

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 3, 2017

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:01 p.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 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 Neil Thibodeaux.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Lisa Nelson, Jason Willis, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: None. Also present: Parish President Guy Cormier and Parish Attorney Chester Cedars.

A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Jill Hebert to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of September 5, 2017.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

A motion was made by Lisa Nelson and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Special Meeting of September 19, 2017.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

Chairman Jason Willis welcomed Cherise Picard, Executive Director, Chez Hope, Inc. Ms. Picard, along with Mike Madona, gave an update on services provided to families in St. Martin Parish. Mr. Madona invited everyone to the open house, scheduled for October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a candlelight vigil at 6:00 p.m. near the Evangeline Oak.

Chairman Jason Willis welcomed Brian Castille, Fire District Coordinator. Mr. Castille presented the annual report on fire department activities during Fire Prevention Week, fire calls, training, and certifications and also discussed the PIAL (Property Insurance Association of Louisiana) ratings. Parish President Guy Cormier and Council Members thanked Mr. Castille and all firefighters for their time and service to our parish.

Chairman Jason Willis recognized Parish President Guy Cormier, who addressed Special Business: Item (A) Acknowledge receipt of the Year 2018 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets and to Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2018 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets; and Item (B) Acknowledge receipt of the Year 2018 Parish Capital Outlay Budget and to Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2018 Parish Capital Outlay Budget. Parish President Guy Cormier stated the preparation of this budget began in August 2017, and it involved several key staff members. Parish President Cormier reflected back on several 2017 projects. Parish President Cormier urged the Council Members review the submitted budget and meet with him if they had any questions. Council Members extended their thanks and commended Parish President Guy Cormier for all improvements and developments in our parish. Parish President Guy Cormier thanked St. Martin Parish Government Director of Finance Sean Hundley for a job well done on preparing the budget. Parish President Guy Cormier recommended the Council hold a Public Hearing at the November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Chairman Jason Willis announced that St. Martin Parish Council has received a copy of the Year 2018 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets, along with the Year 2018 Parish Capital Outlay Budget.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2018 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2018 Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2018 SINKING FUND AND OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGETS.**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (OCTOBER 25, 2017 THRU NOVEMBER 7, 2017) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
JASON WILLIS, CHAIRMAN
LACI LAPEROUSE, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADV: October 25, 2017
November 1, 2017

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin to acknowledge receipt of the Year 2018 Parish Capital Outlay Budget and to approve the following Call For Public Hearing for the Year 2018 Parish Capital Outlay Budget.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE CARROLL J. FUSELIER MEETING ROOM, ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT ON THE **YEAR 2018 PARISH CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET.**

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY (OCTOBER 25, 2017 THRU NOVEMBER 7, 2017) IN THE ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT FINANCE DEPARTMENT, ST. MARTIN PARISH ANNEX BUILDING, 301 WEST PORT STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA.

ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL
JASON WILLIS, CHAIRMAN
LACI LAPEROUSE, CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

ADV: October 25, 2017
November 1, 2017

Item (C) of Special Business: {The Parish Council sits as a Board of Review to hear any complaints of values of property for assessment purposes set by the Assessor. The Board of Review can only hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person, which has provided notice to the Board of Review at least 7 days prior to tonight's public hearing, either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail. }

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Lisa Nelson to open public hearing to obtain public comments on values of property for assessment purposes fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

Upon hearing no comments from the audience, Chairman Jason Willis recognized St. Martin Parish Assessor Todd Dugas.

Assessor Todd Dugas has submitted to the Board of Review their certification of the assessed valuation of all properties in St. Martin Parish for tax year 2017. It was mentioned that one appeal was received by the Clerk of the Council; however, it was withdrawn. Assessor Dugas reviewed and discussed the Grand Recapitulation Report 2017, Assessment Breakdown 2017, Top twenty-five (25) tax payers and the Abstract of Assessment Detailed Comparison 2016 Vs 2017 (*all on-file*).

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Dean LeBlanc to close public hearing.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

(Parish President Guy Cormier stepped out 5:50 p.m.; returned at 5:51 p.m.)

Item (D) of Special Business was considered by the Parish Council, sitting as a Board of Adjustment. After discussion and acknowledgment that only three (3) residences or dwellings are located within 300 feet of the property in question, all of whom have expressed no objection thereto, the request by Floyd Poche and D&T Gaming, LLC, appearing through Michael Castille, to operate a lounge/nightclub from the premises located at 3015-A Main Highway, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, was granted, upon motion of Albert Menard, seconded by Jill Hebert, on the following conditions:

- A. Only beverages of low alcoholic content, as defined by La. R.S. 26:241(1)(a) shall be possessed, sold, or consumed on the premises;
- B. The hours of operation shall be from 10:00 A.M to 10:00 P.M. on Sunday through Thursday, respectively, and, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on Friday and Saturday;
- C. The property remains owned by Floyd Poche, and D&T Gaming remains the lessee and owner/operator of the lounge; and,
- D. Except as set forth in the foregoing conditions, the business is operated in strict compliance with the current lease agreement and "Business Plan" submitted by D&T Gaming, LLC, all of which are made, by reference, a part of the grant of approval.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

A motion was made by Albert Menard 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

(Jill Hebert stepped out at 6:09 p.m.; returned at 6:13 p.m.)

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

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinance summaries.

Upon hearing no comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinances being considered for final adoption, the Chairman 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, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT AT VOTING: Jill Hebert.

ABSENT: None.

And the motion was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-10-1193-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN ACT OF DEDICATION FOR A PUBLIC ROAD HAMMOCK LANE (THE HAMMOCKS – PHASE II) TO BE ADDED TO THE ST. MARTIN PARISH PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that **Hammock Lane (The Hammocks – Phase II)** meets the minimum requirements to qualify for the acceptance of a public road in the St. Martin Parish Road System, as per attached plat, dated July 14, 2017, by R. J. Domingue, Jr., Professional Land Surveyor.

BE IT ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to sign the necessary Act of Dedication for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government.

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 Tausin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT AT VOTING: Jill Hebert.
ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-10-1194-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN ACT OF DEDICATION FOR A PUBLIC ROAD BREEZE DRIVE (THE HAMMOCKS – PHASE II) TO BE ADDED TO THE ST. MARTIN PARISH PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that **Breeze Drive (The Hammocks – Phase II)** meets the minimum requirements to qualify for the acceptance of a public road in the St. Martin Parish Road System, as per attached plat, dated July 14, 2017, by R. J. Domingue, Jr., Professional Land Surveyor.

BE IT ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to sign the necessary Act of Dedication for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government.

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 Tausin, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT AT VOTING: Jill Hebert.
ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 17-10-1195-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN ACT OF DEDICATION FOR A PUBLIC ROAD **BAMBOO DRIVE (THE HAMMOCKS – PHASE II)** TO BE ADDED TO THE ST. MARTIN PARISH PUBLIC ROAD SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Martin Parish Council that **Bamboo Drive (The Hammocks – Phase II)** meets the minimum requirements to qualify for the acceptance of a public road in the St. Martin Parish Road System, as per attached plat, dated July 14, 2017, by R. J. Domingue, Jr., Professional Land Surveyor.

BE IT ORDAINED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize, direct and empower the Parish President to sign the necessary Act of Dedication for and on behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government.

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, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT AT VOTING: Jill Hebert.
ABSENT: None.

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-107-RS

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has opened his books for public inspection and review for a period of fifteen (15) calendar days, from August 30, 2017, thru September 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of St. Martin Parish has certified to the St. Martin Parish Council (Board of Review of Assessments) the total assessed valuation of \$472,034,441.00 of all properties in the Parish of St. Martin for the tax year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has given public notice that they would sit as a Board of Review on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. in the Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana, for the purpose of receiving protests and hearing complaints of values of property for assessment purposes in the Parish, fixed by the St. Martin Parish Assessor. That it will hear the written or oral complaint of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, who has provided notice to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 4:30 P.M. either through appearing in person at its office or by filing such appeal by means of certified mail; and

WHEREAS, no written or oral complaints of any qualified person as provided by R.S. 47:1992, were provided to the Board of Review on or before Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 4:30 P.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened on this 3rd day of October, 2017, that the Council certifies the Assessment List as submitted by the Assessor of St. Martin Parish.

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, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT AT VOTING: Jill Hebert.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

Insert Resolution No. 17-108-RS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-108-RS

A Resolution approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 24, 2018, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 23, 2017, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 24, 2018, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to issue, sell and deliver the bonds provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 PROPOSITION (BOND)

Shall Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000), in one or more series, to run not exceeding twenty (20) years from the date thereof, with interest at a rate not exceeding seven per centum (7%) per annum, for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending and improving hospital and health care related facilities, including both real and personal property, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated 8.70 mills to be levied in the first year of issue to pay said Bonds?

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. MARTIN

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Council of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Parish Council on October 3, 2017, approving the holding of an election in Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Martin, State of Louisiana, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this, the 3rd day of October, 2017.

/s/ Laci Laperouse

Clerk of the Council

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-109-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government intends to submit budget requests to the Division of Administration for Capital Outlay Funds; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government does not have the financial resources necessary to fund projects of this size; and

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council has selected and authorized the submission of the following State Capital Outlay Budget Requests for year 2018-2019:

1. Frontage Road Louisiana Highway 328 to 347
2. General Improvements to St. Martin Parish Parks & Recreational Facilities
3. Joe Daigre Canal Drainage Improvements
4. Replacement of Butte La Rose Pontoon Bridge
5. Coulee LaSalle Drainage Improvements
6. Road Improvements on Four-Mile Bayou Road
7. Cade Ballpark Fields
8. Cecilia Sewer Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of October, 2017, does hereby certify to the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, that it does not have cash or bond funding available to fund these projects.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-110-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council recognizes the need for highway improvements and is desirous that certain highway priorities be considered in the 2018-2019 highway budget as follows:

1. Replacement of Butte La Rose Pontoon Bridge.
2. Accelerate construction of the St. Martinville by-pass loop.
3. Construct an exchange/exit at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 354 and I-10.
4. Culverts to be placed from Louisiana Highway 347 along the South side of Louisiana Highway 352.
5. Replace or elevate culverts for Coulee LaSalle and Cypress Bayou at Louisiana Highway 182.
6. Extend Louisiana Highway 94 from intersection with Rees Street to Doyle Melancon/Lion Castille Road and continuing in a straight line path to the intersection of Louisiana Highway 347 and Louisiana Highway 349.
7. Straighten out curves on Louisiana Highway 96 West of St. Martinville.
8. Perform drainage study on Highway 347 (Cecilia Senior High School Highway) between parish road Buce Huval Street to parish road Madeline Boulevard.
9. Perform drainage study on Highway 347 (Grandpoint Highway) between parish road Louis Circle to Highway 678 (Grand Anse Highway).
10. Construct Frontage Roads, the entire length of St. Martin Parish, along U.S. Highway 90.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of October, 2017, that Senator Fred H. Mills, Jr., Senator Rick Ward, III, Senator Gerald Boudreaux, Representative Michael “Mike” Huval, Representative Terry C. Landry, Sr., Representative Taylor F. Barras, and Representative Sam Jones submit the above priorities to Governor John Bel Edwards and to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requesting assistance in accomplishing the foregoing priorities.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-111-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government has hired Ms. Sentina Tune (part-time contract bridge tender) for the specific purpose of operating the Stephenville Bridge at 1000 Landry Lane, Stephenville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sentina Tune’s contract is effective October 5, 2017, and will expire on October 5, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to execute a Contract for Services in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Ms. Sentina Tune for the specific purpose of operating the Stephenville Bridge at 1000 Landry Lane, Stephenville, Louisiana.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-112-RS

WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating, and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2017 theme, is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!"; and

WHEREAS, the fire service of St. Martin Parish is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 8-14, 2017, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and urges all citizens of St. Martin Parish to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-113-RS

WHEREAS, violence against women and children continues to become more prevalent as a social problem due to the imbalance of power due to gender and age; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence is not confined to any age group or groups of people but across all economic, racial, and social barriers, and supported by social indifference; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, sex, and mental well-being; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting women and children and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it is battered women themselves, who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2017 theme is "Recognize It; Report It; Prevent It."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of October, 2017, does hereby proclaim October 2017 as:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

and urges all citizens in St. Martin Parish to actively participate in the events and programs that the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office pursues towards the elimination of personal and institutional violence against women and children, and to join the New Start Center and its mission by attending

the one-mile walk on Saturday, October 14, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Magnolia Park, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-114-RS

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS), an estimated 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the United States this year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40,610 women are expected to die from the disease in 2017 alone; and

WHEREAS, the impact of breast cancer is wide ranging, directly affecting women; and

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) is an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of October, 2017, does hereby celebrate 32 years of awareness, education and empowerment and recognizes the month of October, as:

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and urges all citizens in St. Martin Parish to actively participate in the events and programs that the American Cancer Society pursues towards the cause, prevention and cure of this disease.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-115-RS

WHEREAS, Head Start is a national initiative that provides comprehensive services in education, social services, health, nutrition, parent involvement, disabilities, and transition to largely low-income children and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is known that Head Start had humble beginnings during the summer of 1965 and was viewed largely as a pilot program, but has grown and expanded to become the foremost Early Childhood Development Program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the SMILE, CAA has long recognized the benefits of such a program in St. Martin Parish and became an active participant by agreeing to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, the successes of Head Start are well-documented, and this body is very proud of its accomplishments in this regard; and

WHEREAS, Head Start serves the needs of lower income families throughout this nation, serving more than 15 million children and their families nationwide – 1,600 people in the tri-parish area of St. Martin, Iberia, and Lafayette Parishes alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby proclaim October 2017, as

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

and urges all citizens to continue to support Head Start and to recognize and acknowledge the important educational, social, and economic accomplishments of Head Start during the past 52 years, particularly that of the SMILE, CAA Head Start Program.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-116-RS

WHEREAS, farming and agriculture have a long and varied history in every culture; and

WHEREAS, despite the differences on what is grown, how farming is done and what materials are used, one thing remains common to all agricultural societies – the farmer; and

WHEREAS, farmers are the lifeline of agriculture – they tend to the agricultural product from the time of sowing to the time it reaches the market, and it is because of hardworking farmers around the world, that most of us have food on our tables every day; and

WHEREAS, records of National Farmer’s Day, previously known as Old Farmer’s Day, exist dating back to the 1800s; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is the backbone of Louisiana’s economy and a well diversified \$75 million industry vital to the economic health of St. Martin Parish; and

WHEREAS, plant enterprises lead the way, accounting for \$44 million, in great part due to a 28,000 acre, \$31 million sugarcane crop; and

WHEREAS, nearly 11,000 acres of soybeans, and over 3,300 acres of rice account for the field crop total; and

WHEREAS, other major commodities include fisheries and wildlife, valued at nearly \$20 million, and animal enterprises including horses and cattle estimated at almost \$12 million; and

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish has nearly 10,000 farmers alone; and

WHEREAS, in the past few years, educational programs' emphasis has been on Best Management Practices for all commodities including Master Farmer and Master Gardener Programs, which is served through advisory committees, producer organizations, commodity meetings, field days, recycling programs, newspaper articles, internet, social media and emails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of October, 2017, does hereby proclaim Thursday, October 12, 2017 as:

FARMER'S DAY

in St. Martin Parish and urges all citizens to support our local farmers and thank these hardworking men and women for their contributions to our economy, not only on this day, but throughout the year.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-117-RS

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated

for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load post those bridges under the authority of St. Martin Parish in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to St. Martin Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 3rd day of October, 2017, that the St. Martin Parish Government (herein referred to as the Parish) does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017:

1. The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish have been structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All Parish owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off System Bridge Replacement Program.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-118-RS

RE: DNR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO.
ABFP-12-08 AMENDMENT NO. 4 –
AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT, STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

I, LACILAPEROUSE, Clerk of the St. Martin Parish Council, HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true and correct copy of a certain resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the St. Martin Parish Council in Regular Session convened on the 3rd day of October, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that such resolution is now in full force and effect:

Resolution authorizing Parish President Guy Cormier’s signature to execute an agreement between the St. Martin Parish Government, and the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Louisiana for DNR Cooperative Agreement No. ABFP-12-08, **Amendment No. 4**, “Butte LaRose Boat Launch Upgrade”, extending the term for fulfillment of services to be performed under said contract.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-119-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Pre-Positioned Disaster Debris Removal Contract, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed proposals were opened September 7, 2017, and four (4) proposals were received for said contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by Sellers & Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the proposals were scored with respect to the following criteria: (1) references from past projects of similar size and scope, (2) qualifications and experience of key staff on similar projects, (3) resources and equipment available for performing the work, (4) knowledge of the owner and (5) local emergency management needs, and cost of services offered; and

WHEREAS, Sellers & Associates, Inc. has recommended, in writing, the highest scoring contractor, Ceres Environmental, with a score of 277.7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the St. Martin Parish Pre-Positioned Disaster Debris Removal Contract, to the highest scoring contractor, Ceres Environmental, with a score of 277.7.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

* * * * *

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by the entire Parish Council, and, therefore, unanimously adopted, as amended:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-120-RS

A RESOLUTION SEEKING THE STUDY OF PERMITS FOR PIPELINES AND RELATED CONSTRUCTIONS AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF BY THE APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is a natural habitat for wildlife and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin is a unique tourist attraction and has the ability to accommodate visitors at any season; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin affords excellent opportunities for commercial and recreational ventures; and

WHEREAS, for decades, industries have constructed pipelines and related projects in the Atchafalaya Basin pursuant to permits issued by state and federal regulatory agencies, including, but not limited to, the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline/construction projects referenced herein have all too frequently been noncompliant with the permits issued; and

WHEREAS, the failure to adhere to the permit requirements has created impediments to the natural flow of water within the Atchafalaya Basin; and

WHEREAS, the result of the foregoing permit violations has been the enhancement of sediment accumulations which have consequently negatively impacted/reduced the water quality throughout the Atchafalaya Basin; and

WHEREAS, reduced water quality within the Atchafalaya Basin deplete and impede opportunities for full recreational and commercial ventures; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline/construction activities which are violative of the permit requirements have also enhanced and accelerated coastal erosion; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the permits issued for all pipeline/construction activities within the Atchafalaya Basin is essential to protect the natural resources which the Atchafalaya Basin yields:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council endorses and encourages the adoption of all appropriate steps by the necessary regulatory agencies of the United States and the State of Louisiana to inspect all pipelines and/or related construction projects within the Atchafalaya Basin to insure that all permit requirements associated therewith have been, and are being, honored.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council endorses, embraces, and encourages the appropriate regulatory agencies of federal and state government to adopt all steps necessary to enforce permit requirements related to all pipelines and/or construction projects within the Atchafalaya Basin and to compel the remediation of the consequences resulting from any violations thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that replicas of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Bill Cassidy, Senator John Kennedy, Representative Steve Scalise, Representative Cedric Richmond, Representative Clay Higgins, Representative Mike Johnson, Representative Ralph Abraham, Representative Garret Graves, Senator Fred Mills, Jr., Senator Gerald Boudreaux, Representative Mike Huval, Representative Terry Landry, Representative Taylor Barras, Representative Sam Jones, Governor John Bel Edwards, Attorney General Jeff Landry, the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the Executive Director of the Police Jury Association of the State of Louisiana.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

A motion was made by Dean LeBlanc and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-121-RS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERPRISE FM TRUST FOR THE LEASE OF VEHICLES ON A FLEET BASIS WITH THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE PARISH PRESIDENT.

WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing vehicle for use by personnel of the ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT has increased substantially over the years; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of vehicles owned by ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT has similarly increased substantially; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President and his staff have researched the wisdom of entering into a lease agreement relative to the acquisition and use of parish vehicles; and

WHEREAS, both the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL and the Parish President have determined that the acquisition, use, and maintenance of vehicles by the Parish is financially advantageous compared to their outright purchase; and

WHEREAS, other Parishes and political subdivisions throughout the State of Louisiana have engaged in the lease of vehicles on a fleet basis, and have realized significant cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the Parish President is in the processing of negotiating a lease agreement with Enterprise FM Trust for the lease and maintenance of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the forthcoming budget to be presented to the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL by the Parish President will accommodate such an accord:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL does hereby authorize and approve of the efforts of the Parish President in negotiating a lease agreement with Enterprise FM Trust for the acquisition, use, and maintenance of vehicles for Parish personnel on a fleet basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL does hereby authorize the Parish President to enter into a lease agreement with Enterprise FM Trust for the acquisition, use, and maintenance of vehicles under such terms, conditions, and provisions as deemed appropriate by him in his capacity as the Parish President of St. Martin Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President is further authorized to negotiate and execute such other agreements as deemed by him to be necessary and fit in confecting the lease agreement referenced herein including but not limited to any maintenance agreement relative to leased vehicles.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Resolution Summary No. 122-RS.

This motion to extend the agenda 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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared carried by unanimous vote this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-122-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Government has made an official call for bids for the Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park Multipurpose Building Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the advertisement, sealed bids were opened August 30, 2017, and six (6) complete bid packets were received for said project; and

WHEREAS, the bids were taken under advisement and have been analyzed by A&E Consultants, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, A&E Consultants, Inc. has recommended, in writing, the lowest qualified bidder, Bienvenu Construction Company, Inc., with a Base Bid of \$636,000.00 with consideration in progress of acceptable deducts as valued savings; and

WHEREAS, Bienvenu Construction Company, Inc. is currently in the process of value engineering which may extend the time line; therefore, Bienvenu Construction Company, Inc. will extend the bid for an additional forty-five (45) days or until November 29, 2017, subject to any value engineering cost saving that may be applicable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby award the contract for the Clayton Boudreaux Memorial Park Multipurpose Building Project, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to the lowest qualified bidder, Bienvenu Construction Company, Inc., with a Base Bid of \$636,000.00 with consideration in progress of acceptable deducts as valued savings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Guy Cormier to sign all necessary contract documents to effect the award of this contract.

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, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: None.

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

SUMMARY NO. 1197-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 19, St. Martin Parish Zoning Ordinance, Appendix D, Parish Road Zoning Data Sheets of the Code of Ordinances for the St. Martin Parish Government by: amending zoning classification district on a portion of a road zoned in the original ordinance adopted on December 18, 1995. {1031-A Toice Guidry Road}

SUMMARY NO. 1198-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance providing for the lease of one (1) CASE 580N 4WD Backhoe Loader.

SUMMARY NO. 1199-OR (Introduced by Byron Fuselier, District 1)

An Ordinance providing for the lease of one (1) CASE 580N 2WD Backhoe Loader.

SUMMARY NO. 1200-OR (Introduced by Lisa Nelson, District 2)

An Ordinance providing for the lease of one (1) CASE 580N 2WD Backhoe Loader.

SUMMARY NO. 1201-OR (Introduced by Jason Willis, District 3)

An Ordinance to adopt the Sinking Fund and Operating and Maintenance Budgets for the Year 2018.

SUMMARY NO. 1202-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

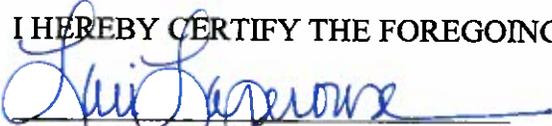
An Ordinance to adopt the Parish Capital Outlay Budget for the Year 2018.

(Parish Attorney Chester Cedars stepped out at 6:38 p.m.; returned at 6:40 p.m.)

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Guy Cormier urged Council Members to contact him should they have any questions and/or concerns on the 2018 Budget(s). Parish President Guy Cormier also reminded and urged everyone to go out and vote for the Saturday, October 14, 2017 election. Finally, Parish President Guy Cormier thanked the Council Members for their patience during budget preparation.

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:


LACI LAPEROUSE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL