept up with the sales tax in the Parish and that it was very rare that the tax went down. He stated that normally more revenue was generated from year to year. Dr. Coats clarified what he had meant, once the per capita income and tax rates, and other various things were controlled, then there would be a negative trend. Mr. Lorraine asked Dr. Coats, in his opinion, whether rolling back two (2) mills of a three (3) millage tax to somewhere other than where it was dedicated would be considered a new tax or not. Dr. Coats stated that if the millage was going to something else, that he would consider it being a new tax. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne read a paragraph from the report regarding the spending of projects that benefit one subdivision of Lafourche should be financed by taxes from that sub-section and should be voted on by those in that sub-section. He further read that for other projects having parish-wide benefits and taxes, spending and voting should be parish wide. He stated that this showed it was appropriate to have drainage districts, recreations districts and the likes in specific districts.

Mr. Phillip Gouaux next questioned Dr. Coats if he had any recommendations on the amount of assessments currently assessed to Lafourche Parish residents in comparison to other areas. Mr. Gouaux spoke of negative sales and asked if this was due to millages being so high and industries wanting to locate to another area. Dr. Coats stated that it was easy to move certain things from one place to another, and that one thing found really mobile was inventories. He stated that when other parishes were looked at, and after controlling for income, etc., higher millages in the inventory base in those parishes were really high and was really low and much higher where the taxes were more lenient. Dr. Coats stated that he thought it would be difficult to push the millages much beyond what they were. He stated it may be able to be done, but that he felt that the Parish may be in danger of running some businesses away, especially businesses that had an easy time relocating. Dr. Coats further stated that was especially so for businesses that had any easy time relocating some of their property. Mr. Gouaux asked if he was referring to boat companies. Dr. Coats advised that boat companies had movable assets and further stated that sometimes those assets were located close to parish lines and on certain days their location could matter.

Mr. Brent Callais asked what was the average millage for a costal parish the size of Lafourche. He also asked if the Parish was a certain number higher than other parishes. Dr. Coats advised that the average was approximately 126 or 127 mills. He stated that Terrebonne and surrounding parishes were lower. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer advised the Council that page 49 of the report gave averages on millages in Lafourche Parish and its neighboring parishes. He said that Lafourche millages were twenty (20%) percent more than Terrebonne Parish. Mr. Callais asked what was the highest tax parish by millages. Dr. Coats said he would need to look further into that, but he would say it was probably Orleans. Dr.

Lasseigne questioned whether it was true, that when millages went up and the burden on business went up, that there would not be a instant leave, even though the businesses were mobile. Dr. Coats advised as yes, that it would take a while. He further stated that the study looked at long-run effects. Mr. Gouaux thanked Dr. Coats personally for the time put into the report. He further stated that he wanted the public to know that Dr. Coats did not personally receive the money that was paid, but that it went into a fund for Dr. Coats' department at Nicholls State University.

The next item (4) on the agenda was a representative from Duplantis Design Group to give a status report regarding the Tom Foret Outfall Canal. Ms. Heather Klingman of Duplantis Design Group stated that she was there to inform the Council of the tentative time line scheduled for the Tom Foret project. She stated that the project had just been kicked-off. Ms. Klingman stated that the project could be broken up into three (3) different parts, the first two (2) being the soil investigation and the survey. She said that those two (2) parts of the project would probably be kicked-off in the next two (2) weeks, approximately July 11, 2005, and would take place simultaneously. She further stated that that the soil investigation and survey would take approximately a month and half to complete. Ms. Klingman said once those two (2) parts were completed that the information gathered would be assessed and used to put together a conceptual design, from which a conceptual costs estimate could be gathered and brought before the board. She estimated that the process would take approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks. She further stated that that by mid-September everything could be completed.

The next item (5) on the agenda was Presentation from Larry Picciola, Inc. regarding a progress report on Road Sales Tax District's 3, 5, and 6, per Resolution 05-097 adopted April 12, 2005. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer advised Dr. Lasseigne that a report had been provided.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The next item (6) on the agenda was an Executive Session to discuss Star Services of New Orleans versus the Lafourche Parish Council, #97731. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer stated that the Executive Session had been *deferred*.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**

The next item (7) on the agenda was a Director's Report by Mr. Brennan Matherne for the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities. Mr. Matherne provided an outline and a Power Point Presentation. He first spoke of "Lafourche On The Move" and stated that it had been a successful project. He stated that approximately 600 participants had been signed up parish-wide. Mr. Matherne said that follow-up events had been held every month and that there were still three (3) follow-up events scheduled. He said some events had a handful of people attend and that some events had over 150 people at each event. Mr. Matherne stated that the last event to be held at the Raceland Recreation Center was being highly anticipated. He reported that an incentive gift had been given to each participant who had attended a follow-up event. Mr. Matherne said that he would not be very specific regarding local recreation districts and would leave that up to each district in their reports. He stated that it had been mentioned that there were problems with attendance at some of the board meetings. Mr. Matherne stated that he personally went to every board and inquired as to who wanted to be on the board and who did not. He said that it was found that there were people who no longer wanted to be on the board, but had never resigned or informed anyone of such. He stated that most of those problems were taken care of and within the next few months that it would be resolved. Mr. Matherne then went on to state that summer programs such as baseball, softball, and eventually soccer, were currently going on. He stated that the arts and crafts part of the program was also taking place in all the different districts. He reported that the children were having a good time. Mr. Matherne said that in the fall programs, such as Bantam Football and Bidy Basketball would be taking place. He advised if anyone was interested in finding out what was going on in their areas, that they should call the Sondra Barrios Center. Mr. Matherne stated that he had been approached by a number of Councilmen, along with President Randolph and Mr. Cullen Curole, regarding

