

implement its own strategic fuel reserve. Mr. Babin next handed out sketches regarding a fresh water diversion pilot project, which he said that Lafourche Parish could implement. He then gave a brief explanation of his suggested fresh water diversion pilot program.

PRESENTATIONS

The next item (3) on the agenda was Ms. Keena Lewis, Guidance Counselor with the Lafourche Parish School system. Ms. Lewis began by stating that she worked with the PASS (Positive Action School Site) program. She went on to explain that they worked with excluded and expelled students. Ms. Babin reported that over the last three (3) or four (4) years the number of students being received had increased. She explained that she has tried to implement various programs for which she was seeking volunteers. Ms. Lewis stated that if the students could see people from the community getting involved that they would see that there was hope and that there were other choices they could make, which would in turn alleviate the pressure of the small staff working with such a large number of students. Ms. Lewis then spoke about outlines of various programs. She stated that her basic purpose for addressing the Council was to gain volunteers for the various programs. Ms. Lewis then discussed the Real Men Read program and explained that the program would entail having different men in the community coming to the two (2) PASS sites and reading to the male students. She explained that their staff was predominantly female. She then spoke of the Sister to Sister program and explained that the program entailed having women from the community mentoring to the females students with hopes of giving them in-sight into what it is to be a positive productive young woman in today's society. Ms. Lewis then stated that students assigned to PASS were not allowed to participate in any activities, including after school tutoring. She then explained the After School Tutoring program, which she said would entail having volunteers tutoring students in whatever subjects they may be struggling in. Ms. Lewis then explained the Food for Thought program, stating that once a month they would meet with certain targeted students and their parents. She then explained that the parents and students would be separated and would speak about certain topics. She then said that the students and parents would then be rejoined over food to discuss the topic together. She stated that this program was an incentive to get the parents or guardians involved and more active in the school system. She then invited the Council to volunteer to become involved in the PASS program.

Mr. Toups stated he did not believe the PASS program was working and he then questioned whether Ms. Lewis thought it to be successful. Ms. Lewis stated that there were definitely things in the program that could be changed. Mr. Toups asked whether Ms. Lewis felt that students were still being lost, as he had noticed that when PASS students turned 15 they would drop out of school. She explained that through her experience when parent would come in, if they would even come in at all, they would be apathetic, which reflected onto their child. She stated that things being done at PASS, were not being reinforced at home. She stated that the Food For Thought program was so important because it made the school and the parents work together. Mr. Toups stated that he had spoken to many children who stated that they liked PASS, and that they would not do anything there. He stated that he was aware that the program had become more stricter in 2005. Mr. Toups stated that what needed to be done, was to have these children attend their regular school during the week and PASS on the weekends. Mr. Toups said that he would volunteer for that if it would help the children. He reiterated that currently PASS was not helping the children. Ms. Lewis asked Mr. Toups what were his specific problems with the PASS program. Mr. Toups stated that the children were not learning anything and also that the teachers were not sending the assignments correctly. Ms. Lewis clarified

that the assignments not being sent correctly was not the fault of the PASS program, to which Mr. Toups agreed. Mr. Toups reiterated that the students should be made to attend their regular school during the week and attend PASS on the weekends. Ms. Lewis said that they were open to all suggestions, and that it all came down to having everyone working together. Mr. Toups then stated that many children he had spoken to had said that they were going to quit school, to which Ms. Lewis pointed out that mind-set of quitting was made before getting into the PASS program. Mr. Toups stated that if children were in PASS for more than three (3), it would hold them back because they were not receiving grades. Mr. Toups reiterated that if a program was set up to keep the children in school and have them attend PASS on weekends that he would help them 100%. He stated that he would contact Ms. Lewis at a later to date to discuss such a program.

Chairman Matherne thanked Golden Meadow City Councilmen Lawrence Mounic for being present at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)

The next item (4) on the agenda was update regarding pictometry: This matter was deferred to the next meeting of September 27, 2005 due to the unavailability of the intended speakers.

ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECT 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. Joseph Picciola of Picciola and Associates, Inc. presented a brief update on current engineering projects. (Attached as Exhibit 1)

Mr. Larry J. Picciola, Larry J. Picciola, Inc. next presented a brief update on current engineering projects. (Attached as Exhibit 2) He went on to report that they had received requests for increase in costs and extensions of time because of Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Picciola stated that they were sorting through the request and that they were planning on meeting with the Administration. He went on to say that some of the increases in costs may be able to be funded by FEMA. Mr. Picciola stated that some of the problems being had were with materials coming in from Picayune, Mississippi. He went on to explain that the normal route entailed traveling on the Twin Span, which was now not possible. He went on to say that a much longer route would have to be taken. Mr. Picciola said that he hoped to have a better update on the request at the next meeting of September 27, 2005.

Dr. Lasseigne stated that he thought that the second letting, the Lockport, Larose and Country Club letting, would be received by the end of September 2005. Mr. Picciola stated that would not happen. Dr. Lasseigne asked why? Mr. Picciola stated because everyone had approximately two (2) weeks of time. Dr. Lasseigne interrupted and stated that notice would have been sent before Hurricane Katrina and that the hurricane was not involved with the delay. Mr. Picciola stated that they were supposed to go to bid during the month of September, which meant bids would have been received in early October, 2005. Dr. Lasseigne stated that Mr. Robert Picciola had stated at the July 12, 2005 meeting that bids would be received in September, 2005. Dr. Lasseigne pointed out that these project were being delayed much too long and that if this continued the Council would be out office and the road projects would not be finished. He stated that there would be additional costs, not only due to Hurricane Katrina, but because of time delays. Dr. Lasseigne asked what could be done to expedite these matters. He went on to say that in Road Sales Tax District 2 that there were millions of dollars

