



St. James Parish Council

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May 3, 2016

Honorable Members
St. James Parish Council

Gentlemen:

The St. James Parish Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse in Convent.

Please make every effort to attend.

Sincerely,

Linda Hubbell
Secretary

cc: Parish President Timothy Roussel & Staff
Assistant District Attorney Bruce Mohon
The News Examiner/Enterprise
The Daily Comet
The Morning Advocate
L'Observateur

Note: St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.

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AGENDA
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Courthouse – Convent, LA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

6:30 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING

I - CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II - PRAYER & PLEDGE

III – MINUTES

1. Approval of the April 20, 2016 minutes

IV - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

V - PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bedar Warren - DHR/COA Annual Report for 2015

VI - CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - None

VII - APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - None

XIII - OLD BUSINESS

IX- NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution stating the St. James Parish Council's endorsement of Syngas Energy Holdings, LLC to participate in the benefits of the Louisiana Enterprise Zone/Quality jobs program (Roussel)
2. Resolution proclaiming the month of May as Older Americans month in St. James Parish. (Roussel)
3. Resolution proclaiming the month of May as Try Public Transit week in St. James parish commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of Community Action (Roussel)
4. Resolution authorizing the Parish President to apply for funding from the Louisiana Office of Community Development, FY 2015-2016 community water enrichment fund (Roussel)
5. Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donated movable property from St. James Historical Society (Roussel)
6. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 98, of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Article V, enacting section 98-155, approving a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Town of Lutcher and St. James Parish Government for the continued operation of the existing Lutcher Park and authorizing the Parish President to sign, execute, and administer said cooperative endeavor agreement and any and all relevant documents (Roussel)
7. Introduction of Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 98, of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances, Article V, Abolishing Section 98-152, Recreation District 3 (Louque)

X - COUNCILMEN'S REPORT

XI - MOTION TO ADJOURN

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The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman ----- and seconded by Councilman -----:

**RESOLUTION 16-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION STATING THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL'S
ENDORSEMENT OF SYNGAS ENERGY HOLDINGS, LLC TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE BENEFITS OF THE LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE ZONE/QUALITY
JOBS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone Act of 1981, Act 901 was enacted by the Louisiana State Legislature, Act 337 was enacted by the 1982 Legislature, Act 433 was enacted by the 1987 Legislature, Act 948 enacted by the 1992 Legislature, and Act 581 was enacted by the 1995 Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Enterprise Zone/Quality Jobs Program offers significant incentives for economic development to some of the most distressed areas in the Parish of St. James; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish of St. James states this endorsement is in agreement with the Overall Economic Development Plan for St. James Parish; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Louisiana Enterprise Zone/Quality Jobs Program requirements, the Parish of St. James agrees:

1. To participate in the enterprise zone/quality jobs program.
2. To assist the department in evaluating progress made in any enterprise zone/quality jobs program within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, in due, regular, and legal session convened on this 4th day of May 2016, that Syngas Energy Holdings, LLC, Advance Notification Project #20151136, is endorsed to participate in the Louisiana Enterprise Zone/Quality Jobs Program.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable; and,

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of May 2016.

Council Chairman

Secretary

Delivered to Parish President: _____

Approved: _____

Disapproved: _____

Parish President

Returned to Secretary on _____

At _____ AM/PM

Received by _____

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Linda Hubbell, Secretary of the Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the St. James Parish Council in regular meeting held on the 4th day of May 2016.

Signed at Vacherie, Louisiana, this 5th day of May 2016.

(S E A L)

Linda Hubbell
Secretary

The following resolution was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman _____, and seconded by Councilman _____:

**RESOLUTION 16-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN ST. JAMES PARISH**

WHEREAS, celebrating 51 years, the Older Americans Act recognizes older Americans for their contributions to the nation; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish consists of approximately 4,283 residents aged 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, the theme "Blaze A Trail" focuses on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish is committed to helping all individuals maintain their health and independence in later life; and

WHEREAS, the older adults in St. James Parish have an important role in sharing knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the history of our community through interactions with children, youth, and adults from other generations; and

WHEREAS, the fruits of knowledge and experience can be effectively transferred from generation to generation through meaningful social interactions; and

WHEREAS, their interactions with family, friends, and neighbors across generations enrich the lives of everyone involved; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to enrich citizens young and old by:

- Emphasizing the value of including elders in public and family life
- Creating opportunities for older Americans to interact with people of different generations
- Providing services, technologies, and support systems that allow older adults to participate in social activities in the community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED we, the St. James Parish Council and Parish President do hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every citizen to take time this month to engage with our older citizens through enjoyable social interactions such as sports, games, contests, and other forms of play.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of May 2016.