a formula (method) of distributing recreation funds through-out the parish. He stated that by the fall, that he should have that. Mr. Matherne next discussed pavilions and walking tracks. He stated that as everyone was aware, that there was \$202,000 in capital out-lay in the budget for the projects. He stated that another \$200,000 was expected to be received from the State. He stated that even though the projects had not yet been started, that they were planned to be completed before the end of the year. Mr. Matherne said that basketball courts and pavilions were part of these projects. He stated that it was not yet determined what would go where, but that Abby, Marydale, Allidore, Greenville, and Bayou Blue were some of the areas being specifically looked at. Mr. Matherne advised that extensive price information had been gathered and that a numerous amount of research had been done with regards to different facilities. He stated that the size of the property and the number of people who would be using the facility would determine what would be put in each community. Mr. Matherne reported that grant money was being waited on for the Chackbay walking track. He also spoke about walking tracks being placed in the Cut Off, (Sacred Heart property being purchased), Des Allemands, and Raceland areas. He reported that properties were being negotiated in the Des Allemands and Raceland areas. He showed a slide of the Oak Ridge Park Road showing a "good" part of the road. Mr. Matherne advised that he had driven on the road several times. He stated that the road definitely was being used by the public. Mr. Matherne said there were several pot holes in the road. He then showed an aerial view of property for the future Downtown Thibodaux Park. He stated that \$50,000 was budgeted for the project and that \$10,000 was being received from the Lorio Foundation, for a total of \$60,000. He stated that when the project was first started that there was landscape architect working on the project and it seemed that the landscape architect was going to costs thousands of dollars. He advised that from speaking to people in the area, that an architect by the name of Mr. Malcolm Hodnett was found. Mr. Matherne stated that Mr. Hodnett would be designing the park for free, allowing all the money to be used for the park itself. Mr. Matherne next spoke regarding the roof and window replacement and painting done on the exterior of the Library Headquarters in Thibodaux. He also stated that a kitchen area had been added. He next stated that the roof was repaired on the Barrios Building. He said that most of the problems had been taken care of. Mr. Matherne reported that carpets had been replaced, as well as blinds, in the Galliano Annex library. He stated that with regards to the Courthouse in Thibodaux, the roof had been resealed and that there was additional work to be done. He stated that ceiling and light fixtures in Judge Barbera's courtroom had been replaced. He further said that some of the walls had been repaired. He next spoke of the Whitney building, stating that the building had been acquired June 3, 2005, but that they would not be moving out until April or so of 2006. He said that renovations were planned for and that money were appropriated for them. He stated that it appeared nothing would be able to be done this year because of Whitney Bank having to wait to have it's building built. Mr. Matherne stated that a project planned for 2005 included the Raceland Ag building. He stated that major renovations were needed, including adding and repairing electrical wiring and adding air conditioning and heating to the building. He stated that renovations would be made to lower the roof of the building to help control air conditioning and heating necessities. Mr. Matherne said that offices from the LSU Ag Center Extension Agency would be moved to the building. He then spoke of a grant to waterproof the exterior of the Courthouse, along with plans to paint and repair the walls inside the interior of the courthouse. He said that this would be a large project. He said that ways to improve courthouse and annex security was also being looked into with the Sheriff. He next spoke of minor projects being planned for the Thibodaux Government Complex, which included a wheelchair lift being placed by the elevator. He stated that a small meeting room would be constructed downstairs in the building. The next thing Mr. Matherne discussed was the ground breaking on the Animal Shelter. He stated that April 22, 2005 was the ground breaking at the site. He said there was also a ground breaking ceremony at the technical school, where the facility was being constructed. He showed various pictures of the progress on the site. He then stated that new offices had been created on the Department of Public Works' side of the Sondra Barrios Building. He stated that an office was created for President Randolph and the Council to use as needed, to meet with constituents or others in the Raceland area. He next spoke of the carpeting

for the building being approved, and thanked the Council for approving same. He then spoke of various renovations being done to the rear of the building and the reasons for same. Mr. Matherne went on to speak about front lobby renovations. He stated that a reception area would be added to the front lobby. He next told of the remodeling being done to the Council Chamber, stating that it would be increased by 1,200 square feet. He showed slides depicting the renovations to be accomplished to the entire building. He then continued with detailed discussions regarding the Council Chamber and the Receptionist area.

Dr. Lasseigne asked what was a Recreation Clerk. Mr. Matherne advised that Ms. Jennifer Dufrene, who was currently on maternity leave, was the person who handled the day-to day-operations. He stated that she was the only parish-wide employee of the Recreation Department, with the exception of himself.

Mr. Lindel Toups questioned whether Whitney was being charged rent. President Charlotte A. Randolph stated yes.

A brief discussion then ensued regarding the parking lot located by the Courthouse for parish vehicles.

### **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. Edmond Cheramie of Cheramie-Whitney Architects gave a report on the Whitney Building. He stated that since the last meeting, plans had been finalized for interior office relocations, etc. He stated that they would also be reviewing the work that would be needed to be done to the exterior of the building. He reported that since Whitney had not yet started their building, that they were estimating that they would be out by April of May of 2006. Mr. Cheramie said that by or right after December 2005, plans could be put on the market and bids could be taken. He stated that by the time the building was vacated, that a contractor would be ready to proceed. He said that they would be coming back before the Council with cost estimates and proposed works. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne questioned the amount that was budgeted for the project. Mr. Cheramie stated that \$500,000, which he said he thought was sufficient. President Randolph stated that it was originally planned that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovations would be done while Whitney was still occupying the building. She stated that Whitney requested that renovations be started after they vacate the building. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer questioned if rent was being collected from the Sheriff's Office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. President Randolph stated that rent was being paid. Dr. Lasseigne asked if the Sheriff's Office would be paying for their own renovations. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Sheriff's Office beginning renovations.

Mr. Joseph Caillouet stated that he represented the Parish as the architect on the Lafourche Parish Health Unit renovations and addition in Thibodaux and also the parish libraries through out the Parish. He began with a status report of the Lafourche Parish Health Unit's progression. He stated that a pre-construction meeting was held, with the contractor and Mr. Ron Folse. He advised that the contractor had begun his work, including: scraping of the grounds, the start of putting in the parking lot, and the self surface drainage, along with the relocation of the existing utilities. He advised that there was a meeting to discuss the flow of the renovations to be done to the building. He stated that he was pleased overall with the progress made to date.

Mr. Caillouet next addressed each library individually. He began by stating that as everyone was aware, a Notice of Substantial Completion was awarded on the Gheens Facility and a punch list was compiled and presented to the contractor. He reported that the contractor had called and scheduled a time to go in the building to perform the items on the punch list. Mr. Caillouet stated that the largest item on the punch list was the replacement of the vinyl composition tile, which he mentioned was not approved by the office. He stressed to the Council that once the items on the punch list were completed, that the Gheens Community would have a very nice library. He then spoke about the ongoing projects in the Raceland, Six-Ward/Choctaw and Bayou Blue areas. He reported that the contracts had been delivered

to President Randolph on June 28, 2005 and that he was currently awaiting her signature and dating. He advised President Randolph that it was very important that she date the contracts as that date would be the date of commencement for the project. He said that on June 28, 2005 that he had had a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and the contractor informed him that he was ready to go. Mr. Cheramie next spoke regarding the Galliano project. He stated that bid advertisement on the building portion had been done since June 23, 2005. He stated that the plans and specs were available. He spoke of three contractors who had shown an interest in the project. He further reported that a pre-bid conference was set for July 21, 2005 with the bid date being set for July 28, 2005. He stated that the furniture followed that same time line. With regards to the Thibodaux facility, Mr. Caillouet reported that the Foundry site had been looked at, along with other site selections. He also stated that it was his understanding that there was still action needed to be taken by the Council regarding the property in Larose and the building site in Golden Meadow. Mr. Lindel Toups asked when the Gheens library would be completed. Mr. Caillouet stated that a customary forty-five (45) day period was given to the contractor to finish the punch list items. He stated that he did not recall the exact date that the Substantial Completion Certificate was awarded. He also informed Mr. Toups that he had received a phone call on June 28, 2005 to advise him of when they would be coming in to complete the punch list items, but that he was not able to make it back in time for the phone call. Mr. Caillouet told Mr. Toups that he would let him know the time and date when the contractor would be present. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer asked how many days were given for the construction of the Bayou Blue, Raceland, and Chackbay projects. Mr. Caillouet confirmed that 310 consecutive calendar days were given. Mr. Atzenhoffer then questioned the amount of money that was needed to re-do the Galliano project. Mr. Caillouet stated that he was reluctant to say that and that was why bids were done on the projects. He stated that he did not recall what the last budget was on the project. He stated that there were several alternates in the project, one of them being the roof replacement. Mr. Caillouet said that by July 28, 2005 that number would be known.