worth of work that was not engineered that would be completed before other projects. Mr. Picciola stated that he did not know anything about Road Sales Tax District 2 and that they were waiting on the design engineers to complete the plans so that they could go to bid. He went on to say that the design engineers were not completing their work even though it was projected to be at bid in September 2005. Dr. Lasseigne stated that the work had not even been awarded yet and that it could not be completed until the design was given to someone. Mr. Picciola stated that the projects Dr. Lasseigne was speaking of were supposed to be started on at the beginning of September 2005, before Hurricane Katrina. He went on to say that they were trying not to overload the existing contractors because that would cause increase in costs. Dr. Lasseigne then asked when Huey Stockstill, Inc. had changed an estimated start date to September 16, because he had his projected time line schedule which said that he was supposed start September 6, 2005. He then asked how many days Huey Stockstill, Inc. had for that contract. Mr. Picciola stated that the contract was 75 days, but that he was not sure. Mr. Joe Picciola stated that it was a 75 day contract. Dr. Lasseigne then asked when the 75 days began. Mr. Larry Picciola stated the 75 days started from September 16, 2005. He went on to say that he was not sure when the Notices to Proceed had been issued.

Mr. Atzenhoffer then asked about package 6A, Raceland. He questioned that it was a 70 day project. He went on to point out that it was listed on the Project Letting Schedule as not being completed until January 21, 2006, when the Construction Notice to Proceed was dated August 15, 2005. Mr. Picciola stated that he was not sure how long that project was, but that by the next meeting of September 27, 2005 he could have the start dates added to the letting list. He said that the contract could possibly be a 110 or 120 days contract. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that he recalled filling in the blank on the contract with 70 days. He stated that if that time had been changed, that it had not come back before the Council. Mr. Picciola said that he would have to check the contract. Mr. Atzenhoffer then stated that the work in Bayou Blue had been started the week after Hurricane Katrina and that he thought that they were doing a great job.

Dr. Lasseigne then asked what was the Gheens/Raceland Mill project listed on the Letting Schedule for \$1.5 million dollars. He stated that was not listed on prior Letting Schedules. Mr. Picciola stated that the project had been requested to be added on at the end of the schedule as an additional project. He went on to say that the project was the Farmer's Market Road and some streets located at the Raceland Sugar Mill. Dr. Lasseigne stated that meant he could add Laurel Valley Road to the letting schedule. He then stated that he would like Mr. Picciola to add Laurel Valley Road to the Letting Schedule for the next meeting of September 27, 2005.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays, to **open** the Two-Thirds Agenda.

TWO-THIRDS AGENDA

The first item (1) on the two-thirds agenda was a resolution recognizing shelter locations at Nicholls State University as official shelters of the Parish of Lafourche in response to the Hurricane Katrina Disaster; and authorizing and directing Nicholls State University to compile and confer with the Lafourche parish Finance Department for reimbursement issues. A **motion** was made by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams. Mr. Callais questioned whether the Larose Civic Center, Cut Off Youth Center, and the Raceland Recreational Center would be able to be reimbursed. Chairman Matherne deferred to the Administration. Mr. Cullen Curole said that the

shelters listed by Mr. Callais were already recognized as Parish shelters. He went on to say that the reason for this resolution was because there had been some uncertainty as to whether the Nicholls State University shelter was considered a Parish shelter. He stated that this was being done to make sure that Nicholls was reimbursed. President Randolph stated that Nicholls State University was a State institution and that they were trying to clarify that during disasters and emergencies that the Parish recognized it as a shelter. President Randolph stated that they wanted to make sure that FEMA recognized the shelter in the correct way. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked whether the Larose Civic Center was already being paid, and if so, how much were they being paid. President Randolph stated that the Larose Civic Center was being paid approximately \$1,800 a day and that there was an itemized list of the services received for that amount. Chairman Matherne clarified that the money being paid would be reimbursed by FEMA, to which President Randolph stated 100%. Mr. Atzenhoffer then asked whether the same agreement was had for the Raceland Recreational District regarding reimbursement. President Randolph stated that any expenses they incurred would be FEMA reimbursed. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that he wanted to make sure they received payment and that he would support this resolution. Dr. Lasseigne asked if whether the Cut Off Youth Center was one (1) of the two (2) facilities where the National Guardsmen were being housed, and whether they would be getting reimbursed. Dr. Lasseigne also asked if the Parish reimbursed the Cut Off Youth Center and then FEMA reimbursed the Parish. President Randolph stated that the Parish would pay the shelter and then FEMA would reimburse the Parish. Dr. Lasseigne asked how long that process should take. President Randolph stated that question would be answered when Item (4) on the Two-Thirds agenda would be discussed. Mr. Toups said that \$1,800.00 was being paid to the Larose Civic Center and then asked what was being paid to the Cut Off Youth Center and the Raceland Recreational District. President Randolph stated that they had not received invoices from either of those facilities. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-221 RECOGNIZING SHELTER LOCATIONS AT NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY AS OFFICIAL SHELTERS OF THE PARISH

