

NOVEMBER 14, 2006  
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, NOVEMBER 14, 2006 AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL BARRIOS CENTER, 1612 HIGHWAY 182, SUITE 100, RACELAND, LOUISIANA.

The Lafourche Parish Council was duly convened as the governing authority of said Parish by Mr. Brent Callais, Chairman, who then stated that the Lafourche Parish Council was ready for the transaction of business at 6:04 p.m.

Chairman Callais announced that the invocation would be led by Mr. Michael Delatte. The Council then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Daniel Lorraine. Proceedings of the meeting were called to order with the following:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Michael Matherne Mr. Phillip Gouaux  
Mr. Daniel Lorraine Mr. Brent Callais, Chairman  
Dr. Tommy Lasseigne Mr. Michael Delatte  
Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, Vice-Chair  
Mrs. Charlotte Randolph, Parish President  
Mr. Tyrone Williams (*arrived at 6:40 p.m.*)  
Mr. Lindel Touns (*left at 6:50 p.m.*)

**ABSENT:**

**APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

The next item (1) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2006 Regular Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to accept the October 24, 2006 minutes. The minutes were *approved* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

The next item (2) on the agenda was a motion to accept the minutes of the October 30, 2006 Special Session meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to accept the October 30, 2006 minutes. The minutes were *approved* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Tyrone Williams.

**PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

The next item on the agenda was the public wishing to address the Council.

Mr. Pete Adams, a resident of East 25<sup>th</sup> Street addressed the Council at length regarding his concerns with an outfall canal. He spoke of a request he had sent in and on which he said, he had never received a response to regarding whether or not the Parish had had a right-of-way on East 25<sup>th</sup> Street north. Mr. Adams then read from a document he said he had authored which was regarding the digging of a ditch in the Bon Terre Subdivision, adding that the ditch had never been accepted into the Parish system. He then spoke of his feelings that the digging of the ditch deeper and wider without the property owners' permission was causing them to lose property and was a criminal act against

them. Mr. Adams requested that someone show him a copy of the right-of-way that was had by the Parish. He continued to speak on the matter. Mr. Curole explained that the right-of-way had by the Parish was from the earlier subdivision to the front and that the indications were that the page that showed the right-of-way was not recorded. He said that they were currently questioning whether the right-of-way had on the back of Mr. Adams' property was valid or not. Mr. Curole went on to explain that the other pages of the plat had been recorded but that the page containing the right-of-way being spoken of had not been found as being recorded. He continued to speak on the matter including that it was his understanding that it was an adjacent landowner's land under an adjacent right-of-way that had been re-dug. Mr. Adams clarified that Mr. Curole had stated that the Parish had a right-of-way for the front of the subdivision, to which Mr. Curole stated that they did have a right-of-way for the first part of the subdivision and that on that plat there was drawn a right-of-way that went to the back. Mr. Adams requested a copy of the right-of-way from Mr. Curole, to which Mr. Curole stated that he could get him a copy. Mr. Adams then addressed Mr. Gouaux and expressed his feelings in detail that he felt that Mr. Gouaux should be representing his constituents on the current matter. A brief discussion ensued between Mr. Gouaux and Mr. Adams on the issue. Mr. Gouaux concluded by giving Mr. Adams his cell phone number and advising him that he could call him at anytime. Chairman Callais asked the Administration if the property being spoken of could be surveyed to in order to see if it was the landowners' properties that were eroding? Mr. Ray Cheramie, Department of Public Works, explained that when they had attempted to dig the existing ditch they had spoken to some landowners who he said had pointed out where the property lines were. He went on to say that he had requested a right-of-way from the adjacent landowner, who he said, had nothing to do with the subdivision and that the said land owner had granted the Parish a right-of-way. Mr. Cheramie stated that they had dug the existing canal not on the property owners' lands who lived in the subdivision, but on had dug on the adjacent property landowner side. He continued to speak on the matter, mentioning that there were property markers still in existence and that he had shown pictures of that. Mr. Cheramie stated that they were still awaiting a legal opinion as to whether the plat spoken of earlier was legal or not. He reiterated that the Department of Public Works had not dug on the property of the existing property owners who lived in the subdivision but had dug on an adjacent property in order to help the subdivision. Detailed discussions on this matter ensued. Mr. Cheramie explained that he had spoken to the original owner of the property who he said had done the first phase of the subdivision being spoken of and that he had stated that there was a drainage servitude given to the Parish. He said that the question was whether it was recorded or not. He stated that the property owner knew he had signed off on giving the Parish a servitude all the way to the 40 Arpent Canal when the first phase of the subdivision had been built. President Randolph then spoke on the similarity of the issue of questioning the validity of documents and explained that was why this matter had been turned over to the legal advisor.

Chairman Callais announced the that Council on Aging, Inc. Food For Seniors commodities distribution for the month of November would be being held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Peltier Park and was for the Thibodaux area only.

Mr. Tommy Robichaux a resident of Fir Drive next addressed the Council in detail regarding his concerns with saltwater intrusion. Chairman Callais explained that Mr. Robichaux had supplied the Council with a copy of a letter to the editor in the Daily Comet which he had written on the matter

some years back. Mr. Robichaux asked that the Council read the letter at their leisure. Mr. Robichaux then spoke of the area serviced by the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District and the longevity of same. He said that the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District had been serving three (3) parishes south of Donaldsonville, Louisiana since the 1950s and that the provision of the act of incorporation of that district was to serve all of three (3) parishes with fresh water, which he said had not been done. Mr. Robichaux then read from a lengthy and detailed letter he had sent to Senator Reggie Dupre, Jr. on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and which he said covered his thoughts on the issue and also the effects with saltwater intrusion to the Valentine Paper Company. He then explained that the boilers at the paper mill were buying water from the water district in Mathews at a cost of \$30,000 a month to operate the paper mill, adding that if that continued the mill would shut down. Mr. Adams then spoke of the number of employees had by the paper mill and the approximate amount of its payroll. He continued to speak in detail on the matter. Mr. Gouaux informed Mr. Robichaux that on the November 14, 2006 agenda there was a resolution pertaining to the issue being spoken of by Mr. Robichaux. He then gave a brief explanation of the resolution. Mr. Robichaux then inquired as to who was responsible for enforcement of the noise ordinance, to which several responses that the Sheriff's Office was responsible for enforcement of the said ordinance was given. Mr. Robichaux then explained that he did not believe that many people were aware of the ordinance and then requested that a front page article on the matter be done. He explained problems currently being had in his neighborhood. A brief detailed discussion on the matter ensued with Mr. Toups suggesting that the Administration send a letter to Sheriff's Office regarding the noise ordinance.

Mr. Nathan Tabor, a resident of Farmers Lane, next addressed the Council regarding the maintenance and asphaltting of 101 Farmers Lane, a public pump road and the reason why it was not being done. Mr. Tabor explained that he was representing fourteen (14) families that lived on a lane in Chackbay, Louisiana, saying that it was Farmers Lane. He explained that the lane had had a pump located on it since May of 1986 and that the Parish had taken the lane over at that time. Mr. Tabor stated that in 1975 a right-of-way agreement had been done, which he stated that there was a servitude of passage for the general public. He explained the numerous times the lane had be put up for asphaltting and the various ordinances regarding the matter that had been passed. Mr. Tabor stated that the road had been engineered and had had money allocated for it with the previous Administration. He explained that again in 1996 the lane had been put up again for asphaltting, adding that there was a pump at the end of the road. Mr. Tabor said that the residents of the lane had signed an agreement pertaining to five (5) feet in order for the Parish to asphalt it. He explained that this agreement had been lost and that the current Administration was saying that it could not be found. Mr. Tabor continued to speak on the matter including the number of times the lane had been engineered and the fact that the road had been pulled from being done in order to have another road in the Parish done. Mr. Delatte stated that on May 16, 1986 there had been a right-of-way given to the Parish to install a pump down Farmers Lane. He said that in the original document it was stated that it was not intended for public use. Mr. Delatte said since that time lots had been sold along the road and according to the residents, who he said were all willing to sign affidavits, stated that they had given an additional five (5) feet on each side of the road for a public right-of-way. He said that this paperwork evidencing the matter supposedly disappeared, could not be found or did not exist. Mr. Delatte stated that he did not think that fourteen (14) families could all be mistaken. He stated that in Ordinance No. 2777 of July 26, 1999 the road had been accepted into the parish system by the Council of that time by a vote of fourteen (14) yeas and zero (0) nays and one (1) absent. Mr. Delatte stated