A brief discussion was held pertaining to Mr. Richard Weimer not being present at the meeting. Mr. Callais stated that it was time that Mr. Weimer came to a meeting and gave a report on the animal shelter. Dr. Lasseigne questioned whether Mr. Weimer was contacted. Mr. Cullen Curole stated that a certified letter had been sent out the week of June 20, 2005, but that he had not heard from him. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer requested that a certified letter be sent out the week of June 27, 2005 advising Mr. Weimer to be present at the next meeting of July 12, 2005, which was to be held in Galliano. Mr. Phillip Gouaux questioned who would be responsible for sending the certified letter. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer stated that the Administration would be sending the letter because they executed the contract.

### **LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT**

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. No report was given.

### **ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION**

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance permitting the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control to implement plans to upgrade the Lafourche Parish Library system, to include the purchase of property for the Golden Meadow Library at a price of purchase of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000); and to authorize the legally authorized officials to sign an Act of Cash Sale and any other documents pertaining thereto. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Daniel Lorraine recused himself. Mr. Callais advised that a new environmental impact study had been performed and that everything was clean with the building. He suggested that the project be moved forward. Mr. Gouaux stated that he wished to update the Council with regards to future ideas being looked at. He stated his concerns and thoughts regarding the number of libraries in the Parish and the burden being placed on the tax payers. He stated that he was not against libraries. He said he was set on centralized libraries or regional libraries. Mr. Gouaux said that the Galliano library could be a centralized

library. He also stated that it would be a fabulous building and that he was one hundred (100%) percent for it. He stated his concerns for burdening the tax payers by renovating old buildings. He stated that he could not support it because of the close proximity of the libraries. Mr. Callais said that the Golden Meadow library would be moving approximately five hundred (500) feet further south from the current location. He stated that it would be housed in the Cliff Motors Building, which is next to the current library facility. He stated that he strongly felt that Golden Meadow needed a library because it was currently situated behind a low income housing unit. He stated that public libraries were built for the under privileged children of Lafourche Parish and that the under privileged children would not have transportation to the Galliano library. He stated that he felt the children of Golden Meadow, as well as the children of Galliano and Cut Off deserved a public library. He said that he understood where Mr. Gouaux was coming from in that there were school libraries available, but that materials could not be checked out from these libraries. He further stated that the school libraries were closed for three (3) months and would not be able to be used. He stated that even once the ten (10) libraries were purchased, Lafourche Parish would still be short approximately 10,000 square feet of meeting state standards for libraries. Mr. Toups asked if anyone was aware of how much it was going to cost to renovate the building being purchased. Mr. Callais advised that since the building had not yet been purchased, that an estimate had not been done. He then relinquished time to Mrs. Beverly Arabie. Mrs. Arabie stated that approximately \$5,000 would be needed to renovate the building because the renovations would consist of only moving a few walls and painting. Mr. Toups questioned why the small communities were not receiving smaller libraries like in Ghens. He also questioned what would happen if the millage did not pass. He said he was for libraries, but that he was concerned about the money being spent. He said that if the Golden Meadow building could be repaired for \$5,000, that he was for it because the people deserved it. Dr. Lasseigne stated that approximately one (1) square foot of library space, per resident, was needed and that even with 90,000 square feet, that the Parish would be more than 10,000 square feet short. He stated that regardless of how many people voted on the millage, it passed and the money was there. He said that he believed that it was important that there be a planned cash flow for the future operation of the libraries. Mr. Toups asked the square footage of the Foundry building. Dr. Lasseigne advised that it was 10,000 square feet. Mr. Toups questioned why Mr. Callais stated that once all the libraries would be built, that the Parish would still be short. Mr. Callais said that the Jean Lafitte Park was roughly less than 8,000 square feet and if the Foundry building was acquired that would be approximately another 12,000 square feet for a total of 20,000 square feet. He stated that Thibodaux had a plan to be at 30,000 square feet and that another 10,000 feet would be needed. He said the State Standards and the last figures he had looked at showed the Parish would still be 9,800 square feet short of the state average. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked the size of the current library. Mrs. Arabie stated that the current library in Golden Meadow was approximately 2,000 square feet. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer confirmed with Mrs. Arabie that the building was in good shape and only a few walls would need to be moved and painted and that that would be sufficient. Mrs. Arabie stated that there would be a lot of extra room upstairs that would be used for storage. She said the actual showroom of the car dealership would be used for the library itself. She stated that the walls to the few offices present would be removed, painted and cleaned-up and then they would be able to move in. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer questioned if additional furniture would be needed to be moved in. Mrs. Arabie stated that the library would be using the same furniture they already had. Mr. Callais stated that the building would also be beneficial for possible future upgrade of computer space. The motion *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas; one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux; one (1) recusal, that being of Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

**ORD. NO. 3629      UPGRADING THE LAFOURCHE PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Next, a **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, 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. Michael Matherne.

## PUBLIC HEARING & ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a 3-way stop at the intersection of Gilbert and Julia Streets in Thibodaux; authorizing the installation of necessary signs; and providing for penalties for violations thereof. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Dr. Lasseigne stated that he had a 3-way stop sign in his area and stated that it was a tricky operation. He said there was a specific manual that should be checked for the appropriateness of the requested signage. He said the Parish may be exposing itself to liability by placing a 3-way stop sign. Dr. Lasseigne stated that South Central Planning could do a study. Mr. Lindel Toups asked if the Sheriff had to do a study on 3-way stop signs. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer recited verbiage which stated, "that if any part of the provision was proved invalid that the ordinance would be rescinded." The motion *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas; one (1) nay; that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

### **ORD. NO. 3630 3-WAY STOP, GILBERT AND JULIA STREET**

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on East 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Ward 10 of Lafourche Parish; providing for the placement of necessary signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Chairman Michael Matherne.