The next item (2) on the two-thirds agenda was a resolution creating an expedited Lafourche Parish Permit and Planning process for mobile home parks for hurricane relief efforts. A **motion** was made by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked if this matter was okay with the Planning Department. Mr. Ray Cheramie, Department of Public Works, responded to Mr. Atzenhoffer's question, but it was inaudible. Dr. Lasseigne asked whether this process would be used just for those in need or would all permit processing be expedited? President Randolph stated that the requests were made basically to address the housing situation and the fact that people would need temporary, and sometimes permanent, housing. She stated that they were looking to expedite the process with many safeguards in place, particularly in a bonding situation. President Randolph stated that if the obligations of the Planning Department were not fulfilled within a certain length of time, the bond would be forfeited. Mr. Lorraine stated that he believed that the Administration already had the authority to do what was being asked for. President Randolph stated that she was aware that the Administration already had that authority, but thought it should be brought to the Council's attention. Mr. Callais stated that if this resolution was for FEMA trailers, he would support it, but he was concerned with private developers coming in and throwing together trailer parks. He said that he had spoken to the Subdivision Regulation Committee many times due to problems being had through-out the districts where trailer parks were being built next to established communities. Mr. Callais said that the guideline establishing a trailer park was that a public hearing, which the residents were notified of, had to be had. He went on to say that he did not like making it quicker for someone to slip in a trailer park in the middle of an established subdivision. He reiterated that if it was strictly for FEMA trailers that were not permanent structures, that he would be fine with

it. Mr. Curole directed the Council to the resolution in their packet regarding this matter and stated that the intent was for expediting hurricane relief efforts. Mr. Curole stated that he believed that to be FEMA, but went on to say that he believed that private developers would be handling it for FEMA. He said that the motions would be gone through for hurricane relief, not just a developer who walked through the door looking for the next trailer park. Mr. Curole stated that the Council's intentions were the intentions of the Administration. He went on to say that he agreed with Mr. Lorraine in that the authority was already there, but that it was thought to be an appropriate gesture on the part of the Council to concur with the decision. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that he agreed with Mr. Callais. He stated that he did not want a large amount of trailers being moved. He said that what would end up happening, was that once the citizens from other parishes homes were rebuilt, they would move back home, leaving the Parish stuck with trailer parks. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that he thought the process should be adhered to. Dr. Lasseigne stated that there was a process and that it should be followed. He went on to say that the process could be expedited. Dr. Lasseigne said that he thought that this would not just apply to FEMA, and that trailer parks would not be built appropriately. He reiterated that the process that everyone else goes through should be done, but that it could be done quicker. Mr. Gouaux stated that if there was some form of zoning in Lafourche Parish, that this problem may not exist. President Randolph pointed out that some of the request that were received were from companies wishing to house their workers to get their businesses up and running again. She went on to say that there were people in need of housing. Mr. Lorraine reiterated that he would vote no regarding this matter because the Administration already had the authority to do what need to be done. The motion **failed** by a vote of three (3) yeas, those being of Mr. Michael Matherne, Mr. Michael Delatte, and Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and six (6) nays, those being of Mr. Daniel Lorraine, Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, Mr. Lindel Toups, Mr. Tyrone Williams, Mr. Brent Callais, and Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RESOLUTION FAILED

The next item (3) on the two-thirds agenda was a resolution requesting and authorizing subcontractors to the Corps of Engineers and FEMA to conduct Hurricane Katrina debris removal in Lafourche parish. A **motion** was made Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. President Randolph explained that this resolution was also a FEMA and contractor suggestion. She went on to say that some of the debris located in Lafourche Parish was not properly located on right-of-ways thus making it possible that some contractors may have to enter private property to remove the debris. President Randolph then stated that contractors would not be entering private property to a large extent, but only in cases where the debris was obstructing a view and the like. She went on to explain that extra documentation would be required from the contractors. President Randolph stated that FEMA had requested under the Corps of Engineers that this additional language be added to assure that it was being done correctly. Mr. Callais asked who in Administration would be overseeing the debris removal. President Randolph stated that debris removal was being done by the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Curole stated that the Solid Waste Department would also be overseeing the debris removal. He went on to say that after looking over the FEMA paperwork, that this was not accomplishing a lot, because FEMA's requirements were still very stringent regarding when private property could be entered. President Randolph stated that what was trying to be addressed was incase a need arose. Mr. Curole stated that FEMA had to approve each case individually. The motion **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-222 REQUEST AND AUTHORIZE SUBCONTRACTORS TO THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND FEMA TO CONDUCT DEBRIS REMOVAL IN LAFOURCHE PARISH

DISCUSSIONS

The next item (4) on the two-thirds agenda was a discussion regarding Hurricane Katrina and its effect on parish finances, i.e., trash, overtime, fuel, and equipment. Dr. Lasseigne inquired as to what "real" expenses would have been incurred and whether everything incurred was 100% reimbursable. President Randolph then began her Administrative report. She explained that the State Treasury had \$6 million dollars ready to deposit into the Parish's account to begin covering the expenses incurred by the Parish. President Randolph then reported that with regards to trash, it was a Corps project, and was 100% paid by FEMA and the Corps of Engineer and further that there were no out-of-pocket expenses for the Parish. She stated that this was probably the most expensive part of the recovery disaster program. President Randolph stated that the \$6 million was to go toward the Parish's expenses so that the Parish would not be left with deficits and having to wait for reimbursement. She stated that the President was also extending the 100% reimbursement from 60 days to 90 days. Dr. Lasseigne then asked how much in expenses had been incurred and whether \$6 million dollars of expenses would be incurred. President Randolph stated that it was an estimated amount. Dr. Lasseigne then asked what portion was trash, overtime, fuel, etc. He then asked if trucks being used would be reimbursed and whether payment of employees would be reimbursed. He went on to inquire as to whether employees received double-time-and-half for the hours worked. President Randolph stated that was how employees were reimbursed after the regular hours were made. Dr. Lasseigne then asked what was considered the emergency period and whether the emergency period was over. President Randolph stated that the Parish was still partially in the emergency period. She went on to explain that most of the expenses incurred were due to people from other parishes coming into the Parish and that most of the work done was in other parishes. She stated that the federal government was very amenable to what the Parish was doing because they were assisting people from other parishes, as well as it's own residents. President Randolph went on to state that there were still a few employees that were still on overtime because of special circumstances. She stated that as of Tuesday, September 6, 2005, they were no longer under total emergency. Dr. Lasseigne then sought clarification on whether only the hourly employees would be getting overtime, and not the management employees. President Randolph stated that the situation in the Parish was that non-exempt employees were essentially salaried employees. She went on to say that with having people work by the hour it was difficult to distinguish. Dr. Lasseigne then asked if salaried Department Heads would have received overtime. President Randolph answered yes. Dr. Lasseigne clarified that President Randolph had stated that a Department Head would receive overtime. Dr. Lasseigne then asked what was the definition of salary. President Randolph responded that Mr. Cullen Curole could better explain the Civil Service rules and that not all employees were civil service. Dr. Lasseigne clarified that Mr. Cullen Curole was not civil service and then questioned whether he had received overtime. President Randolph stated that he had received overtime pay. Dr. Lasseigne clarified that Mr. Curole had received overtime for doing his job. President Randolph stated that Mr. Curole had done his job for 40 hours and after that had responded to the emergency. Dr. Lasseigne said that everyone had done so. Chairman Matherne asked President Randolph if the overtime pay was a reimbursable FEMA expense. Mr. Curole stated that the overtime was expected to be reimbursed 100%. He stated the hours were put in by Department Heads, in addition to Managers, that were exempt. He stated that non-exempt employees were hourly employees. He reiterated that the overtime was put in by the Department Heads who had led different aspects of the two (2) weeks affected by the storm. Mr. Curole stated that he was proud of the job that had been done in the Parish over the past two (2) weeks, and further that it would have been a different situation had the storm happened the previous year. He stated that over the past year there had been a lot of training, and that a lot more employees were involved in the emergency. Mr. Curole stated that he had no qualms that they were