that he had asked for a District's Attorneys opinion on the matter as to whether the street was public or private. He continued to speak on the matter, including informing the Council that there was a pump at the end of the road being spoken of and that the Parish was maintaining the road regardless. He said that the Parish was and would be paying to maintain the road and keeping it up regardless if the road would be blacktopped or not. Mr. Delatte said regardless if the road was found to be public or private the Parish was still stuck with it because it had to be maintained by the Parish. He stated that the District's Attorneys opinion on the matter had concluded that it was the decision of the Council as to whether it wanted to keep the road as a public road or if it was thought that a mistake had been made, but that it was the decision of the Council. He continued to speak on the matter including the prior acceptance of the road into the Parish system. Mr. Delatte then spoke about and read from an Attorney General opinion on the matter which he said stated that according to the information they had been provided concerning West 156<sup>th</sup> Street that it was asphalted by the Lafourche Parish Council in 1999 and that documentation evidencing grants of servitudes of right-of-ways from the residents of the street did not exist according to Parish personnel. He went on to read that however since the Parish had asphalted the street and the residents had not contested the placement of the asphalt on the street according to La. R.S. 19:14, the owners of the property shall have been deemed to have waived their rights to contest the necessary necessity for the taking. Mr. Delatte continued to read that the street at issue was now a parish street and that the parish was entitled to maintain it as it maintained other streets. He read that the landowners must allow the parish to exercise servitude right-of-ways for the maintenance. Mr. Delatte read that La. R.S. 19:1253 provided that any road or street which becomes a public road or street under La. R.S. 48:491 shall be subject to the Parish servitude for public transportation and utilities in favor of the parish or municipality in which the road was located. He said that in his interpretation that once the Parish took Farmers Lane into the parish system ten (10) years prior and no one contested it, and the parish maintained, he would think that the Parish was responsible for maintaining the road. He said that he thought there had been problems and that he did not think that things had been done correctly with regards to the matter but that to come back eight (8) years after the fact and say that someone had made a mistake, interrupting himself saying that the Parish had paid to maintain the road. Mr. Delatte said that he knew that one of the issues that had been brought up by the District Attorney was that maybe that street in question was not hard surfaced and then said that Mr. Tabor had showed him pictures earlier depicting that it had been. Mr. Tabor then offered the pictures to the Council and Administration for their viewing. Mr. Delatte said that he did know what was being called hard surface if the pictures showing the road did not depict a hard surface road, saying that there were pot holes in the hard surface. He said that yes, some of the road had deteriorated back to a shell road, adding that he also had 500 feet of the Laurel Valley Road that had been paved that was now a gravel road and then mentioned another road in his district with that problem. Mr. Delatte said that this was due to the neglect and the non-funding of the Parish to pave the roads. He said that the streets had met the criteria at the time, adding that the streets may not presently meet the criteria because it was mostly graveled because the Parish had not maintained the blacktop roads. A brief discussion ensued on the matter. President Randolph asked if the Clerk of Court had lost all of these documents, inquiring as to whether the documents were no longer in the Clerk of Court's office? Mr. Delatte said that he did not know who had lost the documents and that he thought, as President Randolph has stated earlier, that there had been a lot of documentation that was either lost, misplaced or intentionally not filed. He said that he did not think this to be a unique problem to just his district but that it existed through out the parish. Mr. Delatte continued to speak

on the matter. Mr. Tabor said that the owner had signed it over and that he could have the owner present if that was needed. President Randolph clarified as to what the owner had signed, asking if it was a right of passage or whether the street had been dedicated to the Parish? Mr. Tabor said that the street had been dedicated to the Parish for the pump, to which President Randolph said for the right of passage. A detailed and lengthy discussion continued on the matter. Mr. Curole commented that when he had asked if the street had been previously paved a response of no had been given, saying that he had never seen pictures depicting the previous pavement. He said that there were a lot of places that right-of-ways were not had but that once they were paved it belonged to the Parish. Discussions on the matter continued, including the number of times the road had been engineered and the pictures offered by Mr. Tabor. Mr. Toups asked if the pump was present before the houses in the area, to which a response of yes was given. He said that the Parish had maintained the road because of the pump being at end of it but that that did not mean it was taken into the system. Mr. Delatte stated that the street was taken in. Mr. Toups said that it could be dust control. He said that that needed to be checked into before he voted to take in a private street, saying that he had streets in his district that were not black topped. Mr. Toups said that he was sure that if it was checked into that the street had been built to the pump in order to give the area drainage and then houses were built. He then spoke in detail regarding Plaisance Drive. Mr. Tabor stated that they were present before the pump was installed. Mr. Delatte pointed out to Mr. Toups that he had voted for the acceptance into the parish system in 1999 and continued to elaborate on the matter. Mr. Curole then spoke again regarding the pictures supplied by Mr. Tabor and pointed out what he thought to be paving through the second driveway. He continued to speak on the matter and a discussion ensued. Mr. Toups said that he would like to see the Administration study this matter and also Edna Street for the pump station in Valentine because that matter had been brought also and the owner had been told that it was not a public street and that it could not be done. After a brief discussion, Dr. Lasseigne stated that if the street had been accepted by ordinance and the District Attorney was saying that it was up to the Council to decide, then why would the Parish not just do the street and be done with it? President Randolph responded that there were still two (2) conflicting ordinances on the books, saying that was the 1999 streets that were accepted and paved or not part of the system because they did not contest the paving of those streets. She pointed out that the current street had not been paved in 1999 and that that was big difference. Mr. Tabor stated that the street was paved before 1999. President Randolph said that only now were pictures been shown and that the Parish had not had that evidence before.

Mr. Lindel Toups made a **motion** to deviate from the regular agenda to discuss Item (5), seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and **carried** by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

#### **OVERRIDE VETOED ORDINANCE**

The next item (5) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Chapter 25, Sub-Chapter "B" of the Code of Ordinance, Sections 101, 103 and 104, creating a permit process and Parish Policy for the installation of culverts, catch basins and/or bridges on private property in public right-of-ways. Chairman Callais stated that this ordinance had been vetoed by President Randolph on November 8, 2006 and that six (6) votes were needed to override the veto. A **motion** was made by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and seconded by Mr. Lindel Toups. Dr. Lasseigne called the question. President Randolph stated that her light had been on and Chairman Callais explained that according to Robert's Rule Of Order if there was an objection to the calling of the question that the question could not be called.

President Randolph stated that this was not an issue that they had anticipated having to bring to the Council at any time and was certainly something that concerned them for the future. She said that the Parish had been dealing with this issue since May and that it concerned her that there had been differing opinions. President Randolph then informed the Council that Mr. Cheramie had informed her recently that the Parish had installed approximately three hundred (300') feet of seventy-two (72") culverts, saying that that was a considerable amount and was really an expense to the Parish. She said that the Parish was currently in a situation where the Parish was losing employees to the private industry and therefore whenever employees could be used to address the real problems in the parish they would want them to do that. President Randolph said that she knew what the vote on this matter would be, adding that it disappointed her but that it was one of those things that they had to accept and move on and work with it. The motion *carried* by a vote of seven (7) yeas and two (2) nays, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux and Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer.

**ORD. NO. 3943      PERMIT PROCESS/PARISH POLICY CULVERTS, CATCH BASINS  
& BRIDGES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to return to the regular agenda, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne and *carried* by a vote of nine (9) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Chairman Callais recognized Mr. Lawrence Mounic, School Board Member Elect and Golden Meadow Town Councilman as being present.

Mr. Lindel Toups left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The next item (3) on the agenda was Mr. Randy Robichaux with Fire Protection District No. 1 who gave an annual presentation which included information with regards his affiliation with the district, the residing of the district in Raceland and stretching to Lafourche Crossing, Kraemer, Bayou Des Allemands, Bayou Blue, Matthews, Gheens and parts of Lockport, it being the largest geographical fire district in the Parish, the make up of the district board, their frequency and procedures of the district's meetings, the districts close workings with the fire department in the business section and fire fighting section, members of the fire department who attend the district's meetings, that Stagni & Company performed the annual audits of the district and the name of the company that performed the monthly financial statements, the district budget for the current year being \$363,975 and the amounts which were allocated from that amount for a fire truck and replacement of a chassis on a fire truck. He said that the district would ask that the Council ratify the purchase of the fire truck and the chassis replacement.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**

President Randolph next informed the Council that she would be giving a power point presentation regarding an update on some of the coastal projects currently ongoing. She began by speaking in detail regarding the passage of Amendment No. 2 in the recent election. President Randolph stated that what that had done was to raise the cap on State severance which she said could mean that they could get up to approximately \$100,000 more a year and then that they would rise with the Consumer Price Index. President Randolph said that passage of Amendment No. 2 was important

to Lafourche Parish and added that that was at no additional costs to tax payers. She then stated that with regards to Mr. Robichaux, an earlier speaker at the November 14, 2006 meeting, that the capital outlay projects had been presented to the State Legislature and that number one on that list was a saltwater control structure. President Randolph said that they had been meeting with the Legislative Delegation and had another meeting schedule for the following week concerning the saltwater control structure and also appealing to Governor Blanco for funds to get this matter on the agenda as quickly as possible. She said while they agreed that there was a need to get more money flowing down the bayou they also need to control it coming up the wire. President Randolph said that under state wide flood control the LeBlanc Drive Project was in its second phase which she said was encouraging. She said that they had also received approximately \$1 million dollars for the Company Canal Pump Station. President Randolph then explained that the power point presentation to be presented was pertaining to the CIAP (Coastal Impact Assistance Program Projects), saying that what was to be shown was what the Council had voted on early in the year and involved Energy Bill monies of 2005. She then began the presentation and explained each slide in detail which included the following topics:

#### **Administrative Report**

##### CIAP Projects

Lafourche has been allotted \$9.7 Million for four-year cycle

##### Tier 1 Projects

NW Little Lake Marsh Creation & Enhancement

Small Dredge Program

LA 1 Improvements (23% of Total)

##### CIAP State Funds

\$31 Million in State Funds

Also

LA 1 Improvements \$33 Million

##### CPRA Plan Western Lafourche

##### CPRA Plan Eastern Lafourche

##### West Belle Pass Restoration Project

CWPPRA Task Force Approved Project on October 18<sup>th</sup>

Phase 1 of \$32.5 million project

Construct new headland over 20 years

##### Barataria Basin Landbridge

Erosion Rates up to 114 feet per year causing severe land loss in Barataria Estuary

Approved by CWPPRA Task Force in 1999

Project seeks to protect 35,000 feet of shoreline in Barataria Estuary

##### Barataria Basin Landbridge Shoreline Protection

Currently in Phase 4

Total Cost: \$74.9 Million

Connects to Phase 1 & 2 Construction

##### Hollywood Canal Clearing Project

Partnership between NRCS and North Lafourche Levee District

\$295,000

75/25 Split

5 miles of clearing Hollywood Canal

40% Complete

President Randolph stated that when the resolution on the November 14, 2006 agenda pertaining to these issues was gotten to she wanted to discuss the adding of language concerning insurance because as was known, the Citizen's program was looking into raising their rates at the present time. She continued to speak on the matter and stated that it was an exciting time because

things were happening in Lafourche Parish.

Mr. Ray Cheramie, Department of Public Works next gave a visual presentation which he explained in detail regarding various works accomplished by the department, including the following:

**Department of Public Works, Ray Cheramie, Director  
11/14/06**

- Abby Plantation**-District 1 – Drainage ditch behind Frederick Dr in Abby Area.
- Arms Street**-District 1. Road striping project on Arms Street between Parish Road and Plantation Road and general maintenance to road side ditches.
- Diplomat Way**-District 1 – Diplomat Way, General road side ditch maintenance.
- Karen Street**-District 1 – Karen Street, General road side ditch maintenance.
- Morvant Road**-District 2 – Morvant Road. Efforts of hauling re-cycled asphalt to restore farm to market roads.
- Lil Al's Ditch**-District 2 – Lil Al's Ditch. General maintenance of the main outfall / reservoir leading to Lil Al Pump Station (Brule Guillot)
- Leighton Pump Road Ditch**-District 2 – Leighton Pump Road Ditch – Clearing and digging of one of the main outfalls leading to the Leighton Pump.
- Leighton Canal**-District 2. Shredding trees on 80 Arpent Canal.
- Ward 6 Kraemer**-District 2 – Area also known as Ron Pom Pon Levee and Reservoir
- Mike's Pump Station**-District 2 – Platform and housing under construction for the addition of a 36" pump at Mike's Pump Station.
- Twelve Cedars Subdivision**-District 3 – General maintenance of road side ditches in Twelve Cedar Subdivision.
- East Camelia**-District 3 – East Camelia, General road side maintenance digging ditches and culvert cleaner.
- General Maintenance**-District 3 – General maintenance of cross streets, Ethel and Gilbert leading to St. Bernard Road.
- Bayou Vista**-District 4 – Main outfall leading the water from road side ditches of Bayou Vista Dr to the outfall leading to the Forty Arpent Canal.
- District 3 of 12 Reservoir**-District 4 - District 3 of 12 Reservoir –General maintenance of reservoir of what was known as District 3 of 12, Raceland Prairie.
- Ward 11 Bourg**-District 5 – General Maintenance of road side ditch along Bouquet Drive
- Brocato Lane**-District 6 – General road side ditch maintenance on Brocato Lane (community known as Alidore, Raceland)
- Sugarland Shopping Center & S/D**-District 6 – Main outfall draining Sugarland Shopping Center and Sugarland S/D to Forty Arpent Canal. Part of an on-going FEMA Project.
- Reed & Dean Toups Levee**-District 6 – Reed & Dean Toups Gheens Levee North of North Leon Dr. Reservoir that assists Dufrene Pump.
- Freddie Breaux**-District 6 – Freddie Breaux, Gheens. North of Hyland Dr. Reservoir that assists Dufrene Pump.
- Clotilda Levee**-District 6 – Clotilda Levee. Cleared and leveled levee waiting on the availability of an excavator from Lafourche Basin. Levee extends from Gheens road south to Company Canal.
- Delmar Farm**-District 7 – Delmar Farm. Heightening of existing 40 Arpent Protection Levee.
- District 8 – Cut Off**-District 8 – General road side ditch maintenance in Vega Village S/D and East 43<sup>rd</sup> Place.
- Sixteen Arpent Canal – Cut Off**-District 8 – Viewing the 16 Arpent Canal dredging project from East 57<sup>th</sup> Street. Project extends from Valerie Canal headed north to East 45<sup>th</sup> Street.
- District 8 – Cut Off**-District 8 – General Maintenance road side ditches on East 64<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Belle Amie Drainage Project**-District 8 – Drainage Project at the corner of East 69<sup>th</sup> Street and LA 308 near the Fire Station known as Belle Amie.
- District 9 Galliano**-District 9 – General maintenance of road side ditches on West 178<sup>th</sup> St.

**District 9 – Golden Meadow**-District 9 – General road side ditches maintenance on West 206<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Tillman Terrebonne Outfall**-District 9 – Outfall Canal constructed on the property of Tillman Terrebonne which assists with the drainage of East 121<sup>st</sup> Street.

**District 9 - Galliano**-District 9 – General road side ditch maintenance on East 142<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Chairman Callais asked Mr. Cheramie if he was aware of how much longer was had on the Sixteenth Arpent Canal, asking if it was by th end of the year? Mr. Cheramie clarified what project Chairman Callais was speaking of and then stated that he would think that by the end of the year that the project would be completed. Mr. Michael Matherne then advised Mr. Cheramie that he had submitted a work order to have some road side sweeping done on the south side of the 40 Arpent Road in Thibodaux and asked if Mr. Cheramie could follow up on the matter for him, to which Mr. Cheramie agreed.

The next item (4) on the agenda was discussion regarding an update concerning derelict structures. Chairman Callais stated that he was aware that approximately a month prior the Council had approved the hiring of Mr. Henry Lafont regarding the issue and then asked for a status on the matter. President Randolph informed Chairman Callais that a meeting was scheduled with Mr. Lafont to be held on Friday, November 17, 2006. She went on to explain that Mr. Lafont had been out of the country and further that there had been an illness in his family.