### **ORD. NO. 3631 FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON EAST 29<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing an "Idle Speed Only" zone in the Big Bayou Blue Canal, south of Louisiana Highway 24; authorizing the installation of the necessary signs; and authorizing penalties for violations thereof. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Toups questioned if camps were located in the area. Mr. Gouaux stated that a rig was back there and the landowner had been complaining that the crew boats were destroying the levees. Mr. Toups stated that he was familiar with the rig, as he was doing work on it. He questioned what would happen in two (2) weeks when the rig would be gone, would an idle zone still be wanted. Mr. Toups stated that there were no camps located there. Mr. Gouaux said that the idle zone was requested by the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, as well as the landowner(s). Mr. Toups stated that he did not like the idle speed only, so he would have to vote nay. The motion *carried* by a vote of six (6) yeas; two (2) nays; that being of Mr. Lindel Toups and Dr. Tommy Lasseigne; and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

### **ORD. NO. 3632 "IDLE SPEED ONLY", BIG BAYOU BLUE CANAL**

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a "No Parking Zone", "Overnight Vessel Mooring Prohibited", and "Trailer Storage Prohibited" at the Lockport Boat Launch; authorizing the installation of necessary signs; and providing for penalties of violations thereof. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. Dr. Lasseigne asked why a no parking zone was requested, as it was a boat launch and that was the purpose of a boat launch. Mr. Phillip Gouaux advised that it was referring to overnight parking of boats and was part of the grant stipulations that have to be followed. He advised that Mr. Picciola had performed the project and the he was familiar with the requirements. Mr. Gouaux made a motion to **amend** the ordinance to specify where there would be no parking overnight allowed, along with an attached map. The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Brent Callais and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne. Mr. Gouaux offered a second **amendment** to correct a typographical error, stating that it should read District 6 not District 7. Mr. Toups informed the Council that he had an individual call him regarding "stationary

butterfly nets” being used to block something. He asked if anyone knew where they were. Mr. Gouaux said he believed that was when they were having problems with a ramp. He stated that he believed those booms were available, as they were left at the boat launch and subsequently were used. Mr. Gouaux stated that he was attempting to refresh Mr. Ray Cheramie’s memory because he was sure that they were still at the Lockport Field Office. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer questioned the relevancy of the matter to the ordinance being discussed. Mr. Toups said that the individual was asked by the Parish to use the booms to block the ramp because a boat had broke down on the ramp. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight(8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Michael Matherne.

**ORD. NO. 3633      LOCKPORT BOAT LAUNCH SIGNAGE**

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance approving the compensatory leave policy and adding said policy to the Lafourche Parish Government Employee Manual. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams. Dr. Lasseigne read from the ordinance regarding the Public Field Office employees’ automatic exemption from participation in the compensatory leave program and their ability to opt into the program. He questioned Mr. Curole if this was possible with the Fair Labor Standards. Dr. Lasseigne briefly told of a past experience where in an exclusion was made of an individual which eventually costs the employer a large sum of money. He stated that this matter should be checked into. Mr. Curole told Dr. Lasseigne that the field employees were not excluded from overtime. He stated that the intent was to have them paid for overtime worked, as opposed to being given comp time. Mr. Curole explained that all other employees would get comp time, unless supervisor approval was given to be paid for the overtime. He stated that the field employees, due to their low salaries, would get paid for overtime worked, unless they chose to participate in the comp system. Mr. Curole advised that the employees were not not being paid for overtime, but that it could be checked into with the personnel attorney. Dr. Lasseigne confirmed with Mr. Curole that all other employees would be automatically included in the comp time program. He reiterated that he did not believe that could be done. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer stated that he believed that the Civil Service Department had already looked into the matter. Mr. Gouaux asked if the office personnel had been pooled and if so, what were their feelings on the matter. Mr. Curole said that the comments he had heard from staff members were that the bank of accumulated comp hours should be more than forty (40) hours. He said that due to budgeting reasons, not too much more wanted to be added to that amount. He stated that exempt employees were looking for this program because at some point Civil Service changed the Civil Service Guide because exempt employees were coming in for an hour and were getting paid for the entire day due to wording in the Civil Service Guide. He said since that change was made April 1, 2005 exempt employees were feeling like their hands were being tied. He said he believed this program was being welcomed by exempt employees. Mr. Curole stated that he had heard no complaints from non-exempt employees. Mr. Gouaux asked if the matter could be amended to read “upon approval of Civil Service Board/Labor Laws”. Mr. Curole stated that the District Attorney’s office had the Council authorize a personnel attorney in New Orleans to answer questions. He stated that if the Council so wished the personnel attorney could review the policy. Mr. Phillip Gouaux made a motion to *amend* the ordinance, to have the personnel attorney review the matter to make certain this was possible and legal before it would be put into place. A brief discussion ensued regarding the personnel attorney and it was requested by Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer that the name of the personnel attorney be provided to Council Clerk, Ms. Sheila Boudreaux. The motion to *amend* 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. Michael Matherne. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Chairman Michael Matherne.

**ORD. NO. 3634      COMPENSATORY LEAVE POLICY**

The next item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche, on Saturday, October 15, 2005, to authorize the levy of

a special tax (millage renewal) therein. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Lorraine confirmed with Mr. Ford, of the audience, that this would be a special election and would be combined with the ambulance district. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer requested that the Mr. Ford step up and recognize himself for the record. He addressed himself as Mr. Ray Ford, CEO of Lady of the Sea. Mr. Lorraine said that it was his understanding that the hospital took care of the elections for the ambulance district. Mr. Ford said it was his understanding that the Legislature set it up that way. Mr. Lorraine asked if the hospital and ambulance districts would each be paying fifty (50%) percent of the costs. Mr. Ford stated that that had not been discussed, but that would be his assumption. Mr. Lorraine stated that he wanted to make a point by showing that if the costs of the three (3) proposed elections were split three (3) ways instead of just one (1) way, that it would be beneficial to everyone. He stated that he had no problem with it, that he would support it and that he would even campaign for it. Mr. Gouaux said he was not opposed to the hospital district and wanted that to be known publically. He said he would campaign for the passage of the millage. Mr. Gouaux stated that he was against special elections because of the low vote turn-out. He stated that a special election was not a true indication of what the people of Lafourche or the people of the area wanted. He gave an example of a previous election where only 3,500 voters turned out and the election was substantial, as far as millage assessment and the millage passed by only twenty (24) votes. He stated that was not a true indication of what the constituency of the Parish wanted. Mr. Gouaux stated that he would vote for a special election this time, only because he aware of the difficulties being had, but wanted it known publically that he would not support special elections in the future, especially parish-wide. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked what was the millage rate being collected at present. Mr. Ford responded as 3.34 mills. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked what was the millage being asked for. Mr. Ford responded as 3.34 mills. Mr. Lorraine confirmed with Mr. Ford that without the millage hospital operations would probably be hampered. Mr. Ford stated that to his knowledge, that this would be the first year within in the last eight (8), where a small operational profit would be generated. He emphatically implied that the millage was needed in order to replace the capital they currently had. Mr. Lorraine also confirmed with Mr. Ford that the current millage expired in 2006. He stated that if the matter would fail, that there would not be enough time for this matter to go before another election. Mr. Lorraine stated that as far as people voting, no one could control who voted. He stated that people who wanted to vote, would vote. Mr. Lorraine went on to speak about the fighting in Iraq and the freedom to vote. Mr. Callais mentioned that Ordinance 3522 called for a special election in Fire District No. 8; Ordinance 3523, Fire District No. 7; and another special election was called on August 10, to approve the new Home Rule Charter. He went on to say that on April 24, a special election was called for Special Service Tax District No. 1, and that a special election was called for a rededication of a 2.64 mill. Mr. Callais stated that was a total of six (6) special elections that were held in the last sixteen (16) months since the present Council took office and advised that all of them had passed as nine (9) - zero (0) votes. He questioned why the concern now, for the holding of a special election, when there were no problems calling one for the last sixteen (16) months. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent, that being of Chairman Michael Matherne.

