

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - JULY 10, 2018

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:01 P.M., Tuesday, July 10, 2018, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jason Willis.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daniel Richard, Jr.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Dean LeBlanc (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars and Parish Attorney Allan Durand.

A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Byron Fuselier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of June 5, 2018.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

The Council met as a Board of Adjustment to consider granting an exception to allow for the temporary placement of a mobile home on property zoned as R-1 (Single Family Residential), located at 1051 Sandy Nell Drive. Property owners Alton Joseph Menard, Jr and Jeannine Menard were present at meeting. Council Member Daniel Richard, Jr. advised the Council Members this property is in District 9, and he has no objection to this temporary placement of a mobile home. Parish President Chester Cedars stated Sandy Nell Drive is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) which does not allow for mobile homes. After learning of this, the property owners went through the necessary steps (letter of no objection from neighbors, cash sale, plat and property to be subdivided - *on-file*) to request temporary placement of a mobile home.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Jill Hebert that the exception to temporarily allow for a mobile home be placed on property located at 1051 Sandy Nell Drive be granted.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Lisa Nelson to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding ordinances being considered for final adoption.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

Chairman Jason Willis asked for public comment regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read each Ordinance Summary.

Upon requesting and hearing no comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption, Chairman Jason Willis requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the Public Hearing be closed.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-07-1234-OR

AN ORDINANCE SETTING A NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC ON GUIDRY ROAD, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 8, BETWEEN LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 347 AND LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 349, SECTIONS 34 AND 35, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA, FOR THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED by St. Martin Parish Council, as the governing authority of said Parish, does hereby set a NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC on GUIDRY ROAD.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any individual who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the court, and each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-07-1235-OR

AN ORDINANCE BY THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL, AS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF SAID PARISH, PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PARISH ROAD, WIDOW LANE, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 8, SECTION 60, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 6 EAST, LOCATED OFF OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 347, ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council, as the governing authority of said Parish, in regular session convened this 10th day of July, 2018, that no person shall intentionally park a motor vehicle on the west side of **Widow Lane**, St. Martin Parish owned and/or maintained by the St. Martin Parish Government.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 (\$250.00) Dollars, nor more than Five Hundred and No/100 (\$500.00) Dollars, imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the court, and each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-067-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government wishes to hire Ms. Judy Mesteyer (an independent contractor) for the duties related to the opening and closing and cleaning for events scheduled at the Coteau Holmes Civic Center at 1814 Coteau Holmes Highway, St. Martinville, Louisiana, and that she will work on as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Judy Mesteyer’s annual contract is effective July 7, 2018, and will expire on July 6, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Ms. Judy Mesteyer.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-068-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing a member to serve on the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 Committee whose term has expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Travis Hebert to serve as a member on the St. Martin Parish Recreation District No. 1 Committee for a five (5) year term, expiring on July 6, 2023.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-069-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members to serve on the St. Martin Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Board whose terms have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Marvin Davis for a three (3) year term expiring on July 5, 2021, Mr. Bobby Kidder for a two (2) year term expiring on July 5, 2020, and Mr. Warren Arnaud for a one (1) year term expiring on July 5, 2019, to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish Sewerage District No. 2 Board.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Lisa Nelson that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-070-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members of the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River) whose terms have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Jesse Doiron and Mr. Shelby Daigle, Jr. to serve as members on the St. Martin Parish Water & Sewerage Commission No. 1 (Stephensville-Belle River) for a three (3) year terms expiring on July 2, 2021.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

Prior to receiving approval on Resolution Summary No. 071-RS, Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned that architect Lynn Guidry has designed on other community centers in Acadiana, and he is impressed with his work. Parish President Chester Cedars highly recommended Architect Lynn Guidry to the Council for architectural services relative to the Cecilia Community Center. Mr. Guidry introduced himself and welcomed any questions and/or concerns.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-071-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government recently acquired property located adjacent to the Paul Angelle Park from the First Baptist Church of Cecilia; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government intends to use the subject property in connection with recreational activities and as an expansion of the Paul Angelle Park; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government further intends to renovate the church building to accommodate its use as a recreational center/multi-purpose facility; and

WHEREAS, in order to successfully renovate the church into what will be known as the Cecilia Community Center, an architect is needed; and

WHEREAS, it is the wishes of the St. Martin Parish Government to establish a contract with Architect Lynn Guidry for the remodeling project of the Cecilia Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract in behalf of St. Martin Parish Government with Architect Lynn Guidry for the remodeling of the Cecilia Community Center.

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

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Daniel Richard, Jr. that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-072-RS

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A SHORT-TERM SERVITUDE AGREEMENT FOR THE CATAHOULA LAKE SPOIL PLACEMENT.

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has approved funding to perform improvements in Catahoula Lake to remove large deposits of sediment build-up that pose a threat to safety of recreational boaters and users of the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Catahoula Lake Improvements Project involves hydraulically dredging the sediment material (spoil) that has built-up and pumping it to farmland in the vicinity of the lake; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to obtain a short-term servitude for the property needed to deposit the dredged material to be generated from Catahoula Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Parish publically advertised for Request for Proposals for a Short-Term Servitude for the Catahoula Lake Spoil Placement; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed proposals were received June 21, 2018, and one (1) proposal was received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the proposal was taken under advisement and has been analyzed by Sellers & Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has recommended, in writing, the only proposer, Jackie Theriot, in the amount of \$95,650.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council that Parish President Chester Cedars is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign an agreement with Jackie Theriot to lease his property for the placement of spoil generated from the Catahoula Lake Spoil Placement.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux,
Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Dean LeBlanc (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 10th day of July, 2018.

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Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinance introduced for publication, as follows:

SUMMARY NO. 1236-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to amend and/or revise Article I of Chapter 26 of the St. Martin Parish Code of Ordinances by the repeal, revision, enactment and/or re-enactment of Section 26-3.3 of the said Chapter 26, all relative to the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace and Constables and the division of fines paid in accordance with violations of the St. Martin Parish litter ordinances.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars briefed the Council Members on the following projects and other pertinent progresses in the Parish:

St. Martinville By-Pass - Parish President Chester Cedars explained the proposed project involves construction of a by-pass route around a portion of the City of St. Martinville. Parish President Chester Cedars stated after reviewing the documents, which were awaiting Council approval, he noted several major issues that presented themselves:

1. The parties of the proposed contract are only Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and St. Martin Parish Government notwithstanding the fact that the City of St. Martinville is the entity most affected.
2. The route of the By-Pass is somewhat perplexing. Heading north on Louisiana Highway. 31(Main Street), the route commences on Port Street. It proceeds down Port Street to its intersection with Capritto-Forty Arpent Road. At that point, the route continues down Capritto-Forty Arpent Road to Levert Road where it travels east back to Louisiana Highway 31 by the Food-N-Fun.
3. The contract obligates St. Martin Parish Government to acquire (finance) the costs of all servitude acquisition. That mandate is obviously financially significant.

On April 5, 2018, Parish President Chester Cedars met with Melanie Bordelon and Chris Cole of Acadiana Planning Commission, and expressed his objections and expounded on his concerns. Parish President Chester Cedars further observed that only a portion of the City was being “by-passed” by the proposed route. Thereafter, Ms. Bordelon and Jerry Trumps conferred with Parish President Chester Cedars on April 25, 2018. At this meeting, it was represented that the right-of-way acquisition expenses could “possibly” be absorbed by Acadiana Planning Commission via some sort of a grant. Ms. Bordelon was going to investigate same and inform Parish President Chester Cedars accordingly. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Parish President Chester Cedars stated that it would be imprudent to sign/approve any contract which obligates St. Martin Parish Government to pay anything under the scenario at hand. Parish President Chester Cedars spoke by telephone with Susan Williams of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development who advised she would have another Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development representative speak to Parish President Chester Cedars about his concerns. Parish President Chester Cedars noted that everyone mentioned above have concurred with his observations and no one has challenged his observations and objections. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he will proceed with great caution.

On June 25, 2018, Parish President Chester Cedars received a revised proposed agreement from Ms. Susan Williams which changed the responsibility of the Parish for right of way acquisition from 100% to 20%. Parish President Chester Cedars stated while that is a significant reduction, the obligation of the Parish remains potentially substantial. Parish President Chester Cedars still cannot develop or discern any basis upon which Parish Government can legally justify any expenditure related to this project. Parish President Chester Cedars stated no one can explain how this benefits Parish Government. Parish President Chester Cedars notified Melanie Bordelon of Acadiana Planning Commission of his reaction to the proposed contract and informed her he would place the matter on the agenda for the meeting of July 10, 2018.

