

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2020**

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met in regular session via video/teleconference on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

On roll call, the following were recorded present: Council Members Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Mason Bland, Clyde Cooper, Vondra Etienne-Steib, Donald Nash, and Chairman Alvin St. Pierre.

Those also in attendance were; Linda Hubbell, Secretary; Peter Dufresne, Parish President; Felix Boughton, Finance Director; Richard Webre, Operations Director; Ingrid Leblanc, Human Resources Director; Eric Deroche, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Cody Martin, Legal Advisor.

Councilman Amato offered the invocation and Councilman Nash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Honorable Alvin St. Pierre, Chairman, duly convened the Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, and stated that the Council was ready for the transaction of business.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Councilman Nash and seconded by Councilman Bland, the minutes of the August 5, 2020 regular meeting were approved as distributed, and the reading of these minutes dispensed with.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dufresne presented this report to the council:

- As everyone knows, we are still in Phase 2 until August 28th. Our offices are still closed to the public at this time. We are still taking appointments and are asking residents to handle business over the phone. We will help as much as we can and as often as we need to.
- We are closely monitoring two developments in the Caribbean and I just learned earlier today there is a 3rd one that just developed. Here we are again, in the peak of hurricane season, we are still asking residents to keep their yards free of debris, clean catch basins, and most importantly to stock up on essential items and non-perishable food.
- Our Emergency Preparedness Department is in constant contact with the National Weather Service and we will provide updates as needed.
- This Friday, August 21st, is the last day to register for youth soccer.
- As of today, only 53.4% of our residents have taken the 2020 Census. Very soon, everyone will be receiving a mail-out with census facts reminding everyone to do their part so we can get St. James Parish counted properly. The deadline to complete the census is September 30th.
- Our Department of Human Resources has partnered with Jarvis Landry to host a pack back give away. It will be held at the Convent Senior Center this Saturday on August 22nd from 10am to 12pm.
- Projects in the Operations Department:
 - a new cement launch and bulkhead at the Blind River boat launch is 60% complete.
 - lighting at the Magnolia Park has been repaired. Items that couldn't be repaired were replaced. This project is complete as of today.
- I would like to commend the operations department on not wasting any time completing projects throughout the Parish. Our operations crews have been working very diligently. Since January 2020, our administration completed over 1000 work orders. The new work order system is operational and is working very well and very soon we will have an app available to the public. You will be able to download an app to your smart phone and will be able to submit a work order or put in a request to have a work order submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written comment was received from Gary Watson. He wrote that he was in support of Mr. Aucoin's reappointment to the Economic Development Board and requested the council to revisit all actions taken by the Parish commissioners this year. The entire email was read aloud by the Council Secretary and made part of the record.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilwoman Etienne-Steib offered and moved for adoption **RESOLUTION 20-175, A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLENE WILLIAMS AS A DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**. Councilman Nash offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-176, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALVIN ST. PIERRE, JR. TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA SOLID WASTE DISTRICT, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato. Councilman Cooper offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-177, A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ELTON CHENIER TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH COASTAL ZONE ADVISORY BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque. Councilman Nash offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-178, A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING PAUL AUCOIN TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato. Councilman Bland offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-179, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KIMBERLY MARTIN TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Bland. Councilman Louque offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Nash offered and moved for adoption **RESOLUTION 20-180, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING NICHOLAS STEIB AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF DISTRICT 7 TO THE ST. JAMES PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**. Councilwoman Etienne-Steib offered a second, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 20-181, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF PAYROLL FOR THE AUGUST 21, 2020 PAYROLL, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilwoman Etienne-Steib and seconded by Councilman Bland. After a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-182, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO PAY PENDING CURRENT INVOICES AND PAYABLES, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Bland and seconded by Councilwoman Etienne-Steib. After a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted.

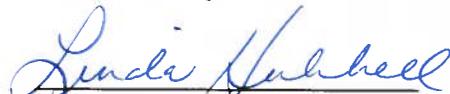
RESOLUTION 20-183, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JAMES PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CONCRETE BUSTERS OF LOUISIANA, INC. FOR THE GRAMERCY POOL DEMOLITION, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Louque and seconded by Councilman Amato. After a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was adopted, as amended.

RESOLUTION 20-184, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN A CONTRACT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH SNYDER TRAINING AND RESPONSE LLC FOR INDUSTRIAL AUDITS PER PARISH ORDINANCE, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato and seconded by Councilman Bland. After a unanimous roll call vote, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

At this time Councilman Bland indicated that he is willing to push to get the council chambers ready for live meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

After determining there was no additional business to come before the council, on a motion offered by Councilman Bland and seconded by Councilman Louque and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


Linda Hubbell, Secretary