OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met in special session in the Council Chambers of the St. James Parish Courthouse Annex in Convent, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to adopt the following two resolutions:

1. Resolution to approve disbursement of payroll for the August 25, 2016 payroll.
2. Resolution to approve disbursement of funds to pay pending current invoices and payables.

On roll call, the following were recorded present: Honorable, Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. Council Chairman, and Councilmen Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Ralph Patin, Clyde Cooper, Kendricks Brass, and Eddie Kraemer.

Those also in attendance were: Linda Hubbell, Council Secretary; Timmy Roussel, Parish President; Michelle Octave, Chief Administrative Officer; Chantal Waguespack, Director of Finance, Blaise Gravois, Director of Operations; Francis Hymel, Interim Director of Emergency Preparedness; Bedar Warren, Director of Human Resources; and Bruce Mohon, Legal Advisor.

Councilman Amato led the gathering in prayer and Councilman Brass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF PAYROLL FOR THE AUGUST 25, 2016 PAYROLL was offered and move for adoption by Councilman Kraemer and was seconded by Councilman Brass. After a roll call vote with all seven councilmen voting in favor, the resolution was adopted.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO PAY PENDING CURRENT INVOICES AND PAYABLES, was offered and moved for adoption by Councilman Amato and was seconded by Councilman Patin. After a roll call vote with all seven councilmen voting in favor, the resolution was adopted.

During a discussion, Mrs. Waguespack explained the reason for the change in payroll and the need for special meetings to approve payroll, invoices and payables. President Roussel explained the AG's opinion of 1986 and suggested that a Home Rule Charter Committee be formed to include 3 councilmen, directors or assistant directors from each department to make the viable changes that are necessary to remedy this problem. He also stated that he would send another request for an AG's opinion.

ADJOURNMENT

After determining there was no additional business to come before the Council, on a motion offered by Councilman Amato, seconded by Councilman Louque, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Linda Hubbell

Linda Hubbell, Secretary