

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**  
**CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRIGHT**  
**VICE-CHAIR LENNIX MADERE**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:** Lennix Madere, Jr., Councilman-at-Large, Div. A, Kurt Becnel, Councilman District I, Warren Torres, Jr., Councilman District II, Tammy Houston, Councilwoman District III, Tyra Duhe-Griffin, Councilwoman District IV, Robert Arcuri, Councilman District V, Tonia Schnyder, Councilwoman District VI, Thomas Malik, Councilman District VII

**ABSENT:** Michael Wright

Councilwoman Houston led the Prayer. Councilman Malik led the Pledge.

Legal Counsel Keith Green Jr. and Kennilyn Schmill were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (3 minutes per citizen)**

Public Comments on item - Presentation - Air Products - Co2 Capture & Sequestration Study in Lake Maurepas, were given by George Handy, Sr, Jane Patton, Kenya Bankston and John Albonese.

**Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - 2021 Miss Andouille Queen Amber Hope Borne and 2021 Teen Andouille Queen Rylee Madison Moore - Keys to the Parish**

**Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - Air Products - CO2 Capture & Sequestration Study in Lake Maurepas**

**Jaclyn Hotard - Presentation - St. John the Baptist Parish Housing Authority Voucher Program**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ITEMS:** Approval of Minutes - October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council Meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve consent agenda items consisting of - Approval of Minutes - October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Council Meeting. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**REPORTS**

**President's Report**

**Jaclyn Hotard - Monthly Financial Report (September 2022)**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE(S)/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-211 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Inline Valves for Pressurized**

## **Waterlines**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-211. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for Inline Valves for Pressurized. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines will be ordered on an as-needed basis; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through the Utilities Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for Inline Valves for Pressurized Waterlines. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

## **Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-212 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish Wide**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-212. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish Wide. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Improvements will include removal of old existing streets, driveways and sidewalks, grading, earthwork and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, this is an annual bid and is funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for 2023 Removal and Replacement of Concrete Sidewalks, Driveways and Street Sections Parish wide. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

## **Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-213 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements**

**MOTION:** Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-213. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Improvements based on a priority list will include asphalt paving, lime stabilization, soil cement stabilization, grading, earthwork and all appurtenances necessary to complete the work; and, WHEREAS, this is an annual bid and is funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for 2023 Hotmix Asphalt Overlay on Prepared Surfaces for Parish Wide Road

Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-214 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Street Ditch Drainage Improvements**

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-214. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Street Ditch Drainage Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, various items such as excavation and culvert replacement will be ordered on an as-needed basis for the Public Works Department; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Street Ditch Drainage Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-215 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Canal Drainage Improvements, Clearing, Snagging, Dredging and Excavation**

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-215. A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Canal Drainage Improvements, Clearing, Snagging, Dredging and Excavation. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE 2023 PARISH WIDE CANAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, CLEARING, SNAGGING, DREDGING AND EXCAVATION. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, clearing, snagging, dredging and excavation of Parish Wide drainage canals as permitted will be utilized as funds are made available; and, WHEREAS, purchases will be funded through various budgets. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the 2023 Parish Wide Canal Drainage Improvements, Clearing, Snagging, Dredging and Excavation. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-216 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project**

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-216 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a

previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, WWTP repairs are needed for safety and maintenance at River Rd WWTP; and, WHEREAS, the lowest responsible and responsive bid received in the amount of \$107,000 exceeds the Engineer's estimated cost of repairs. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to reject the bids received for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-217 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-217 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, WWTP repairs are needed for safety and maintenance at River Rd WWTP; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the Miscellaneous Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs (River Rd WWTP) Project. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-218 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-218 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to reject all bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, improvements are needed at the Central Avenue Lift Station to continue to provide reliable wastewater collection in the Reserve area; and, WHEREAS, the only responsible and responsive bid received in the amount of \$848,343 exceeds the Engineer's estimated cost of repairs. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to reject the bids received for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-219 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to solicit bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Houston moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-219 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist

Parish to solicit bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, improvements at the Central Avenue Lift Station are needed to continue to provide reliable wastewater collection in the Reserve area; and, WHEREAS, improvements will consist of removing and replacing pumps, motors, piping, valves, electrical and controls as well as cleaning and lining the existing wet wall; and, WHEREAS, the estimated cost of this project is \$699,600 and will be funded through the LDEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to solicit bids for the Central Avenue Lift Station Improvements. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-220 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to award the bid for the Asphalt Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to Pelican Roofing Company**

**MOTION:** Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-220 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE ASPHALT ROOF HURRICANE IDA DISASTER REPAIRS TO PELICAN ROOFING COMPANY. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Pelican Roofing Company of Lafayette, LA submitted the lowest responsive and responsible bid in the amount of \$105,911.20; and, WHEREAS, as a result of damages sustained by Hurricane Ida, 15 buildings with asphalt shingle roofing throughout the Parish are in need of repairs; and, WHEREAS, the cost of repairs will be funded through the Hurricane Ida Fund with FEMA Reimbursement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to award the bid for the Asphalt Roof Hurricane Ida Disaster Repairs to Pelican Roofing Company. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-221 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 1 with Kass Bros, Inc. for the Carrollwood Drive Rehabilitation Project**

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-221 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH KASS BROS, INC. FOR THE CARROLLWOOD DRIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 increases the original Agreement amount by \$13,500 and adds an additional three (3) calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due

to unforeseen drainage repairs needed in order to proceed with the project; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 will be funded through the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Council to execute Change Order No. 1 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Kass Bros, Inc. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-222 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 3 with Command Construction Industries, LLC for the LA SAFE Airline and Main Complete Streets Project**

**MOTION:** Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-222 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH COMMAND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, LLC FOR THE LA SAFE AIRLINE AND MAIN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 decreases the original Agreement amount by \$118,862.51 and adds an additional six (6) calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the decrease is due to a reduction in quantities of tapping and valve assemblies and the additional calendar days is for the removal and disposal of an existing AC waterline on Main Street; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 is funded through \$6 million the Parish received from the Louisiana Office of Community Development. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Council to execute Change Order No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Command Construction Industries, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-223 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 2 with Del-Con, LLC for Emergency Fencing Repairs**

**MOTION:** Councilman Malik moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-223 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH DEL-CON, LLC FOR EMERGENCY FENCING REPAIRS. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 increases the original Agreement amount by \$62,656.26 and adds an additional 75 calendar days; and, WHEREAS, the increase is due to the removal and disposable of fallen trees, tree stumps and other miscellaneous vegetation debris at the Woodland Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to continue fencing repairs/replacement and for the installation of a 16 ft double gate at the Belle Terre Water Tower site; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 2 is funded through the Hurricane Ida fund with FEMA Reimbursement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Council to execute Change Order

No. 2 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Del-Con, LLC. The motion passed with 7 yeas, 1 abstaining (Schnyder) and 1 absent (Wright).

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-224 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the March 18, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Donald Edwards of 354 Central Avenue, Edgard, LA 70049**

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-224 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE MARCH 18, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO DONALD EDWARDS OF 354 CENTRAL AVENUE, EDGARD, LA 70049. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of \$500; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the March 18, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Donald Edwards of 354 Central Avenue, Edgard, LA 70049. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-225 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the May 4, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Bryan and Angela Cheramie of 2153 Augusta Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068**

**MOTION:** Councilman Malik moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-225. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE MAY 4, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO BRYAN AND ANGELA CHERAMIE OF 2153 AUGUSTA DRIVE, LAPLACE, LA 70068. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of \$21,232.01; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Office of Fire Services. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the May 4, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Bryan and Angela Cheramie of 2153 Augusta Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-226 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Brittany Denet of 740 Lemoyne Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-226. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE AUGUST 31, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO BRITTANY DENET OF 740 LEMOYNE DRIVE, LAPLACE, LA 70068. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule

Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of \$5,126.73; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Brittany Denet of 740 Lemoyne Drive, LaPlace, LA 70068. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 against (Arcuri, Malik) and 1 absent (Wright).

**Jaclyn Hotard/Peter Montz - Resolution - R22-227 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Ida Matthews-White of 42276 Blyth Avenue, Ponchatoula, LA 70454**

**MOTION:** Councilman Becnel moved and Councilwoman Houston seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-227. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH TO SETTLE AND PAY THE AUGUST 31, 2022, PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM TO IDA MATTHEWS-WHITE OF 42276 BLYTHE AVENUE, PONCHATOULA, LA 70454. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and, WHEREAS, Louisiana Claims Administrators (LoCA) recommended, and Legal Counsel approved the settlement amount of \$555.88; and, WHEREAS, the settlement will be funded through the Claim/Litigation Settlement line item of the Public Works Budget. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that St. John the Baptist Parish is hereby authorized to settle and pay the August 31, 2022, Property Damage Claim to Ida Matthews-White of 42276 Blythe Avenue, Ponchatoula, LA 70454. The motion passed with 5 yeas, 3 against (Arcuri, Malik, Torres) and 1 absent (Wright).

**Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R22-228 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute Change Order No. 3 with Foret Contracting Group, LLC for the Parish Generator Project - Phase II**

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-228. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH FORET CONTRACTING GROUP, LLC FOR THE PARISH GENERATOR PROJECT-PHASE II. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 increases the original contract dated May 3, 2021, by \$5,831.54; and, WHEREAS, additional costs are due to Railroad requiring certified flaggers at the job site when the generator was delivered and installed; and, WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 is funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the 2010 Sewer Construction Bond Issue. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish



Council to execute Change Order No. 3 between St. John the Baptist Parish and Foret Contracting Group, LLC. The motion passed with 6 yeas, 2 against (Duhe-Griffin, Schnyder) and 1 absent (Wright).

**Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R22-229 - A Resolution authorizing St. John the Baptist Parish President to execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion with Foret Contracting Group, LLC for the Parish Generator Project - Phase II**

**MOTION:** Councilman Arcuri moved and Councilman Malik seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-229. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION WITH FORET CONTRACTING GROUP, LLC FOR THE PARISH GENERATOR PROJECT - PHASE II WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, this project has been deemed substantially complete by the Project Engineer and the Assistant Utilities Director; and WHEREAS, all punch list items were identified and near completion. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, that Parish President, Jaclyn Hotard is hereby duly authorized and empowered on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Parish Council to sign and execute the Certificate of Substantial Completion between St. John the Baptist Parish and Foret Contracting Group, LLC. The motion passed with Councilman Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R22-230 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2022-2023 Grant Application in the sum of \$180,000 to the State of Louisiana to purchase and replace pumps for Wastewater Lift Station locations in LaPlace**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution R22-230. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) 2022-2023 GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF \$180,000.00 TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO PURCHASE AN REPLACE PUMPS FOR WASTEWATER LIFT STATION LOCATIONS IN LAPLACE WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, there is a number of deteriorated and aging wastewater pumps at various lift station locations throughout the Parish in need of replacement; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of LGAP is to assist local governments with grant funding, with no match or reimbursement required from the recipient or Parish, for needed infrastructure and long-term capital improvements, that will improve health, safety and quality of life of citizens; and, WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Parish to use funds in the amount of \$180,000.00 to purchase and replace the substandard pumps at Ash Street, Hemlock St., Carmel Valley and Pebble Beach Wastewater Lift stations. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, acting as governing authority of said Parish, SECTION 1. That the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and

agreements required in connection with the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) 2022-2023 grant application totaling \$180,000.00 to the State of Louisiana for Purchase and Replace Pumps for Wastewater Lift Station locations in LaPlace. The motion passed with Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.

**Jaclyn Hotard/Reed Alexander - Resolution - R22-231 - A Resolution authorizing the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2022-2023 Grant Application in the sum of \$170,000 to the State of Louisiana to purchase and install isolation valves in various locations throughout the Water Distribution System**

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilwoman Schnyder seconded the motion to approve Resolution - R22-231. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THOSE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) 2022-2023 GRANT APPLICATION IN THE SUM OF \$170,000 TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA TO INSTALL ISOLATION VALVES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. WHEREAS, Article IV, Section H (2) and (5) of the St. John the Baptist Parish Home Rule Charter permits the Parish Council to adopt a resolution when authorizing a designated person(s) to execute a previously approved contract on its behalf and/or to perform a ministerial act related to the administrative business of the Parish; and WHEREAS, there is a need for the Utilities Department to install isolation valves in various locations throughout the water distribution system; and, WHEREAS, the purpose of CWEF is to assist local governments with grant funding, with no match or reimbursement required from the recipient or Parish, for rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for community water systems in the amount of \$170,000; and, WHEREAS, the grant will allow the Parish to use funding in the amount of \$170,000.00 to install needed isolation valves within the water distribution system. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. John the Baptist Parish Council, acting as governing authority of said Parish SECTION 1. That the St. John the Baptist Parish Council does hereby authorize the Parish President to complete and submit those documents and agreements required in connection with the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) 2022-2023 grant application totaling \$170,000.00 to the State of Louisiana to install isolation valves in various locations throughout the water distribution system. The motion passed with Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**22-49** An ordinance approving the rezoning of Lot 3A, Block C, New Era Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded By W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Cedar Street, Elm Street, & the Y & MV Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA from the Residential District One (R-1) & the Commercial District One (C-1) to the Commercial District Two (C-2), as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZR-22-1336) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

**22-50** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lots 20 & 21, Farm Lot 13, Woodland Plantation Subdivision, into Lots 20A, 20B, & 21A, Farm Lot 13, Woodland Plantation Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Main Street, Jennifer Lane, Remy Drive, & Devon Road,

LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown  
in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1320) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

**22-51** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of three portions of ground forming the Morgan Jacob Estate and Lot A & Lot B, Lot 5, The Section 94 Subdivision, into Lots 5-A, 5-B, 5-C, and 5-D, Lot 5, The Section 94 Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Apricot Street, West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Phoenix Lane and The Y & MV Railroad, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1322) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

**22-52** An ordinance approving the resubdivision of Lot 9, Square A, Place Dubourg Subdivision, into Lots 9A & 9B, Square A, Place Dubourg Subdivision, located in the area generally bounded by Greenwood Drive, Rue Dubourg, Carrollwood Avenue & Dominican Drive, LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, as shown in Exhibit 1 attached (PZS-22-1323) (J. Hotard & T. Lambeth)

**22-53** An ordinance introducing the annual operating budgets for the St. John the Baptist Parish General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds, Capital Projects Funds, and Debt Service Funds for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 (See attached amendments) (J. Hotard)

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Schnyder moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss *Camille Oubre v. Judge Nghana Lewis and St. John the Baptist Parish Council, Civil Action No. 22-cv-01789 (E.D. La.)* and *Nghana Lewis v. St. John the Baptist Parish Through Stacey Cador, in her capacity as Director of Human Resources, No. 22-CA-73 (La. App. 5<sup>th</sup> Cir.)*. The motion passed with Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin and Councilman Wright absent.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Camille Oubre v. Judge Nghana Lewis and St. John the Baptist Parish Council, Civil Action No. 22-cv-01789 (E.D. La.)*

*Nghana Lewis v. St. John the Baptist Parish Through Stacey Cador, in her capacity as Director of Human Resources, No. 22-CA-73 (La. App. 5<sup>th</sup> Cir.)*

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Arcuri seconded the motion to go back into Regular Session. The motion passed with Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.

There was no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL BRIEFS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:30 PM, Councilwoman Duhe-Griffin moved and Councilman Becnel seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilwomen Houston, Schnyder and

Councilmen Malik and Wright absent.

/s/Lennix Madere, Jr.  
COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN

/s/Jackie Landeche  
Council Secretary