Council Chairman

Secretary

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ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS TRY PUBLIC TRANSIT WEEK IN ST. JAMES PARISH COMMEMORATING THE 52nd ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY ACTION

WHEREAS, community action agencies were created when the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 was signed into law; and,

WHEREAS, community action agencies have a 52-year history of promoting self-sufficiency for the limited income; and,

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Department of Human Resources is the official Community Action Agency and made essential contributions to individuals and families in St. James Parish by providing them with innovative and cost-effective programs; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the 52nd anniversary of community action and community action month throughout May, and recognize that:

- That St. James Parish Transit was established with the worthy goal of providing transportation in order that all residents would be able to take advantage of training, work, social programs and other services which make life more enjoyable and that the week of May 23rd through May 27th be declared "Try Transit Week."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in honor of the 52nd Anniversary of Community Action, I Timmy P. Roussel, Parish President and St. James Parish Council do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

TRY PUBLIC TRANSIT WEEK

in St. James Parish in recognition of the hard work and dedication of St. James Parish Government.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of May 2016.

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Secretary

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**RESOLUTION 16-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FY 2015-2016 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND

WHEREAS, funding is available to St. James Parish from the FY 2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund, through the Office of Community Development for water system rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has identified needed repairs and improvements at the West Bank Water System as expenses eligible for funding; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Parish President Timothy P. Roussel, Jr. is hereby authorized to prepare an application under the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program for funding towards improvements to the water systems.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council that Parish President Timothy P. Roussel, Jr. be and he is hereby authorized to negotiate terms, contracts, and conditions that he may deem necessary for said application or contracts and to execute said documents on behalf of the St. James Parish Council.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of May 2016.

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Secretary

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**RESOLUTION 16-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED MOVABLE PROPERTY FROM ST. JAMES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WHEREAS, St. James Historical Society, a non-profit corporation, in the authority of its Executive Board, do hereby agree to relinquish its rights and ownership of its historical buildings; and

WHEREAS, St. James Historical Society Executive Board's authority do hereby donate the following buildings to St. James Parish Council:

- 1. St. James Historical Museum (and its contents)
- 2. St. James Historical Post Office (and its contents)
- 3. Historical Train and Log

WHEREAS, the above named buildings and its contents are located on the grounds of St. James Parish Welcome Information and Tourist Center, 1094 US Hwy 61; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Parish President Timothy P. Roussel, Jr. is hereby authorized to accept the donated buildings and its contents of St. James Historical Society.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 4th day of May 2016.

Council Chairman

Secretary

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Approved: _____

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At a regular meeting of the St. James Parish Council, State of Louisiana, held on the 4th day of May 2016, the following entitled ordinance was introduced by Councilman _____ seconded by Councilman _____, laid over for publication of notice of Public Hearing, and ordered filed with the Secretary for public inspection:

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 16-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98, OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE V, ENACTING SECTION 98-155, APPROVING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF LUTCHER AND ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE EXISTING LUTCHER PARK AND AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT AND ANY AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Lutchter is the owner of the park and currently is leased to St. James Parish for the Lutchter Park bearing a municipal address: 2545 Louisiana Ave, Lutchter LA 70071 within the geographical limits of the Town of Lutchter; and

WHEREAS, Town of Lutchter and St. James Parish Government wish to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement for the continued operation of the Lutchter Park at the existing location located at 2545 Louisiana, Lutchter LA 70071; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, Chapter 98 Article V of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted Section 98-155 and that Timothy P. Roussel, Parish President, is hereby authorized to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement between Town of Lutchter and the Parish for the continued operation of the Lutchter Park at the existing location located at 2545 Louisiana Ave., Lutchter LA 70071.

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**PROPOSED ORDINANCE 16-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98, OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH
CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE V, ABOLISHING SECTION 98-152,
RECREATION DISTRICT 3**

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Council wishes to abolish the District 3 Recreation Board; and

WHEREAS, All of the board members of the Recreation Board for District 3 will be removed;
and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, Chapter 98 Article V of the St. James Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby abolish Section 98-152 and all of the board members that serve on the Recreation Board for District 3.