#### **ENGINEERS/ARCHITECTS REPORT**

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 C. Picciola, II, Picciola & Associates, Inc. reported on Road Sales Tax District No. 2, Phase 4C. He stated that the contractor had completed the project and that he had been issued a substantial completion on October 24, 2006. Mr. Picciola said that the contractor was currently working on a punch list and that there were several items still remaining to be completed. He stated that they would probably be coming to the Council at their next meeting with a substantial completion for their approval and possibly a final balancing change order. Mr. Picciola informed the Council that the contractor was over time by approximately seventy-four (74) days at \$400 per day. Chairman Callais asked Mr. Picciola if Project 4C was approved at the current Council meeting when would he expect it to go out to bid? Mr. Picciola stated that he had not been privy to the most current list discussed but said that with the previous list had he would say that it was eight (80%) percent done. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Picciola then asked Mr. Lorraine if he had a question regarding the width and length of East 164<sup>th</sup> Street and whether it pertained to Road Sales Tax District No. 2? Mr. Lorraine responded no and explained that someone who lived there had asked for the dimensions of the street.

#### **LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT**

The next item on the agenda was to relinquish time to the Lafourche Parish Legal Advisor. The legal advisor was not present.

#### **OVERRIDE VETOED ORDINANCE**

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ways. This matter was previously discussed via a deviation from the regular agenda.

**ORD. NO. 3943 PERMIT PROCESS/PARISH POLICY CULVERTS, CATCH BASINS & BRIDGES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

A **motion** was made by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte to *open* the budget public hearing and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**FIRST BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The next item (6) on the agenda was a public hearing for public comments on the proposed 2007 Operations and Capital budgets for the Lafourche Parish Council. Chairman Callais asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed 2007 Operations and Capital budgets for the Lafourche Parish Council. Hearing none, Chairman Callais moved for a motion.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne to *close* the budget public hearing and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES FOR RATIFICATION**

The next item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 3847 as it pertains to amending Chapter 25, Sub-Chapter “B” of the Code of Ordinance, adding Sections 101 through 105, creating a permit process and parish policy for the installation of culverts, catch basins and or bridges on private property in public right of ways. Chairman Callais asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Callais moved for a motion. The ordinance died for lack of a motion.

**ORDINANCE DIED FOR A LACK OF A MOTION**

The next item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on Nelson Street located in Ward (7), District (6) of Lafourche Parish; authorizing the installation of “Speed Limit” signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. Chairman Callais asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Callais moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**ORD. NO. 3946 15 M.P.H.; NELSON STREET**

The next item (9) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a fifteen (15) miles per hour speed limit on Wolf Street located in Ward (7), District (6) of Lafourche Parish; authorizing the installation of “Speed Limit” signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. Chairman Callais asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Callais moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**ORD. NO. 3947      15 M.P.H.; WOLF STREET**

The next item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing a ten (10) miles per hour speed limit on East 125<sup>th</sup> Street located in Ward (10), District (9) of Lafourche Parish; authorizing the installation of “Speed Limit” and “Children at Play” signs; and providing penalties for the violations thereof. Chairman Callais asked three times if anyone from the public wanted to speak on the proposed ordinance. Hearing none, Chairman Callais moved for a motion. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine, seconded by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**ORD. NO. 3948      10 M.P.H.; EAST 125<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

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

**PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The next item (11) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing for a Supplemental Appropriation for revenue received from FEMA as reimbursement for the rental of dams used during Hurricane Rita within the Lafourche Parish 2006 Operation and Maintenance Budget as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION**

The next item (12) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving the issuance, sale and delivery of One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000) of Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, of Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana, and other matters relating thereto. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      REVENUE BONDS; SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1**

The next item (13) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending and re-enacting Section 24:650 paragraph (C) of Sub-Chapter (N) of Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinance of the Lafourche Parish Council as it pertains to the number of commissioners on the Lafourche Parish Sewerage District No. 1 Board and the terms of said commissioners. A **motion** was offered by Dr. Tommy Lasseigne to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      SEWERAGE DIST. NO. 1 BOARD; COMMISSIONERS**

The next item (14) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance establishing the Louisiana Technical College Campus located at 1425 Tiger Drive Thibodaux, LA 70302, as a polling place for Ward (1), Precinct (2), (3A) and (3B) and Ward (2), Precinct (9); approving a lease agreement with the Louisiana Technical College; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      LA TECHNICAL COLLEGE; POLLING PLACE**

The next item (15) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a Servitude Agreement between Artelise Lafont, Jody Lafont, Dennis Lafont, and Russell Joseph Lafont Testamentary Trust and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      SERVITUDE; LAFONT TESTAMENTARY TRUST**

The next item (16) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a Servitude Agreement between Allain-Lebreton Company and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      SERVITUDE; ALLAIN-LEBRETON COMPANY**

The next item (17) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a Servitude Agreement between David J. Breaux and the Lafourche Parish Council; 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; DAVID J. BREAUX**

The next item (18) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance approving a Servitude Agreement between the Residents which Names and Signatures are on the attached Servitude Agreement, residing on the East side of Diplomat Way, known as South Peltier Subdivision and the Lafourche Parish Council; and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute and administer said agreement. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      SERVITUDE; RESIDENTS OF EAST SIDE OF  
DIPLOMAT WAY**

The next item (19) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance providing a Variance from the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations at the Charles T. Wallace Family Division Ward (4), District (7), as recommended by the Lafourche Parish Planning Commission at their October 26, 2006 Meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Phillip Gouaux to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      VARIANCE; WALLACE FAMILY SUBDIVISION**