better prepared. He went on to say that the people who had put in hours for the emergency, earned those hours, including the Department Heads and himself. Dr. Lasseigne stated that he was proud of the job that Red Cross had done, but that Red Cross doesn't get paid. He went on to say that while in the time of greatest turmoil and the greatest natural disaster in the history of the United States, people were sitting in the Sondra Barrios building with a generator, with air conditioning and food, who would receive overtime and double time-and-half while there were people in the Parish in the dark. President Randolph stated that she took exception to Dr. Lasseigne's statement. She stated that they were up 18 to 20 hours a day addressing the needs of human beings in Lafourche Parish. She went on to say that if Dr. Lasseigne thought that they were languishing in the center, that he was wrong. President Randolph again stated that they were addressing the needs of the Parish. She went on to say that the generator was to make sure that the telephone system was working. President Randolph stated that their exasperation was attempting to contact people to assist them in the emergency. She said that every person that was at the center, from the mechanic who worked on the generator at the center, as well as at special needs shelter, were addressing problems through out the Parish. President Randolph stated that while she thought that everyone would had done the same unselfishly, she believed that whether it was police officers, individuals at Nicholls, people at port commissions, they were being reimbursed by the federal government for the time they had put in as a sign of gratitude for what they had done. She stated that no one had done this for any other reason other than to help people. President Randolph stated that to infer in anyway that staying at the Sondra Barrios Center was a luxury was a wrong message. She stated that everyone who was at the center in every aspect of the emergency had worked diligently to make sure that things happened in the Parish. She stated that she did not begrudge a single person who was involved in the emergency the money they were being paid.

Mr. Lorraine stated he thought that everything had gone well.

Mr. Gouaux stated that he had put in quite a few hours as well, and he had never expected any financial compensation. He went on to say that he was very proud of everyone that was in the "command center" working the hours they had, prior to finding out that they were being paid time-and-half and double time-and-half. Mr. Gouaux stated that there had been a lot of abuse with FEMA coming in. He stated that the Parish was lucky that we did not absolutely need all of the food and water that continued to be given to the Parish. He stated that our neighboring parishes absolutely needed it. Mr. Gouaux pointed out that hurricane season was not over.

Mr. Toups stated that he agreed with Dr. Lasseigne and that he had been working for salary for 30 years. He stated that he was glad people had received compensation and that they could be reimbursed, but that he had, in his 30 years as a salaried employee, never received overtime. He asked if the hourly employees receive double time -and-half also, or whether everyone had received overtime or were they were being reimbursed plus their normal salary.

Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that he agreed with Dr. Lasseigne in that he was also a salaried employee and he had not received extra pay even though he had put in several hours and 978 miles on his personal vehicle. He stated that the pay was not why it was done, it was done because it was the right thing to do for the Parish. He likened it to every other citizen who had donated something, that had taken care of their neighbor's yard before taking care of their own yard, who had placed a tarp on their neighbor's roof before putting a tarp on their own roof, and had done everything that was necessary for the Parish to survive. He stated that salaried employees were paid a salary, end of story. He stated that he had not received any extra money, nor did he want it. He stated he did not think that was something that should be done. He stated that he thought the Parish had done an admiral job and that the majority of what was done, was done by the Parish, its political subdivisions, field maintenance officers and the National Guardsmen. He stated that he had not seen a Red Cross truck in the area for the first ten (10) days, possibly longer, after the storm. He said that he would work with

anybody that he had worked with in past two (2) weeks. He told Mr. Cheramie that there had been people who had put a lot on the side and had made the past two (2) weeks the proudest two (2) weeks of Lafourche Parish. He stated that he did not want that overshadowed by what was being discussed. He stated that this was the greatest parish in Louisiana because the situation was handled not by the Council, nor the Administration, but by its 90,000 residents.

Mr. Callais said that it had been stated several time that the extra pay was okay because FEMA would be paying for it. He stated that he did not care if FEMA would be paying for it, a salaried employee should not be paid overtime.

Mr. Delatte stated that the whole experience had been a learning experience. He stated that what was paid out should be studied to see if there had been any abuse or not. He stated that it needed to be looked at, but that the present time was not the time to do so. Mr. Delatte stated that it could be looked at in order to learn for the next time, whether there was a better way to do it. He stated that he thought there were a lot of lessons learned in the last few weeks.

President Randolph stated that she could assure the Council that not one penny had been abused. She stated that she had seen men and women go way, way above and beyond the call of duty, way beyond what they were hired to do, and way beyond what they were ever expected to do. President Randolph said that FEMA and Red Cross had not shown up until a week after the storm had hit. She said that they had to innovate, create and make certain that things happened with people that had no training for any of it. President Randolph stated that they had called upon every resource the Parish had in order to make certain that the people who needed them were taken care. She stated that she thought it to be insulting to the people who had worked so hard, to cast a discouraging light on the effort put forth by the people in the Parish in the storm situation and the aftermath. She stated that there was more volunteerism involved in the people who had received money then the money they had received. She stated that they had done the work because they cared about the Parish. She said that she understood that FEMA would be reimbursing the Parish. President Randolph stated that she thought it important that these people had stepped forward, and that anyone could have stepped forward and earned the money. She stated that she thought an admiral job had been done by those who had stepped forward.

Dr. Lasseigne requested a list of payments made to parish employees in dollar amounts. He then stated that in his understanding that when the Council approved someone's salary, that the salary shown on his tax returns would be what was voted on. He stated that this was not now the case and in essence those people had received a raise over what was approved as salary. Dr. Lasseigne stated that salary meant salary. He stated that he wanted to know if it was proper to pay a public employee a "bonus". President Randolph questioned whether Dr. Lasseigne thought that field superintendents that had worked for the storm should not have been paid. Dr. Lasseigne responded that they were hourly employees. President Randolph corrected Dr. Lasseigne in stating that they were salaried employees. Dr. Lasseigne rebutted in that case, that they should not have been paid.

The next item (5) on the two-thirds agenda was a discussion concerning the levee in the West Camellia area. Mr. Williams stated that he had received a phone call regarding a broken levee the day before Hurricane Katrina. He stated that he had called President Randolph about it. Mr. Williams said that he had visited the area and became aware of the problem being had. He then asked if Mr. Ray Cheramie, Department of Public Works, was aware of the problem. Mr. Cheramie said that he was aware of the problem and that they had sandbagged across the area connecting the two (2) levees where they had been cut. He went on to say that they were looking at the planning that was issued for the subdivision and would take whatever action was needed to have the contractor return and either remove the street or have a culvert placed and that section of road rebuilt to the height of the levee. Mr. Cheramie said that it would be addressed.

The next item (6) on the two-thirds agenda was a discussion concerning tall grass in canals. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Ray Cheramie for the number of individuals who had passed the test for the spraying of herbicidal chemicals for the eradication and/or controlling of tall grass. Mr. Cheramie explained that two (2) individuals had been sent to Alexandria, Louisiana to take the tests. He then said that one (1) individual had passed one (1) test of out five (5) and that the other individual had passed zero (0) test out of five (5). Mr. Cheramie then stated that another individual had been selected to take the tests, and that the individual felt that he could pass all of the tests without attending the two (2) day class. Mr. Williams stated that he was really in need of the spraying because when heavy rain was had, the ditches would clog up. He said that he had also received calls regarding snakes entering yards from a nearby canal. He said that the City of Thibodaux had sprayed herbicide chemical but he was not sure what happened with that. Mr. Cheramie stated that he had contacted a contractor who wanted to do a presentation for the Council on what he had done in other parishes with regards to spraying of herbicidal chemical. He said that the contractor had the liability, insurance and personnel needed to get the job done. Mr. Cheramie then stated that he did not think that the Parish had personnel to put in the time and effort to perform the task. He added that the Parish would have liability, and that the personnel had was not properly trained to do the spraying. He said that a possibility existed for over spraying, which would in turn be a cost factor for the Parish, and also the problem of not using enough chemical existed. Mr. Cheramie stated that the spraying was not as simple as spraying a yard and that the proper equipment was needed, such as boats and planes. He stated that he would like to have a professional come in and present a program that he was performing in other parishes and counties. Mr. Atzenhoffer suggested that request for proposals or requests for quotes be started in order that the contract could be done this year and the program could be started at the beginning of the 2006 year. Mr. Cheramie said that he did not know if the contract could be afforded in the 2005 year, but that certainly some of it could be done.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas, and zero (0) nays, to *close* the Two-Thirds Agenda and *return* to the regular agenda.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved onto the next agenda item.

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 nine (9) yeas, and zero (0) nays.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION

The next item (5) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a servitude agreement accepting the private street known as Clancy Lane between the Clancy Percle et al and the Lafourche Parish Council; accepting Clancy Lane into the parish system; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. 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. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Gouaux stated that he wanted to make sure that the Administration was acceptable to all aspects of

taking in the abovementioned private street. Mr. Curole stated that the next three (3) streets to be discussed were streets that met the standards and that had been paved by the Parish in the 1970's. He stated that he had spoke to the District Attorney's office regarding this matter. Mr. Curole stated that as far as he was aware, that no one had a problem with the process. Mr. Toups asked if the word "private" could be taken out. Mr. Curole stated that basically what was being done was to take the word "private" off of the roads because they were public streets that were listed as private on the Parish's list. Mr. Delatte stated that the roads had been blacktopped in the 70's and further that they had been maintained by the Parish for the last 30 years. He stated that the streets met all of the criteria required to be accepted into the system. He stated that they were correcting problems that had incurred 30 years ago so that problems were not had 15 years from the present. Mr. Gouaux asked whether a master list of the streets would be given to the Council. President Randolph stated that they were referring to one list and that if Mr. Gouaux would like a copy, one would be given to him. Mr. Gouaux then asked whether the list could be brought to the Council for approval in order that all the Councilmen could be on the same page. Mr. Curole stated that he was told that the list was complete but that he had yet to see it. He stated that he too would like to have it, and that it would be a great idea to bring it before the Council in order that it would be a Parish list of roads. Mr. Gouaux stated that it could be put on the meeting agenda with him as a sponsor, to which Mr. Curole stated that he would prefer to wait until he had the list in hands before putting it on the next meeting agenda. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3667 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, ACCEPT CLANCY LANE

The next item (6) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a servitude agreement accepting the private street known as Bayou Choupic Lane between Todd C. Martinez, Melissa L. Martinez, John D. Adams, Ruby L. Adams, Jerry J. Landry and Nettie K. Landry and the Lafourche Parish Council; accepting Choupic Lane into the parish system; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. 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, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3668 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, ACCEPT BAYOU CHOUPIC LANE

The next item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a servitude agreement accepting the private street known as Murphy Lane between the Joseph J. Morvant et al and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. 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, seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3669 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, ACCEPT MURPHY LANE

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance approving a servitude agreement between the Lafourche Parish Council and the Allan 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. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3670 SERVITUDE AGREEMENT, ALLAN COMPANY

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Section 3 and 5 of Ordinance No. 3177 as it pertains to the creation of the Veteran's Memorial District so as to change the governing authority of the District from the Council to a Board of Commissioners, to appoint such Board

members and designate their terms of office; and change the domicile of the District. 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. Daniel Lorraine and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that his ongoing opposition to this matter was known. He stated that Resolution 03-094 listed the Parish Council as the governing authority of the Veteran's Memorial District. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that if that was changed there could be repercussions on the bonds because they had been done with the Council overseeing the district. He said that he saw no problem creating an advisory board that would come before the Council for its approval. He stated that would keep it on track with the bonding issue. He stated that there were other resolutions and ordinances that had be done by the present and previous Council and that they all listed the governing authority of the Veteran's Memorial District as being the Council. He stated that just because the State said that this could be done, did not mean that it had to be done. He stated that the Parish was a Home Ruled Chartered body. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that the rules had been set by Ordinance 3177. He stated that if Ordinance 3177 was changed there would be a risk of changing the bonds and possibly being in violation. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that the Council had been the governing authority for the past three (3) years and that he thought it should stay that way. Mr. Lorraine stated that on November 15, 2003 a 1 mil district tax had been passed for Ward 10. He stated that the Veterans Memorial District did not want to be treated any differently from any other districts in that they would be allowed to run their own operations. Mr. Lorraine stated that the Veterans Memorial District was for Ward 10, and that there was a state law that read that if someone did not live in the taxing district, that they would not be allowed to vote. He stated that the people from Ward 10 had voted 95% for this and that progress had been made, and further that the Parish had assisted on some of the project. He stated that there had been a purchase of large property. He stated that a smaller piece of property could have been bought for a monument, but that the Veterans Memorial District had a vision for the future of the Parish to have a recreation complex. He stated that the people who had voted on this were not from Bayou Blue, Thibodaux, nor Raceland, but from Ward 10. Mr. Lorraine stated that he thought that it had not been set up correctly to have the Council with the authority. He stated that he had gone to the Senate and had Senate Bill 79 passed. Mr. Lorraine stated that no one had voiced objections to the bill. He then spoke about Resolution 05-046, which had passed by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, and which then went through the proper channels to the State and voiced again that no one had opposed it and that it had passed unanimously in the House and Senate and committee. Mr. Lorraine explained that all that was being done was a board was being created where the decisions would be made by the board and not the Council. He stated that they would have to have an annual budget and be like all other boards. Mr. Lorraine asked why these individuals should be held hostage and stated that they should be able to do what it was they had set out to do. He then stated that the Veterans Memorial District buses had been used in the past storm when ambulances were unavailable. Mr. Lorraine said that not one Veteran was against the use of the buses in the storm. He asked the Council to support this resolution. He pointed out that most of the Veterans were in their 70's and 80's and that their dream was to have this memorial. He stated that all the other boards in the Parish had the same opportunity that he wanted to give to the Veterans Memorial District. Mr. Toups stated that he backed up the Veteran's 100% and wished them luck. The motion **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

ORD. NO. 3671 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3177, CREATION OF THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DISTRICT

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting into the parish system a subdivision known as "The Redivision of Lot 6 of Uncle Peter Subdivision", Ward 8, District 6. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed

ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Lindel Toups, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3672 ACCEPT INTO PARISH SYSTEM, “THE REDIVISION OF LOT 6 OF UNCLE PETER SUBDIVISION”

The next item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting into the parish system a subdivision known as “The Division of Property belonging to Charlene Griffin, et al”, Ward 3, District 5. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3673 ACCEPT INTO PARISH SYSTEM, “THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CHARLENE GRIFFIN, ET AL”

The next item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance accepting into the parish system a subdivision known as “The Redivision of Tract 5 of the Estate of Wallace Marcel”, Ward 11, District 5. Chairman Matherne asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Matherne moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3674 ACCEPT INTO PARISH SYSTEM, “THE REDIVISION OF TRACT 5 OF THE ESTATE OF WALLACE MARCEL”

The next item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Section 19:652 of Sub-Chapter I of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances to include that any company doing seismic work in Lafourche Parish shall have to provide a copy of their “land work” to the parish to be used in conjunction with the Lafourche Parish Assessor’s Office. 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. Mr. Gouaux offered an **amendment** to add a definition of land work as follows: 1. “Land Work” shall mean the research of land ownership by means of the actual research data and/or maps., seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays. The ordinance as amended **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

ORD. NO. 3675 AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDE COMPANY DOING SEISMIC WORK IN LAFOURCHE PARISH, PROVIDE “LAND WORK”

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCES

The next item (14) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance establishing a “No Parking-Fire Lane” on both sides of Lake Long Drive for its entire length; authorizing the installation of signs; and providing for penalties. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance. Mr. Toups advised Mr. Atzenhoffer that he may want to check into whether a fire lane could be put on both sides of a road. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that Mr. Toups was correct and that he would amend it at a later date.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE “ NO PARKING-FIRE LANE”, LAKE LONG DRIVE

The next item (15) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing a variance from the

Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations on lot extensions of Blocks 2, 4, 6 and 8 of the Pere Subdivision, Ward 10, District 8, as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their August 25, 2005 meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Brent Callais to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance. Mr. Callais stated that he had documentation regarding this matter if the Council was interested in reviewing it. He went on to explain that this had been recommended by the Planning Commission. He stated that they were correcting lot extensions of neighbors who had never come before the Planning Commission. Mr. Callais said that because of that Mr. Johnny Bourgeois would have to pay to correct the mistakes of his neighbors in order that he could sell.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDE VARIANCE, LOT EXTENSIONS OF BLOCKS 2, 4,6 AND 8 OF THE PERE SUBDIVISION

The next item (16) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as the “Blue ridge Pointe Subdivision, Phase A,” Ward 11, District 4. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ACCEPT INTO PARISH SYSTEM, THE “BLUE RIDGE POINTE SUBDIVISION, PHASE A

The next item (17) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance accepting into the parish system the subdivision known as “The Redivision of Lot 2, Block “C” of John C. Daigle Property in Rear of Lydia Park,” Ward 11, District 4. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ACCEPT INTO PARISH SYSTEM, “THE REDIVISION OF LOT 2, BLOCK “C” OF JOHN C. DAIGLE PROPERTY

RESOLUTIONS

The next item (18) on the agenda was a resolution to fill a vacancy on the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board due to the expired term of Mr. Bobby Saffel. A **motion** was made Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Toups reappointed Mr. Bobby Saffel for the vacancy. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RES NO. 05-223 FILL VACANCY, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD

The next item (19) on the agenda was a resolution to fill a vacancy on the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board due to the expired term of Mr. Terry Lyle. A **motion** was made Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Mr. Toups reappointed Mr. Bobby Saffel for the vacancy. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RES NO. 05-224 FILL VACANCY, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD

The next item (20) on the agenda was a resolution to fill a vacancy on the Lafourche Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Board due to the expired term of Mr. Ralph Melancon. A **motion** was made by Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Toups reappointed Mr. Ralph Melancon for the vacancy. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RES NO. 05-225 FILL VACANCY, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD

The next item (21) on the agenda was a resolution to fill a vacancy on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission. A **motion** was made Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. Mr. Matherne nominated Mr. Richard Gibbons Robicheaux to replace Mrs. Elanor Talbot. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked whether this was Mr. Robicheaux’s first time serving on the Tourist Commission Board. Chairman Matherne responded yes. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero

(0) nays.

RES NO. 05- 226 FILL VACANCY, TOURIST COMMISSION

The next item (22) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Governor of the State of Louisiana to federalize the National Guard Soldiers deployed in Louisiana. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that the Governor had taken care of this matter. A **motion** was not made on this resolution, therefore the resolution died from a lack of a motion.

RESOLUTION DIED FOR LACK OF A MOTION

The next item (23) on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the Council Chairman to process the necessary documents to provide the Council Clerk with a 3% cost of living increase, retroactive to June 25, 2005. A **motion** was made by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Toups stated that the reason this was being done was because all of the Lafourche Parish Department Heads had received an increase in their salaries, but not the Council Clerk. President Randolph clarified that all Parish employees had received a raise. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-227 COUNCIL CLERK, 3% COST OF LIVING INCREASE

The next item (24) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to clean the bridges crossing the Intracoastal Water Way. A **motion** was made Mr. Phillip Gouaux and seconded by Mr. Brent Callais. The motion *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

RES NO. 05-228 REQUEST LA DOTD CLEAN BRIDGES CROSSING INTRACOASTAL WATER WAY

The next item (25) on the agenda was a resolution rescinding Resolution No. 05-206 that approved a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lafourche Parish Council and the Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 1 to provide improvements to the LRD#1 tennis courts. A **motion** was made Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that he had done research on the costs of tennis courts. He then stated that for \$15,000 to \$22,000 a tennis court could be put in someone's back yard. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that \$80,000 for a tennis court was a stretch. He remarked that the minutes from the August 9, 2005 Lafourche Parish Council meeting stated that some councilmen had said to vote everything down, but then when it was time to vote ,they had voted for what was in their district and voted down what was not. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that he thought that the Council needed to be supplied a plan before giving away money. He remarked that he had heard that the original estimate was \$110,000 for an engineered tennis court. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that he had not paid \$110,000 for his home. He said that a \$60,000 carport and a good agreement with the Cut Off Youth Center had been voted down at the same meeting when this current matter had been passed. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that even though the tennis court was put, that a tournament could not be held there because a minimum of four (4) courts were needed to hold a tournament. He said that if four (4) courts were being put for \$80,000 and tournaments would be held there and money could be raised for the recreational district, he would probably agree to it. Mr. Atzenhoffer went on to say that this did not even address the fact that children were playing baseball at the facility sometimes until 11:30 p.m.. He then asked why a new ball field was not being put up. He said that if they wanted to spend \$80,000 to put a ball field up, he probably would vote for it, if it did not need to be engineered. He voiced that he still did not understand why an engineer was needed to say that the cement was cracked. Mr. Atzenhoffer then said that the August 9, 2005 minutes stated that Mr. Toups had said that the recreation district would be coming back before the Council for \$100,000 for lights. He said that this needed to be corrected and that they should come back before the Council with a plan. Mr. Toups stated that there was a plan. He said that Lockport had taken care of 750 children the past summer. He then said that some of the money would be going to other things.

