AGENDA
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Courthouse – Vacherie, LA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

6:30 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING

I - CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II - PRAYER & PLEDGE

III – MINUTES

IV – DISBURSEMENT REPORT – November 2013

V - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VI - PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Employee Recognition (Roussel)
2. Jude Gravois – Keep St. James Beautiful Annual Report
3. Blaise Gravois – Master Plan Presentation

VII - CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

VIII - APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

1. Resolution appointing Veronica Granier to the St. James Parish Economic Development Board (Brazan)

IX - OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution accepting the bid of Quality Sitework Materials, Inc. for the purchase of culverts for a drainage improvement project (Roussel)
2. Resolution accepting the bid of CIMSCO, Inc. for the purchase of culverts for a drainage improvement project (Roussel)

X - NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution authorizing the advertisement of bids for the construction of roadway improvements in facilitation of the FY2013 St. James Parish LCDBG Program (Roussel)
2. Resolution urging Congress to continue to provide funding for the off-system bridge program (Roussel)
3. Resolution authorizing the Parish President to sign a long-term lease with the St. James Boat Club for the operations and maintenance of a public boat launch in St. James Parish (Roussel)
4. Introduction of a Proposed Ordinance prohibiting unmuffled compression brakes along LA Highway 44 from the Sunshine Bridge to the Union-Convent Fire Department (Patin)

XI - COUNCILMEN'S REPORT

XII - MOTION TO ADJOURN

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.*

Councilman ------ offered and moved for adoption the following resolution, which was seconded by Councilman -----:

RESOLUTION 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VERONICA GRANIERTO
THE ST. JAMES PARISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

WHEREAS, Ordinance 88-8, as amended by Ordinance 93-7, provides for the naming of members to the St. James Parish Economic Development Board; and,

WHEREAS, Blaise Gravois, a member of the Economic Development Board from District 7, has tendered his resignation due to his employment with St. James Parish thereby creating a vacancy from District 7 on the Economic Development Board ; and,

WHEREAS, it is the wishes of the Parish Council that Veronica Granier be appointed to fill this vacancy and complete said term:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Veronica Granier, 13472 Margaret Street, Vacherie, Louisiana 70090, is hereby appointed to the St. James Parish Economic Development Board, as a representative from District 7, to complete said term to expire June 2015.

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

RESOLUTION 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF QUALITY SITEWORK MATERIALS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF CULVERTS FOR A DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council did cause the advertisement of and received bids, as prescribed by law, for culverts for drainage improvements along South David Street; and,

WHEREAS, the bids received were given due and proper consideration of each item as to specifications and cost:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, upon the recommendation of the Parish President's Office, that the bid of $4,728.00 for 260 feet of 24-inch round plastic culverts as submitted by Quality Sitework Materials, Inc. of Kenner, La. be and is hereby accepted.

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

RESOLUTION 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF CIMSCO, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF CULVERTS FOR A DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council did cause the advertisement of and received bids, as prescribed by law, for culverts for drainage improvements along South David Street; and,

WHEREAS, the bids received were given due and proper consideration of each item as to specifications and cost:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, upon the recommendation of the Parish President's Office, that the bid of $11,113.60 for 460 feet of 30-inch round plastic culverts as submitted by CIMSCO, Inc. of Metairie, La. be and is hereby accepted.

BID TABULATION FOR
DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS
GRAMERCY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ST. JAMES PARISH, LOUISIANA

BID DATE: December 12, 2013 **TIME: 2:00 P.M.**

Company	Representative	ITEM 1 260 ft. of 24" round plastic culverts with tees	ITEM 2 460 ft. of 30" round plastic culverts with tees
Coastal Culvert & Supply, Inc. P. O. Box 1145 Eunice, LA 70535	None	$4,931.02	$12,027.50
Delivery Schedule		14 days	14 days
Quality Sitework Materials, Inc. P. O. Box 640490 Kenner, LA 70064	Ben Giardina	$4,728.00	$11,546.00
Delivery Schedule		7 days	7 days
CIMSCO, Inc. 1840 L & A Road Metairie, LA 70001	None	$4,822.40	$11,113.60
Delivery Schedule		10 days	10 days
Belmont Lumber Co. P. O. Box 183 Hester, LA 70743	None	$5,462.00	$12,137.00
Delivery Schedule		7 days	7 days
Coburn's 1300 Ridgefield Rd. Thibodaux, LA 70301	None	No Bid	No Bid
Delievery Schedule		N/A	N/A

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

RESOLUTION 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN FACILITATION OF THE FY2013 ST. JAMES PARISH LCDBG PROGRAM

WHEREAS, St. James Parish has received a grant in the amount of $517,000 under the FY2013 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program to overlay streets in District 5:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Parish President Timothy P. Roussel is hereby authorized and empowered to prepare specifications and to advertise and receive, according to law, competitive bids to construct roadway improvements under the FY2013 St. James Parish LCDBG Program.

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

RESOLUTION 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, legislation to reauthorize the Federal Highway and Transit Programs have been introduced by the leadership of the House of Representatives Transportation Infrastructure Committee; and,

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the Federal Off-System Bridge Program would be eliminated from the Federal budget; and,

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program in 1978, numerous bridges have been replaced throughout the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, St. James Parish has been an active participant in the Off-System Bridge Program for more than 20 years; and,

WHEREAS, revenues from the Federal Off-System Bridge Program serves as a major source of funding for the design, repair, and construction of rural bridges throughout Louisiana, including St. James Parish:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that the Parish does hereby urge the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to reauthorize the Federal Highway and Transit Program with continuance of funding for the Federal Off-System Bridge Program; and,

AND BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our U.S. Congressional Delegation requesting their support and assistance in ensuring the continuance of the Federal Off-System Bridge Program.

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

RESOLUTION 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN A LONG-TERM LEASE WITH THE ST. JAMES BOAT CLUB FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH IN ST. JAMES PARISH

WHEREAS, the St. James Boat Club, Inc. owns property north of U.S. Highway 61, at the intersection of Blind River and the Airline Borrow Canal; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council, under previous leases and agreements, have constructed public boat launches, wharfs, and parking areas for the recreational benefits and use of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Council and St. James Boat Club wishes to enter into a long-term lease for the continued construction and maintenance of public boat launches and adjacent wharfs on property owned by the St. James Boat Club; and,

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Government has developed a 50-year lease agreement between the St. James Boat Club, Inc. and the Parish hereto attached as "Exhibit 1" and made a part hereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. James Parish Council, that Timothy P. Roussel, Parish President is hereby authorized to sign a long-term lease between the St. James Boat Club and the Parish for operations and maintenance of a public boat launch on their property along U.S. Highway 61.

At a regular meeting of the St. James Parish Council, State of Louisiana, held on the 18th day of December 2013, 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 13-
ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNMUFFLED COMPRESSION BRAKES ALONG LA HIGHWAY 44, FROM THE SUNSHINE BRIDGE TO THE UNION-CONVENT FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the increase in heavy truck traffic due to industrial and commercial activities has increased noise levels within the Convent area; and,

WHEREAS, some truck drivers display complete disregard for the public's general welfare and constantly utilize unmuffled compression brakes, commonly referred to as "jake brakes" to slow down and reduce their speed; and,

WHEREAS, this practice causes loud noise and disturbs residents and businesses along LA Highway 44, from the Sunshine Bridge to the Union-Convent Fire Department:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, that the use of unmuffled compression brakes shall be prohibited along LA Highway 44, from the Sunshine Bridge to the Union-Convent Fire Department located at 9918 LA Highway 44; and,

BE IT, FURTHER, ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, that it shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with this ordinance; and, therefore, whoever is found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $500 or imprisoned for a term not to exceed 15 days or both, fine and imprisonment, within the discretion of the Court.

BE IT, FURTHER, ORDAINED, by the St. James Parish Council, that "Unmuffled Compression Brakes Prohibited" signs shall be installed along said area and shall include the ordinance number prohibiting such practices by truckers; and,