

On motion by Daniel Lorraine, and seconded by Rodney Doucet, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-007

RESOLUTION ENGAGING THE FIRM OF STAGNI AND COMPANY, LLC (RENEWAL OPTION YEAR) TO PERFORM THE LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL'S STATUTORILY REQUIRED AUDIT AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008; AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, according to Section 7, Annual Audit, of Article VI, Finance of the Lafourche Parish Home Rule Charter, the Council shall provide for an annual financial and compliance audit of the financial statements of the Parish, to include all funds and account groups representing the financial transactions of the Parish and all departments and offices; and

WHEREAS, the auditor shall be selected and designated by a resolution of the voting members of the Council and approved by the Legislative Auditor, and shall be independent of the Parish and all Parish Officials as provided by the Government Auditing Standards; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 08-061 the firm of Stagni and Company, LLC were engaged to perform the Lafourche Parish Council statutorily required audit for the year ending December 31, 2007 with a one year renewal for the year ending December 31, 2008 and

WHEREAS, on Page 7 of Stagni and Company, LLC's letter of engagement the maximum fee for the statutorily required audit for the year ending December 31, 2008 states \$55,000.00 and

WHEREAS, the Lafourche Parish Council has sought to engage an auditing firm with substantial governmental knowledge, experience and the proper credentials to meet state requirements; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on January 13, 2009, that it does hereby engage the firm of Stagni and Company, LLC to perform the Lafourche Parish Council's statutorily required audit as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, not to exceed \$55,000 for the audit fees; a one year renewal option for the year ending December 31, 2009; and authorizing the Parish President to sign any and all necessary documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Engagement FAX Approval Form shall immediately be faxed to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office; and a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor; Lafourche Parish District Attorney; the Office of the Parish Administrator; Lafourche Parish Finance Department; and Stagni and Company, LLC.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Jerry Jones
Mr. Michael Delatte
Mr. Louis Richard
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta
Mr. Matt Matherne
Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Rodney Doucet
Mr. Daniel Lorraine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 13th day of January, 2009.

**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-007, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on January 13, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 21ST, DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**