The next item (20) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending the boundaries of Road Sales Tax District No. 2 of the Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Daniel Lorraine to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      AMEND BOUNDARIES; RSTD NO. 2**

The next item (21) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3896 as it pertains to fixing salaries of unclassified employees. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      AMEND ORD. 3896; FIXING SALARIES,  
UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES**

The next item (22) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 3704 as it pertains to fixing the salaries of unclassified employees. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Tyrone Williams to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      AMEND ORD. 3704; FIX SALARIES UNCLASSIFIED  
EMPLOYEES**

The next item (23) on the agenda was a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lafourche Parish Council to create Sub-Chapter "Z", Sections 24:1400 through 24:1406, as it pertains to the South Lafourche Beachfront Development District and provide for related matters. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE                      SOUTH LAFOURCHE BEACHFRONT DEVELOPMENT**



Gouaux voiced his concerns with having the Council supporting individuals businesses. He said that this was a request to cable companies that they carry the Louisiana Connection Network and he did not see the need for that at the present time. Mr. Gouaux said that he encouraged the Louisiana Connection Network to go forth but that as for as a resolution supporting the network with other cable companies he did not think that to be proper. Mr. Matherne offered an **amendment** to delete ~~by cable providers in Lafourche Parish~~ and insert by Charter Communications, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte. Mr. Atzenhoffer voiced his opposition to Mr. Matherne's amendment, saying that he would like to see it through out the Parish. He stated that Lafourche Parish was one (1) parish and that this should be made parish wide. Mr. Atzenhoffer asked that the Council vote down the amendment. Dr. Lasseigne stated that he agreed with Mr. Atzenhoffer and stated that if this was going to be done it should be done all the way. He continued to voice his reasons for saying that this should be made parish wide. Mr. Michael Delatte *removed* his second and Mr. Michael Matherne *removed* his motion. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that the Council got involved in business everyday, saying that they were taxed and several were regulated and now the Parish was competing against a few of them with the installation of culverts. He pointed out that the resolution did not state that the cable providers had to carry the network but said that this network was a good thing and would be a good thing to give people the option to have. Mr. Atzenhoffer then said that the Parish also had agreements with the companies and that this may have give some credence to the companies to carry the network. He continued to briefly speak on the matter. Mr. Gouaux said that he was not trying to discourage economic development but that the Council would be sending a resolution to cable companies telling them that the Parish wanted them to carry this network. He said that he thought it a bit much to tell those companies how to do business. Discussions on the matter continued. The motion **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas, one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-304 SUPPORT LOUISIANA CONNECTION NETWORK**

The next item (31) on the agenda was a resolution supporting grant applications by Lafourche Parish Government with the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program. A **motion** was made by Mr. Tyrone Williams and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. An **amendment** to have the caption of the resolution read as follows: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATIONS BY LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** and to change the third "Whereas" in the resolution to read as follows: **WHEREAS**, the Lafourche Parish Government will be submitting ~~two (2)~~ a grant applications with the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development, Local Government Assistance Program for funding for three emergency generators, specifically for two (2) bridges and the Central Lafourche High School sewer system. ~~=1) through its regular funding program for generators to be used at bridges, and 2) through its emergency program for an emergency generator for the Central Lafourche High School facility which has been identified by Lafourche Parish Government as an evacuation shelter for Lafourche Parish residents and the region for all types of disasters;~~ and seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux. Dr. Lasseigne asked why was the Parish applying for the grant for the school system instead of the School Board? President Randolph explained that these were shelters during storms. The amendment **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. The resolution as amended **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-305 SUPPORT GRANT APPLICATIONS; OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The next item (32) on the agenda was a resolution approving Lafourche Parish Head Start to use a portion of the funds in the present budget to purchase two (2) school buses. A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Tyrone Williams and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-306 HEAD START PURCHASE TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES**

The next item (33) on the agenda was a resolution urging the State of Louisiana and the Blanco Administration to appropriate a significant portion of the State Surplus Funds to Coastal Restoration and Hurricane Protection. A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne. Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer offered an **amendment** to include funding Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups. The resolution as amended **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-307 APPROPRIATE STATE SURPLUS FUNDS TO COASTAL RESTORATION AND HURRICANE PROTECTION**

The next item (34) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Louisiana to investigate the suitability of creating a two (2) Division Parish Court in Lafourche Parish, specifically outside the city limits of Thibodaux, and in particular, one being located in the Southern part of the Parish. A **motion** was made by Mr. Michael Matherne and seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer. Mr. Gouaux said that this was a good idea in concept but that he believed that once the economics were looked at the minds of the Council would be changed. He stated that he did not think that Lafourche Parish was financially able to have a two (2) division parish court system. He continued to voice his reasons for saying that the Parish would be not financially capable of running a two (2) division parish court system. Mr. Gouaux said that this matter should be looked at closely. The motion **carried** by a vote of seven (7) yeas, one (1) nay, that being of Mr. Phillip Gouaux and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-308 CREATING 2 DIVISION PARISH COURTS IN LAFOURCHE PARISH**

The next item (35) on the agenda was a resolution requesting the Lafourche Parish Government in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to sweep the culverts under Louisiana Highway 308 at 15601 East Main Street and 15835 East Main Street, Ward (10), District (8) of Lafourche Parish. A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-309 LADOTD SWEEP CULVERTS LA HWY. 308**

The next item (36) on the agenda was a resolution respectfully requesting the Chambers of Commerce resurrect the "Leadership Lafourche" program. A **motion** was made by Mr. Michael Matherne, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-310 REQUEST RESURRECTION OF LEADERSHIP LAFOURCHE**

**MOTIONS**

The next item (37) on the agenda was a motion authorizing the Council Clerk to cancel the December 26, 2006 Lafourche Parish Council meeting. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark

Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Phillip Gouaux and *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. Lindel Toups.

### DISCUSSIONS

The next item (38) on the agenda was a discussion concerning the Sheriff's use of the Whitney Building and the rental agreement thereof. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that he was aware that the Sheriff had been renting the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) floor of the Whitney Building and paying rent to Whitney Bank. He pointed out that since that time that the Parish had bought the building. Mr. Atzenhoffer said that he wanted to know if the Parish had been receiving the same rental amount that was being paid to Whitney Bank and whether there was a rental agreement or co-operative agreement? Mr. Atzenhoffer advised that the Administration could get back to him on the question.

The next item (39) on the agenda was a discussion regarding the width and depth of East 164<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Lorraine stated that he had spoken to Mr. Arabie regarding this matter and had advised that they were looking into the matter and as soon as the Department of Public Works was able to obtain the dimensions they would forward them to Mr. Lorraine. Mr. Cheramie stated that he had already done the research on this matter and then informed Mr. Lorraine that the street was 496 feet in depth and 17 feet wide. Mr. Lorraine asked Mr. Cheramie to send him a copy of the paperwork showing those dimensions.

The next item (40) on the agenda was a discussion concerning drainage in the Company Canal. Mr. Gouaux explained that this was Mr. Toups' area but that he thought that he had wanted to know the progress of the pump station and to speak on the dire need of dredging.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte, to *open* a Two-Thirds Agenda, and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

### TWO-THIRDS AGENDA

The first item (1) on the Two-Thirds agenda was a proposed ordinance amending and re-enacting Sub-Chapter "D" of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lafourche Parish Council as it pertains to amending Section 19:354 Water Facilities of the Lafourche Parish Subdivision Regulations in Lafourche Parish, State of Louisiana. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMEND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

The next item (2) on the Two-Thirds agenda was a proposed ordinance to provide for a Supplemental Appropriation for the establishment of the HUD-EDI Special Projects Grant for Waterfront Development along Bayou Lafourche in Ascension, Assumption, and Lafourche Parishes in the Lafourche Parish 2006 Operation and Maintenance Budget and the Capital Project Budget as provided for by Article VI of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter. A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer to introduce the above stated proposed ordinance.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

The next item (3) on the Two-Thirds agenda was a resolution requesting the Lafourche Parish Freshwater District to pursue any and all legal requirements needed to allow the maximum amount of water to flow down Bayou Lafourche. A **motion** was made by Mr. Phillip Gouaux, seconded by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer and *carried* by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups

**RES. NO. 06-311      MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WATER FLOW; BAYOU LAFOURCHE**

The next item (4) on the Two-Thirds agenda was a resolution requesting an opinion from the Lafourche Parish District Attorney to determine whether or not the Parish can install street lights along Raphael Project Road. A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-312      D.A. OPINION; STREET LIGHTS ON RAPHAEL PROJECT ROAD**

The next item (5) on the Two-Thirds agenda was a resolution certifying to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that they have and will continue to comply with all FHWA/DOTD requirements regarding Performance of Interim Inspections, calculating the Load Carrying Capacity and Load Posting Deficient Bridges under their jurisdiction for 2006. A **motion** was made by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Daniel Lorraine and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups.

**RES. NO. 06-313      LA DOTD; COMPLY, FHWA/DOTD REQUIREMENTS BRIDGES**

The next item (6) on the agenda was a discussion regarding a letter received by Mr. Atzenhoffer on November 14, 2006 via facsimile. He explained that the Parish dealt with the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation and that on November 15, 2006 the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, the State's insurer of last resort, would be asking for an increase in homeowner rates by an average of 31.7% for its 135,000 policy holders. Mr. Atzenhoffer then stated that Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation would also be asking the Louisiana Rating Commission for permission for a 129.6% average rate increase for its commercial property coverage and a 68.2% increase for its wind only homeowner policies. He then gave the various results of these increases to homeowners and business owners. Mr. Atzenhoffer stated that people should call the Insurance Rating Commission with their concerns.

A **motion** was offered by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Matherne, and **carried** by a vote of eight (8) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, that being of Mr. Lindel Toups, to **close** the Two-Thirds Agenda and **return** to the regular agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On **motion** by Mr. Mark Atzenhoffer, seconded by Mr. Michael Delatte and with no further business, the Lafourche Parish Council Meeting of November 14, 2006 **adjourned** at 7:44 p.m.

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BRENT CALLAIS, CHAIRMAN  
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL

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