Parish President Chester Cedars stated he would request an economic impact study on this project before proceeding any further. Council Member Lisa Nelson requested Parish President Chester Cedars continue with the study and “keep the ball rolling.”

Henderson Lake Drawdown - Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members that at the May Committee Meeting, Brac Salyers, a Biologist Manager with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, discussed the prospective 2018 drawdown of Henderson

Lake. Parish President Chester Cedars had invited Mayor Sherbin Collette of Henderson to attend this meeting and comment as he deemed appropriate since he has been instrumental in the development of the plan previously reviewed and permitted. Parish President Chester Cedars met with both Mr. Salyers and Mayor Collette on April 9, 2018, on this issue. On August 15, 2014, the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved an operational plan for the drawdown of Henderson Lake. Parish President Chester Cedars stated sixteen arduous conditions were imposed in the permit/approval. Essentially, the accepted/approved/permitted plan calls for five (5) years of summer/fall drawdowns, commencing in 2014. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the

Council Members the permit expires in 2020. There was no drawdown last year because of the high water level in the lake.

Parish President Chester Cedars stated the purpose of the drawdown is to control severe problems with vegetation, especially Hydrilla, Water Hyacinth, and Giant Salvinia. These growths rob the water of valuable, essential nutrients which support fisheries. Additionally, the aforementioned vegetation impedes navigation. Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned a successful drawdown allows for the bed of the lake to “settle”, thus aiding the reproduction of fisheries. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members at the May Committee meeting Mr. Salyers precisely, accurately, and thoroughly commented upon the parameters of the drawdown.

Mr. Salyers and Parish President Chester Cedars corresponded on June 28, 2018, and on July 2, 2018. Mr. Salyers advised that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is prepared to proceed with the drawdown commencing during the first week of August, 2018. The water level in the lake will permit a proper drawdown at this point. Moreover, the Department will proceed to notify the press of the prospective drawdown commencing after our meeting of July 10, 2018. Parish President Chester Cedars made the request that Mr. Salyers afford the Council the opportunity to first inform the public and therefore the matter was placed on the agenda.

Parish President Chester Cedars stated in preparation for the drawdown, he met with our public works personnel at the control structure on Friday, July 6, 2018, for the purposes of opening and closing the gates to insure there would be no issue with the drawdown commencing as scheduled. The structure functioned without any issue.

Parish President Chester Cedars and Council Member Daniel Richard, Jr. advised everyone that Myran Chautin and family were involved in a vehicle accident. Parish President Chester Cedars

mentioned Myron Chautin serves on the St. Martin Parish Economic Development Board of Authority. Council Member Daniel Richard, Jr. asked that everyone keep the family in their prayers for speedy recovery.

Council Member Lisa Nelson requested an update on the Four-Mile Bayou Road Improvements Project. Parish President Chester Cedars gave the following update on said project:

Four Mile Bayou Road Paving - Parish President Chester Cedars stated this contract was to commence in March, 2018, and call for the hard surfacing of 2.2 miles of the subject road, leaving a little over a mile unpaved. The cost of the contract was approximately \$749,027.50 with \$650,000.00 being funded through a State Capital Outlay award. Parish President Chester Cedars stated the work was delayed because of the high water issues in March. Parish President Chester Cedars stated when the water receded, the load limits had been lowered by the Parish's bridge engineers (Huval and Associates) on the three (3) bridges which had to be traversed to hard surface the road. Parish President Chester Cedars advised that efforts were made for alternatives to complete the project, the most economical of which addressed an increase in the cost of the project to well over a million dollars for only 2.2 miles of a dead-end road. As such, Parish President Chester Cedars concluded that a million dollar, plus, cost was simply imprudent. Parish President Chester Cedars was not unmindful of the prospect that the poor condition of the bridges could prevent access to the 2.2 miles of paved roadway. Parish President Chester Cedars' analysis was embraced by the engineer for the project, PENSCO.