**ORD. NO. 3635      ELECTION IN HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1**

The next item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 1 (ambulance services) of the Parish of Lafourche, on Saturday, October 15, 2005, to authorize the levy of a special tax (millage renewal) therein. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Alfred "Freddie" Delaune, Jr. addressed the Council stating that he was a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee and also the Central Lafourche Ambulance District, but that he was speaking as a private citizen. He stated that the Council had been speaking about consolidation, but that he wanted to speak about elimination. Mr. Delaune said that the area was small and could be worked with. He said that twenty (20) years ago, that there was inadequate

insured population to support for profit ambulance service. Mr. Delaune stated that hospitals attempted to provide the service with varying degrees of success. He stated that then ambulance districts were formed in the less populated areas of the parish. He stated that since that time roads had been improved, population had been increased, and that currently ambulance service was being bought in three (3) different functions in the Parish. He stated that those as being in the Thibodaux, Central Lafourche, and the present ambulance district. Mr. Delaune stated that he believed that the potential for government subsidy to the ambulance district was increased to approximately \$1.2 million. He referred to Dr. Coats' presentation, saying that while he talked about how high things were, that he did not analyze specifics portions that were being paid where other parishes were not. He stated that he was aware of no other special ambulance districts in other parishes. Mr. Delaune stated that Terrebonne Parish was similar in population to Lafourche Parish and that they received no government subsidy. He asked how many different billing people were needed to be set up and how much different dispatching supervision and administration was needed. Mr. Delaune said that accounted for several hundreds of thousands of dollars alone. He named several other areas of concern. He stated that he thought this was a parish-wide problem and that it should be dealt with parish-wide. Mr. Delaune suggested that the districts be eliminated and that the assets, both cash and non-cash be rolled into the general fund of the Parish. He continued to speak in detail about mandating efficiency in government and no longer subsidizing for inefficiency. He implored the Council to vote against this ordinance. Mr. Brent Callais stated that he thought the calling of this millage as being unnecessary was ridiculous. He stated that the Lafourche Parish Ambulance Service District had one of the fastest call-outs in the State, that far exceeded Acadian Ambulance. He went onto saying that they had four (4) ambulances that served the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward. Mr. Callais said that they have an ambulance stationed in Port Fourchon, which was something Acadian Ambulance would never be able to cover. He stated several good points of the ambulance service, such as the high wages paid and appreciation of the people of the district. Mr. Callais stated that he agreed that one (1) ambulance service district was needed and that South Lafourche Ambulance should be merged and used parish-wide. He urged everyone to vote in favor of the millage because it would be a millage collected in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward, that would stay in the 10th Ward to support an ambulance district in the 10<sup>th</sup> Ward. Mr. Lorraine next about the difficulty of consolidating districts. He explained that one of the reasons for district taxes was because whatever was collected in the district remained in the district and was dedicated for a reason. Mr. Lorraine stated that he did not believe the Council could change this without going to the voters who created the special district and have their permission to change it. He gave several reasons why this matter should be voted for, stating that the people were happy with the service provided, people from the area were employed by the service and the money collected was kept in the district. Mr. Lorraine said the key to this was that the service was a non-profit organization. Dr. Lasseigne said he wanted to clarify that this was the ambulance service that was going to help with the prison. He advised Mr. Delaune that the Council was not voting to impose a millage, but rather the Council was voting on whether to allow this matter to go to the voters for their decision on the millage. Mr. Gouaux said that he felt the Council had misinterpreted what Mr. Delaune had brought forth. He said that Mr. Delaune had not said that the ambulance district was not a good ambulance district and that it should not exist. Mr. Gouaux said that he was simply telling the Council that the scenario of combining ambulance service throughout the parish should be looked into. He stated that it was very well possible that a millage would not have to be assessed. Mr. Gouaux stated that he would like to see the options explored. He stated that he knew the election was critical for the well being of the ambulance service. Mr. Gouaux stated that he thought this was a good opportunity to combine districts and reduce millages. He stated that if that could be done without the reduction of services that would be for the betterment of the people. Mr. Toups said he was prepared to vote for the matter going to the people to vote on it, until Mr. Callais began comparing South Lafourche Ambulance District to Acadian Ambulance as having faster response time, etc. He said he wanted to see that on record. He stated that he felt that Acadian Ambulance was good. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer said that ambulance services were not being compared. Mr. Toups said he would vote to

allow the people to vote on the matter, but that he agreed with Mr. Delaune on having one (1) service throughout the parish. Mr. Lorraine requested that Ms. Debbie Gautreaux, Administrator, speak to the Council. Mr. Lorraine asked Ms. Gautreaux if this matter was similar to the hospital, as the tax would expire in 2006. Ms. Gautreaux stated that was correct. Mr. Lorraine confirmed with Ms. Gautreaux that if the matter did not pass, that there would be a lot of trouble. He asked Ms. Gautreaux for a briefing on the service. Mr. Lorraine stated that he agreed with Mr. Toups in that he would not criticize Acadian Ambulance, but that the difference was that the money stayed in the district with the service they were providing. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer reminded Ms. Gautreaux that she was at a meeting approximately two (2) months ago and had given a full report at that time. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer stated that he thought that everyone was familiar with the service from the report and that the matter needed to be moved on. Dr. Lasseigne called for the question, ceasing all discussions. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, 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. Michael Matherne.

**ORD. NO. 3636      ELECTION IN HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 (AMBULANCE SERVICES)**

*Chairman Michael Matherne entered the meeting at 7:51 p.m.*

The next item (16) 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. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Williams stated that he was very disappointed that the meeting he had with Mrs. Beverly Arabie and Mr. Paul Chiquet was scheduled for 10:00 in the morning. He stated that he wanted to know how many Councilman had voted against the special election for the tax requested. Mrs. Beverly Arabie, Lafourche Parish Library Director, addressed Mr. Williams by stating that she had spoken to several people at different times and that the time that Mr. Williams was referring to a board member, herself and Mr. Chiquet were present. She said they were calling to see what was the interest in the locations for the Thibodaux library. She stated that that while Mr. Williams was present, the issue regarding the millage was discussed. She went on to say that at the last library board meeting, it was agreed as to check into the Foundry site and surrounding sites. She stated that they were trying very hard to dedicate their time and money to the Thibodaux Library. She reminded the Council that this was a millage renewal with a 2 mill cut. A brief discussion ensued regarding a personal question that Mr. Williams had asked Mrs. Arabie about regarding a library employee. Mr. Toups asked when the election was supposed to take place. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer advised the special election would be held on October 15, 2005. Mr. Gouaux voiced his reasons that this matter should be brought to the people at an election that was more publicized and that would bring in more people. He gave a brief explanation of the money that had been collected and spent. He stated that he wanted it made clear to the residents of the Parish, that if the libraries were built and the millage was not passed, that the Parish would be responsible for the buildings. He stated that money for these building would have to come from somewhere in the budget, possibly drainage and other services. He stated that the Library Board came to the Council with a budget forecast, that was compiled in a week or so, which stated that it would take \$2 million a year to operate the libraries. He stated that there was a proposal offered to have the library reduce the millage by 3 ½ mills and that a half (½) mill would go to recreation and two (2) mills to drainage and one (1) mill to costal restoration and the Board did not see fit to doing so. Mr. Gouaux stated that he had two reasons for not voting for this matter, (1) being that he thought it was too much and (2) because it was a special election. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne said that in eight (8) years, that the library had approximately accumulated

\$10 million in what he called excess accumulation to build the libraries, which equaled out to be about \$1.25 million a year. He said that would come out to approximately \$12 or \$13 million for the building program excess. Dr. Lasseigne said that if the millage was reduced by two (2) mills, that \$840,000 a year (instead of \$1.25 million year) would be collected and the excess they would be collecting would be approximately \$410,000, which he felt would be a minimum needed to operate the libraries. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Gouaux in that if the millage was not passed, that there would be problems. President Randolph stated that she had made extensive presentations on this matter. She said one form of presentation that she had not made was 3 ½ mills. She stated that was never made publically and there was no intent to do so. She stated that the Parish truly wanted to work with the Library Administration and Library Board to look at all possibilities for the future. She went on to say that it was owed to the people in the Parish to look for opportunities, especially for millages that were already on the books and to have them redirected where they were necessary. President Randolph said that it was recently learned that Congress was approving money for coastal erosion, but that was not coming until 2007 and that Parish at present had no money dedicated for coastal erosion. She went on to say that drainage was an issue and that the Council campaigned on the fact that drainage was the most important issue. President Randolph stated that in no way did the Parish want to interfere with what the Library Administration or Board was attempting to do, but that they would like to see a little more time, so that their plans could be determined. She went on to say that in 2006 there were numerous renewals that would be coming up. President Randolph went on to state her thoughts and reasons for waiting until 2006 to vote on the renewal. Mr. Callais said that he recalled that a few Councilmen had said that they wanted to study the library's budget, but that no one studied the budget of Hospital Service District No. 1 for the ambulance, nor the hospital. He stated that the money currently held by the Library would not be there in two (2) years. Mr. Callais said the Library needed this millage to be renewed. He stated that he felt that if this matter went up for election in October 2005 that it would pass because he was not aware of anyone who was against giving themselves a tax cut. Mr. Callais stated that he felt this was not the proper time to discuss coastal and drainage issues, as that was not what was on the table. He stated that the Council should allow the Library Board to go to vote in October. Mr. Lorraine said the only thing the Council was doing was giving the people the opportunity to vote and that they would vote the way they wanted to. He said that earlier in the meeting the hospital and ambulance districts were given the opportunity to vote and that allowing this to go to vote could save money. Dr. Lasseigne questioned why Boards were appointed if the Council was not going to allow them to do their jobs. He went on to ask why do a study because President Randolph had already signed the contract with Mr. Jay Caillouet for the Libraries and that she was the President of the Library Board. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer told Dr. Lasseigne that topic was not part of this matter. Dr. Lasseigne stated that the discussion was regarding the Library Board coming to the Council with the proposal and that President Randolph wanted to study it. He again asked why, because she was there and she should know it. He went on to state his reasons for supporting the Library Board. The motion *carried* by a vote of five (5) yeas, four (4) nays, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, Mr. Michael Matherne, Mr. Tyrone Williams and Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

**ORD. NO. 3637      ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION**

The next item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Section 25:23(B) of Sub-Chapter "A" of Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to sizes of culverts to be used in the parish. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion to **amend**, that would limit the culvert size, to not exceed twenty-five (25') feet in length. The amendments was moved by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer stated that Mr. Gouaux had submitted an amendment and moved for a motion. The **amendment** was moved by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Gouaux stated that the amendment was to simply remove verbiage that would indicate that

if the Parish pulled out sub-surface drainage for cosmetic reasons that the landowner would be required to purchase culverts of the correct size and have them put in with the exception of main driveway culverts which would be at the Parish's expense. He stated that he would like that verbiage removed from Section 1, A and B. He further stated that Section 1, B. should be amended to state that if the culvert was under a main driveway, the replacement of the driveway should be at the parish's expense. The amendment *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The original motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 3638 SIZES OF CULVERTS TO BE USED IN THE PARISH**

The next item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the Lafourche Parish Public Library to accept a lease offer from G & J Lefort Enterprises, LLC for the Lockport Library at a cost of \$1,750.00 per month; and authorizing the signing of all pertinent documents associated with said lease. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**ORD. NO. 3639 ACCEPTING A LEASE OFFER FROM G & J LEFORT ENTERPRISES**

The next item (19) on the agenda was an ordinance adding Section 13:132 of Sub-Chapter "C" of Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to regulations of commercial restaurants. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Dr. Morris Coats addressed the Council stating that he felt the ordinance was unlikely to do anything that would help the shrimpers. He stated that on the other hand, that restauranteurs in the Parish, especially in the unincorporated areas of the Parish, would be put at a competitive disadvantage with other parishes and with restaurants in Thibodaux, Lockport, Golden Meadow, and so forth. Mr. Gouaux stated that as much as the Council would like to think they were helping the shrimpers with this ordinance, that he felt that the shrimpers were not being helped, but that the restaurants were being hurt. He stated that restaurants would have a hard time to get the information as required by the ordinance and to have it displayed. He said he felt that most restaurants in Lafourche Parish were using fresh shrimp. He said he thought the ordinance required too much. Dr. Lasseigne voiced his concerns for requiring an institution to post a sign as required. He questioned how this ordinance would be enforced. Dr. Lasseigne stated that he supported the shrimpers and had been to every fund-raiser that was held. He stated that he would like to do whatever could be done to help the shrimpers, but he did not believe that this ordinance would help. He stated that the ordinance may do a marginal amount of good for the shrimpers, if any, but would be a burden on the restauranteurs. He reiterated that as much as he supported the shrimpers, he did not feel that this ordinance was the way to do it. Mr. Michael Matherne stated that he placed the item on the agenda and that he was excited by the item. He noted Dr. Lasseigne's and Mr. Gouaux's concerns. He stated that he would like to bring Mr. Lorraine and Mr. Callais in on the matter and stated that it may be in the best interest to defer the matter for a few weeks. Mr. Matherne *withdrew* his motion and Mr. Callais *withdrew* his second. Mr. Michael Matherne made a motion to *defer* the matter for two (2) weeks, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays .

**ORDINANCE DEFERRED FOR TWO (2) WEEKS**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The next item (20) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 2:303(B)(2) of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the by-laws and standard operating procedures of the Lafourche Parish Council setting four year terms with a two term limit for all board appointments

unless otherwise provided by law. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance. Mr. Toups questioned Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer as to why the setting of term limits for the Boards, when the Council did not have term limits. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer stated that he understood Mr. Toups' concern and went on to say that there was a provision which stated that the board members served at the pleasure of the Council, but that there was no means of removal at the pleasure of the Council. A brief discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages to setting term limits. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer advised Mr. Toups to review the proposed ordinance and that if he wished to amend it, that he would discuss it with him.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 2:303(B)(2)**

The next item (21) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on West 213<sup>th</sup> Street, Ward (10), District (9) of Lafourche Parish; authorizing the installation of necessary signs; and providing for penalties of violators thereof. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON WEST 213<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

The next item (22) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance designating a section of Hyland Drive from its intersection with Thirteenth Street to the end of Hyland Drive as a "One-Way"; and authorizing the installation of the necessary signs. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE "ONE-WAY", HYLAND DRIVE, THIRTEENTH STREET**

The next item (23) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance deleting in its entirety Sub-Chapter "B" of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the Bayouland Library System. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE DELETING SUB-CHAPTER "B" OF CHAPTER 12**

The next item (24) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a servitude agreement between Norman Badeaux and the Lafourche Parish Council for drainage work in the Valentine area; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, NORMAN BADEAUX**

The next item (25) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a servitude agreement between Janita Marie Thibodeaux and the Lafourche Parish Council for drainage work in the northern Bayou Blue area; 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, JANITA THIBODEAUX**

The next item (26) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a servitude agreement between John Orgeron and the Lafourche Parish Council for drainage work in the Valentine area; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, JOHN ORGERON**

The next item (27) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance establishing a twenty-five (25) miles per hour speed limit on Peltier Drive, Ward (3), District (2) of Lafourche Parish; authorizing the installation of necessary signs; and providing for penalties of violators thereof.. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Delatte to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON PELTIER DRIVE**

The next item (28) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance permitting the Lafourche Parish Library Board of Control to implement plans to upgrade Lafourche Parish Library System, to include the purchase of property from the Bayou Civic Club, Inc. for the Larose Library at a price of purchase of One Dollar (\$1.00); and authorizing the legally authorized officials to sign an Act of Cash Sale and any other documents pertaining thereto. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated

proposed ordinance. Dr. Tommy Lasseigne questioned the location and the size of the property. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer advised Dr. Lasseigne that a map was attached to the ordinance that showed same.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                    UPGRADING LAFOURCHE PARISH LIBRARY SYSTEM**

The next item (29) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance de-dedicating that section of Louisiana Highway 308 that extends from Allan Company to the end of Louisiana Highway 308. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                    DE-DEDICATING HIGHWAY 308 - ALLAN COMPANY**

The next item (30) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance acknowledging Lafourche Parish Government ownership of abandoned Highway previously referred to as Louisiana Highway 78 in the Larose area and accepting maintenance responsibilities of said abandoned highway. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais and Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                    ACKNOWLEDGING OWNERSHIP, LA HIGHWAY 78**

**RESOLUTIONS**

The next item (31) on the agenda was a resolution approving an agreement for professional services between J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. and Lafourche Parish to engineer concrete streets in the Fantastic Acres area for Project 3G of Road Sales Tax District 3; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract. The resolution was *deferred* until further notice.

**RESOLUTION DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The next item (32) on the agenda was a resolution approving an agreement for professional services between Duplantis Design Group and Lafourche Parish to engineer concrete streets in Road Sales Tax District 5G; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said contract. The resolution was *deferred* until further notice.

**RESOLUTION DEFERRED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The next item (33) on the agenda was a resolution renewing a contract with Mosquito Control, Inc. for a period of three (3) years; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contract. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups to adopt said resolution. Mr. Matherne asked that the Parish President clarify the negotiations that had been made for the new deal. President Randolph stated that the contract was at the same rate, but that it was at a three (3) year term. She said that two and a half (2 ½) years would be for the remaining amount of time for the present term and six (6) months into the next term in order that the next Council and Administration could make a decision. The resolution *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays, and one (1) absent from the room, that being of Mr. Michael Delatte.

**RES NO. 05-169                    RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH MOSQUITO CONTROL, INC.**

The next item (34) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Parish President to seek Bond Counsel to evaluate the consolidation of the various hospital service districts and requesting the Bond Counsel to make a recommendation to the Council within two months. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer moved for a motion to *amend*. The motion to amend was moved by Mr. Brent Callais and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer stated that the amendment was to add in "recreations districts, sewerage districts, drainage districts, levy districts and virtually any other board that existed". Mr. Toups stated that this matter had been brought up several years ago and that a study had never been done. He stated that he had brought the matter up in previous terms to look at the Boards. He suggested looking at the fire and recreation districts. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer stated that was why he included them on the amendment. He stated that there was also a recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Committee that was junked. Mr. Gouaux moved to amend the amendment to state that legal counsel look at all boards to see what boards could be consolidated or eliminated. Mr. Gouaux's amendment was seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Callais stated that he thought Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer's amendment which included the North Lafourche Conservation Levee District and the South Lafourche

Levee District were state boards and that that was out of the Council's jurisdiction. A brief conversation ensued regarding which boards the Council appointed members to and which boards they did not appointment members to. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer stated that there were three questions the Council needed to ask, (1) could it be done, (2) how it could be done and (3) does the Council want to do it. He stated that these questions could be answered by bond counsel. Mr. Callais questioned if a contract would need to be approved or whether a limit would need to be set. President Randolph stated that a contract would be needed. She also stated that other things that were inaudible. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer asked Mr. Lorraine if he wanted to extend the two (2) month period. Mr. Lorraine stated that whatever time was needed could be given. He stated that he agreed with Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer that the matter should be looked at to see what could and could not be done. The amendment by Mr. Gouaux to amend Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer's amendment to add all the remaining boards *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. The resolution as amended *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Callais moved to amend to remove the two (2) month time period, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. Dr. Lasseigne voiced his concerns that this would not happen and that he thought it was not possible that it could happen. He said a lot of money would be spent to find out it could not be done. He stated that his reasons for feeling that this was not the proper time for this. He stated that theoretically it was a good idea but that implementation would be almost impossible. He gave suggestions on how this could possibly be done. He stated that he would not vote for this matter. Mr. Michael Matherne asked if a report had been obtained from the Blue Ribbon Commission on some of the matters and their recommendations. The resolution as amended *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups and Dr. Tommy Lasseigne.

**RES NO. 05-170      SEEK BOND COUNSEL TO EVALUATE THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE VARIOUS HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICTS**

The next item (35) on the agenda was a resolution approving a LAT Workforce Investment Act contract for program year 2005-2006 with LAT Workforce Investment Board, Inc. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne to adopt said resolution. The resolution *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays

**RES NO. 05-171      LAT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT CONTRACT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2005-2006 WITH LAT WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD, INC.**

The next item (36) on the agenda was a resolution approving Change Order No. 3 to Manson Gulf, L.L.C. as an increase in contract length by twenty-two (22) days for Coastal Zone Management-Small Dredge Demonstration Project; and authorizing the Parish President to sign said Change Order. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer abstained from discussing or voting on this item. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine 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) abstention, that being of Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer.

**RES NO. 05-172      CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO MANSON GULF**

The next item (37) on the agenda was a resolution proudly supporting the completion of the Louisiana Medal of Honor Project; and supporting the raising of \$1,100 as Lafourche Parish's contribution to the project. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to adopt said resolution. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer said that the project was taking place in Belle Chase, Louisiana. He further stated that no public funds would be used but rather that it was a resolution from the Council in support of the project. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer said that this would show private donors that the project had the support of the Lafourche Parish Council. Mr. Lorraine confirmed with Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer that no money was involved. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer stated that was correct. He went on to say that a monument would be built and the contain the names of the Medal of Honors recipients only. He then gave a detailed description of what the monument would look like. The resolution *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-173      SUPPORTING THE LOUISIANA MEDAL OF HONOR PROJECT**

The next item (38) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the implementation of a new zip code for the north Larose area in Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais to adopt said resolution. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer advised the Council that a substitute resolution submitted by Mr. Gouaux was included in their packets. Mr. Gouaux began by saying that he had received several calls regarding the matter. He stated that during the campaign of Congressman Charlie Melancon, that he said that he would do whatever he could to implement a rural route for the Larose area. He stated that as of the present day the Larose area had no rural route. Mr. Gouaux said that the area south of the Intracoastal was served by the Cut Off Post Office and the area north of the Intracoastal was served by Lockport. He stated that this resolution was to have Congressman Melancon ask the Federal Postal Service to give the Larose area their own rural route, which would give them increased postal delivery service and an identity. Mr. Gouaux said he would highly recommend the Council voting for it. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer questioned whether Mr. Weldon Matherne was still in the audience. Mr. Gouaux relinquished his time to Mr. Matherne. Mr. Matherne addressed the Council and President Randolph by first thanking them, on behalf of the Town of Larose for the time that had been given to him for the explaining of the dilemma they were having with the mail delivery. He said that they were not complaining about how the mail was being delivered. He stated that they wanted an identity. He stated that he had been living in Larose practically his whole life and that he had a Lockport address. He went on to say that embarrassment was caused by that. He reiterated that the people of Larose wanted an identity. He gave a brief history of the procedure used to get before the Council and the anticipated procedure to be used after the Council's approval. He implored the Council to support this matter and give the Larose people an identity. Mr. Callais stated that he was totally in favor of this matter, but that he wished to ask Mr. Curole a question. He asked Mr. Curole the reasoning for the recent failure of obtaining a zip code for the Chackbay and Bayou Blue areas. Mr. Curole stated that he would have to look into it, but that he believed it was because of the reasoning that was given, that it was denied. He stated that the reason given was for sales tax purposes. Mr. Callais said that the reason for the failure might want to be found out, so that the present matter would not be denied. Mr. Matherne again addressed the Council stating that he did not want any misunderstanding and that the request for the zip code would make no difference in the mail delivery. He went to state that the same people would be delivering the mail, a new building would not be needed and no additional employees would need to be added. Mr. Weldon stated that an identity change was what was wanted. Mr. Gouaux said that basically what the resolution was saying was that the Council was asking Congressman Charlie Melancon to further the process in giving the Larose Post Office the rural route duties which would give the zip code 70373, which is Larose. Mr. Delatte made a motion to **amend** the resolution to include Bayou Blue and Chackbay, and was seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. A brief discussion was held regarding the ability to amend the resolution as amended. Mr. Delatte **removed** his motion and Mr. Lorraine **removed** his second. Mr. Ray Cheramie said that he lived in that area and asked for clarification on whether the zip code would be changed. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer advised that the zip code would not be changed, but that it would give Mr. Cheramie a Larose, Louisiana address. Mr. Cheramie then asked what would change. Mr. Gouaux told Mr. Cheramie that this would give the Larose Post Office a defined area on the south side to the bridge referred to as the McDonald's bridge and on the north to the fire district boundary line. Mr. Gouaux reiterated that the purpose was not to implement a new zip code. The resolution **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-174 IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW ZIP CODE, NORTH LAROSE AREA**

The next item (39) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Lafourche Parish District Attorney to approve the hiring of Mr. Leslie Clement to defend the parish regarding the lawsuit entitled, "Mary Ann Loupe, et al versus #101268, Parish of Lafourche", at a rate of \$125.00 per hour. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Brent Callais, to adopt said resolution. Mr. Callais offered an amendment to place a cap of \$5,000, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne. Mr. Callais voiced his concerns regarding having had Mr. Clement hired five (5) times this year for different lawsuits and

stated that other lawyers needed to be given a chance. The *amendment carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux. The resolution as amended *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux.

**RES NO. 05-175      HIRING MR. LESLIE CLEMENT, “MARY ANN LOUPE, ET AL VERSUS #101268, PARISH OF LAFOURCHE”**

The next item (40) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bid for road construction in Road Sales Tax District No. 3D, including packet which covers the Bayou Blue area; and to authorize the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams. An amendment was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, to fill in the blanks with appropriate information. The amendment *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The resolution as amended *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-176      ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN ROAD SALES TAX DISTRICT NO. 3D**

The next item (41) on the agenda was a resolution accepting the low bid of Leroy Carpet and Flooring, Inc. in the amount of \$1,512.50 for flooring in the Sondra Barrios Building; and authorizing the Parish President to sign and administer said contracts. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to adopt said resolution. An amendment was offered by Mr. Brent Callais, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, to make it a thirty (30) day project. The amendment *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. Mr. Matherne asked as to what part of the building was being carpeted. Vice-Chair Atzenhoffer stated that the carpet was for the lobby area. The resolution as amended *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

**RES NO. 05-177      LEROY CARPET AND FLOORING, INC., SONDRÁ BARRIOS BUILDING**

**DISCUSSIONS**

The next item (42) on the agenda was a discussion concerning Ordinance No. 3627 as it pertains to construct, operate, and maintain three lighting fixtures with poles in the Point-aux-Chene area. The matter was *deferred* until further notice.

The next item (43) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the verbiage of engineering contracts. Mr. Gouaux said that it was his understanding that the problem with the verbiage had been had with engineering contracts had been looked at and changed. He stated that he would still like to see all engineering contracts go before legal counsel to make sure they do not contain any open-ended language and that it would be in his legal opinion that the contracts were in the best interest of the Parish. President Randolph then questioned whether the library contracts she would be signing on June 29, 2005 needed to be reviewed by legal counsel. Vice-Chairman Atzenhoffer said the contract would go there automatically. Mr. Gouaux made a motion that all contracts be reviewed by legal counsel prior to being executed, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, and one (1) nay, that being of Dr. Tommy Lasseigne.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of June 28, 2005 **adjourned** at 8:45 p.m.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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