Mr. Toups then relinquished his time to Mr. Bob Barker and Mr. Warren Vedros. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that the \$80,000 was for a tennis court. Mr. Barker first advised that two (2) tennis courts were being built, not one (1). He stated that the estimate was not just to recover the courts. Mr. Barker said that if someone tried to play tennis on the courts that they would break their ankle with the cracks. He stated that the courts had been built 30 years ago and that the concrete had been donated. Mr. Barker explained that what was being done was two (2) courts, and replacing the fencing and lighting. He then said that the project may be able to be done cheaper, but then asked whether it would last any length of time. Mr. Barker stated that was why an engineering firm was being used. He stated that they had no problems bringing the plans before the Council. He then said that the \$100,000 for lights be spoken of may come up for the ball park at a later date. He said that day was very long in coming. Mr. Barker said that they would love to build another two (2) ball fields but the biggest problem being had was land. He stated that they found land for \$750,000 but that no one had that type of money to spend. He said that they had received notice that the Council had approved the \$80,000 for the tennis courts, which he stated, they were willing to put up any money that was left to make up that. Mr. Barker said that as far as ball fields were concerned, they had a plan they were working on, and that they would come to the Council on it at a later date. Mr. Toups stated that he wanted to correct the statement regarding the \$100,000 and that it was for the Larose Civic Center. He stated that he Larose Civic Center had come to the Council for money, and he knew from a previous conversation with board members, that they also wanted \$100,000 for lights. Mr. Toups stated that if the August 9, 2005 Lafourche Parish Council meeting minutes said that Lockport wanted the \$100,000 for lighting that it should be corrected to say Larose Civic Center, Lafourche Recreation District #3. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked Mr. Barker if whether the land where the tennis courts were located could be utilized to put another ball field in. Mr. Barker said that if the tennis courts were torn down, two (2) Tee-ball fields may be able to be done, but nothing bigger than Tee-ball fields. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that the last time had spoken to Mr. Barker regarding this matter, children were playing ball until 11:00 p.m. He asked if anyone was playing on the tennis courts at present. Mr. Barker stated that yes, people were still playing tennis on the courts. Mr. Barker stated that tennis was not as popular as it was t20 years ago, but that on a consistent basis 60 to 100 people played. He said that they saw a lot of teenagers at the tennis courts. Mr. Barker said that the courts were used mostly by people who did not have recreational facilities. Mr. Atzenhoffer suggested that two (2) Tee-ball fields be put up in order to relieve the 700 people that the recreational district took care of, and that another place for the tennis courts be looked for. He went on to say that maybe that could be done with a cooperative endeavor with another agency in the area, or maybe with the schools. Mr. Barker stated that they have tried for at least five (5) years to find land. He stated that the only available land, for the most part, was on Highway 308 and that the Council, and the City of Lockport, had requested that they stay within the City of Lockport. Mr. Barker said that there was no land left in the town of Lockport. He said that they were at the mercy of Holy Savior with regards to the current ball fields, because if they choose not to lease it to the recreation district, they would have to find more land. He said that last year a lot of parking area was taken in Lafourche Recreation District #1 in order to put two (2) ball fields. He stated that for the most part, Tee-ball players and Coach Pitch players were normally finished by 8:00 p.m. and that the players playing ball until later were the older children. He said that the games usually ended at 9:00 p.m. and that 11:00 p.m. was rare. Dr. Lasseigne said that he had voted against this the first time because he thought that the funds were coming from part of package that evolved from a bird walking trail and that he thought that it could have been packaged better. He said that he wanted the people to have the tennis courts but that the way it had been presented and coordinated with the other two (2) resolutions for recreations districts on that August 9, 2005 agenda, which had been voted down, was inappropriate. Dr. Lasseigne stated that he had hoped it would be a different number and

that the three (3) packages would have passed. The motion *failed* by a vote of one (1) yea, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and eight (8) nays.

RESOLUTION FAILED

The next item (26) on the agenda was a resolution requesting an Attorney General opinion regarding price gouging. A **motion** was made Mr. Lindel Toups and seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. The motion *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas and one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

RES NO. 05-229 REQUEST ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION REGARDING PRICE GOUGING

Mr. Ray Cheramie then stated that he felt that the public had a bad feeling about the employees of the Parish. He stated that he felt that he had really good employees and that the past storm had proved that. Mr. Cheramie stated that he was extremely, extremely proud of what they had done. He stated that the National Guard was getting recognized and that they had done a good job, but pointed out that they came into the area eight (8) days after the storm. Mr. Cheramie said that his employees were out during the storm. He said that his employees had left their homes that were damaged in order to help the public. He stated that the Council should recognize that fact. Mr. Cheramie said that there were field office people who were paid double time-and-half, but that they deserved it. He stated that they not only worked overtime on the emergency, they worked overtime approximately every week and do not get paid for it. Mr. Cheramie said that the Council should recognize that they were out before the storm, during the storm and after the storm and that they had done a “hell” of a job.

Mr. Toups informed Mr. Cheramie that no one had said anything about the field worker’s receiving double time-and-a-half. Mr. Cheramie stated that the field office supervisors had received double time-and-a-half and that they were on salary. Mr. Toups stated that he worked overtime and did not get paid for it, and he was on salary. He said that if they could get the overtime then he was glad for them. Mr. Toups concluded by advising Mr. Cheramie that through out the hurricane he had not seen any of his employees, and further that he himself t had ran the pumps.

ADJOURNMENT

On **motion** by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne, and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of September 13, 2005 **adjourned** at 7:38 p.m.

**MICHAEL MATHERNE, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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