Parish President Chester Cedars engaged in discussions with Rene Becnel of the Office of Facility Planning in an attempt to divert the capital outlay money to the repair of the bridges. On June 20, 2018, Mr. Becnel opined that such a diversion seemed reasonable and could be accomplished, affirming his opinion via electronic mail. Parish President Chester Cedars stated Mr. Becnel instructed him to draft a formal request outlining the details of all the issues. Parish President Chester Cedars later received a telephone call from Representative Sam Jones who informed Parish President Chester Cedars that he had requested that the Office of Facility Planning withhold the capital outlay funding until he could personally look into the matter. Parish President Chester Cedars stated Representative Jones was concerned about how the engineers could have properly inspected the bridges, and Representative Jones did not understand why the alternative measures were so expensive (the measures called for the barging of the construction equipment as opposed to traversing the bridges).

Parish President Chester Cedars mentioned on Thursday, June 21, 2018, he had conversations with Sean Wilson, Secretary of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, who advised that, at the request of Representative Jones, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development was going to independently inspect the bridges in order to determine whether the load limits could be raised to accommodate the construction equipment. Representative Jones indicated that Parish President Chester Cedars could expect a call from Bill Oliver, the District Engineer Administrator for Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Parish President Chester Cedars then arranged a meeting for Friday, June 22, 2018, among Huval and Associates, PENSCO (the engineers for the project), and representatives of our public works crew. Parish President Chester Cedars stated at this meeting, he reviewed the history of this matter and concluded once again that: the bridges were in dire need of repairs; and, the costs to hard surface the roads via the barging of equipment was imprudent. As regards the former issue, Colby Guidry of Huval and Associates, displayed photographs of the piling of the first and third bridges and advised that the condition of those structures had deteriorated between his original inspection in January/February and a recent inspection conducted at Parish President Chester Cedars' request. Parish President Chester Cedars stated, Mr. Guidry of Huval and Associates informed him that he would reach out to Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to discuss this matter since his company worked closely with the department and enjoyed a cordial, professional relationship.

Parish President Chester Cedars later received a telephone call from Bill Oliver, and had a lengthy conversation relative to this matter. Mr. Oliver affirmed that if Huval and Associates had performed the bridge inspections, he saw no reason to challenge their work. Mr. Oliver informed Parish President Chester Cedars that he would discuss the situation with Mr. Guidry of Huval and Associates for whom Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development had great respect.

Parish President Chester Cedars stated Colby Guidry telephoned him and advised that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development was going to study all of his reports and act accordingly as opposed to doing any sort of independent inspection.

Parish President Chester Cedars advised that Thursday and Friday of last week, he had discussions with Waste Management. Initially, the Company wanted "permission" to traverse the bridges so that they could empty the trash bins. Parish President Chester Cedars informed Waste

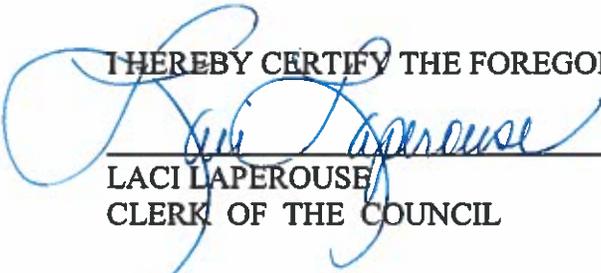
Management he could not, and would not, grant such a request. Parish President Chester Cedars stated he is currently working on a solution to this issue as well.

Council Member Jason Willis requested an update on the widening of Clover Hill Road. Council Member Lisa Nelson explained this road is next to the St. Martinville Junior High School and is a very narrow road. It has been requested to widen said road to allow for the school buses to pass with ease. Parish President Chester Cedars was not aware of this matter but assured Council Members Jason Willis and Lisa Nelson that he would research and discuss with them once he knows something.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars advised everyone of a boat landing closure located on Louisiana Highway 3039. Parish President Chester Cedars stated this boat landing is on private property and is not owned by St. Martin Parish Government. Parish President Chester Cedars declared the appropriate signs will be placed at this boat landing to alert residents of its closure.

A motion was made by Albert Menard seconded by Chris Tausin that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

THEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL