

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL OF THE
PARISH OF ST. MARY, STATE OF LOUISIANA

JUNE 9, 2021
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council met on this date in Regular Session with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig A. Mathews, Rodney Olander, Scott Ramsey, Leslie "Les" Rulf, Jr., Patrick J. Hebert, James W. Bennett, Jr., Mark A. Duhon, and Gwendolyn L. Hidalgo. Absent were J Ina, Kristi Prejeant Rink, M.D., and Parish President David Hanagriff.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Mathews.

Mr. Olander moved that the reading of the minutes of the Second Regular Meeting, May 26, 2021, be dispensed with and that the same is approved. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

John Trevino, Sr. appeared before the Council regarding discussion and action relative to a Recreation District No. 3 board member including possible removal. Mr. Trevino stated that he is in support of Lane Boudreaux, current Recreation District No. 3 Board Member.

Mr. Trevino stated that he was a board member on Fire Protection District No. 7, Recreation District No. 3, and Water & Sewer Commission No. 2. He commended all board members for their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Ramsey stated that he read a letter that Lane Boudreaux sent to all Council Members except him and that it contained accusations and allegations.

In response to Mr. Ramsey's inquiry, Mr. Trevino stated that in December 2020, Mr. Ramsey advised him that he was not going to reappoint him to Water & Sewer Commission No. 2 and on August 25, 2020 he received a text message from Mr. Ramsey thanking him for his service on Recreation District No. 3 and Water & Sewer Commission No. 2, and stated that the Parish Council and Mr. Ramsey would be removing him from both boards at the regular scheduled Council Meeting on September 9, 2020. Mr. Trevino expounded on his positive experiences on these boards and stated that he did not understand why he was not being reappointed.

In response to Mr. Ramsey's inquiry relative to possible missing funds and double payment of salaries from Recreation District No. 3, Mr. Trevino stated that auditors conducted a review, and the issue was referred to the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Trevino stated that there was no case of missing funds but that the auditors found that an employee was overpaid and that those funds were paid back.

Mr. Hebert thanked Mr. Trevino and Paul Tholen for their service on these boards and for their service to our Country.

Paul Tholen, Vice Chairman of Recreation District No. 3, appeared before the Council regarding discussion and action relative to a Recreation District No. 3 board member including possible removal. Mr. Tholen stated that he is in favor of Mr. Boudreaux remaining a commissioner of the board.

In response to Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Tholen stated that there was a lack of communication and that more information was needed on the proposed walking trail before a decision could be made.

Mr. Ramsey explained that the land was donated for the walking trail and that the plans are being drawn up.

Mr. Duhon stated that he is interested in presenting a walking trail in the Amelia area and that the State informed him that funding and a plan will be required.

Lane Boudreaux appeared before the Council to defend himself as a current board member of Recreation District No. 3. He stated that he has been on the board for 15 years and that the letter he sent to Council Members included facts from previous meeting minutes of Recreation District No. 3. He also expounded on possible missing funds and results of the investigation.

In response to Mr. Ramsey's inquiry relative to the letter regarding the proposed walking trail and renovations to the Recreation District No. 3 building, Mr. Boudreaux stated that renovations to the building are needed and that previous requests for capital outlay have been denied.

Rev. Mathews stated that it is his understanding that the board members are not in opposition of a walking trail and that there are multiple steps to develop a plan. He stated that the Council should do better orienting and training board members, and that he is against removing anyone from a board unless it is due to something illegal.

Mr. Olander and Mr. Bennett also stated that they are against removing board members and that a common ground is needed to resolve issues.

In response to Mr. Duhon's inquiry relative to the donated property for the proposed walking trail, Mr. Ramsey stated that the Drainage District has been cutting the grass for the last 30 years and will continue to cut it.

Mr. Ramsey explained that the walking trail will cost approximately \$200,000. The Rural Recreational Trails Program Grant in the amount \$100,000 will be applied for this year, approximately \$100,000 from the 3/10 % Sales Tax Fund for recreation will also be used, the Parish will administer the grant, build the walking trail, and the grant program will reimburse the Parish.

Chief Administrative Officer, Henry "Bo" LaGrange stated that President David Hanagriff could not attend tonight's meeting due to a previous business obligation.

In response to Mr. Adams' request relative to grading the Charenton Levee, Mr. LaGrange stated that he follow up on the repairs.

Mr. Hebert moved that the Public Hearing Report, May 26, 2021 be approved. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews requested to schedule a Budget Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the Recovery Act Funds for St. Mary Parish.

In response to several Council Members inquiry, Mr. LaGrange expounded on the use of funds of the Recovery Act Fund and reported that the 2020 audit completion has been extended.

After discussion, Mr. Adams requested to schedule a Budget Finance Committee Meeting on August 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Rulf introduced the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO.

An Ordinance amending and re-enacting Ordinance No. 1051 of the Parish of St. Mary to set speed limits on certain roads in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana on Riverview Drive.

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 1051 of St. Mary Parish is hereby amended to designate the speed limit on Riverview Drive to be 15 miles per hour.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. The penalties provided for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as those provided in Ordinance No. 1051.

This ordinance shall become effective upon publication in the Official Journal.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 9th day of June 2021; having been published in accordance with law.

ORDINANCE NO.

**An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2051
Regarding Permitting Use and Sale of Certain Fireworks**

BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Mary Parish Council, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance Number 2051, enacted on the 8th day of June, 2016, entitled “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 627 and Ordinance No. 797 Permitting Use and Sale of Certain Fireworks” is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2 : Dates of Sale and Discharge of Fireworks

(d). Excepting that in Bayou Vista, Louisiana (between the Western Boundary of Berwick and the Eastern boundary of Patterson, and Highway 90 on the South, and The Lower Atchafalaya on the North). The discharge of fireworks is prohibited, except between the hours of 6:00PM to 10:00PM on December 25th, December 31st, January 1st, July 3rd, and 4th.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Ordinance 2051 shall remain in effect.

This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force upon publication in the official journal of the Parish.

This ordinance having been offered and read on this the 9th day of June 2021; having been published in accordance with law.

Mr. Bennett moved that the following resolutions be adopted. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried by the following 9-0-0-2 Roll Call vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Olander, Ramsey, Rulf, Hebert, Bennett, Duhon, Hidalgo, and Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ina and Rink

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary to execute a Fourth Intergovernmental Agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development relative to Detour of US 90 to LA 182 via St. Mary Parish Route, Duhon Boulevard.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a Fourth Intergovernmental Agreement with State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development relative to Detour of US 90 to LA 182 via St. Mary Parish Route, Duhon Boulevard, with said agreement to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 9th day of June 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the approval and authorization for Change Order No. 4 relative to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Bunker Repairs Project.

WHEREAS, a certain contract has been entered into between the St. Mary Parish Council and Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC, 210 Willow Street – Suite 1, Franklin, Louisiana 70538, relative to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Bunker Repairs Project, and

WHEREAS, the items as shown on Change Order No. 4 will result in a decrease of \$3,844.67 in the contract price.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Mary Parish Council does hereby approve the issuance of Change Order No. 4 covering result in a decrease of \$3,844.67 in the contract price for the Atchafalaya Golf Course Bunker Repairs Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of St. Mary Parish, David Hanagriff, be and he is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 4 on behalf of the St. Mary Parish Council.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 9th day of June 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION OF ACCEPTANCE

A Resolution authorizing and directing the President to execute for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary, a Certificate of Substantial Completion from Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC, relative to Atchafalaya Golf Course Bunker Project.

WHEREAS, Frisco Industrial Contractors, LLC, 210 Willow Street – Suite 1, Franklin, Louisiana 70538, has substantially completed the to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Bunker Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Parish of St. Mary that the President be and he is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute a Certificate of Substantial Completion for and on behalf of the Parish of St. Mary accepting the to the Atchafalaya Golf Course Bunker Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that he shall be authorized and directed to have a copy of said Certificate of Substantial Completion recorded in the mortgage records of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 9th day of June 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Adams' inquiry, Mr. LaGrange explained that final inspections were complete and that this is a decrease in the final price due to the quantity of sand and drainage pipe that was used.

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, President to execute an Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure, LLC relative to Disaster Assistance Services related to the Flood Fight of 2019 (DR4462) and Hurricane Barry (DR4458).

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute an Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Aptim Environmental and Infrastructure, LLC relative to Disaster Assistance Services related to the Flood Fight of 2019 (DR4462) and Hurricane Barry (DR4458), with said Contract to contain such terms, conditions, and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 9th day of June 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing David Hanagriff, the President of St. Mary to execute a contract with Rock Enterprises Construction, LLC relative to the Interior Renovations and Associated Work at Fairview Treatment Center Project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that David Hanagriff, President of the Parish of St. Mary, be and he is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish Council, to execute a contract with Rock Enterprises Construction, LLC, P.O. Box 640487, Kenner, Louisiana 70064 relative to the Interior Renovations and Associated Work at Fairview Treatment Center Project, with said contract to contain such terms, conditions and stipulations as he may best see fit, he being fully authorized in the premises.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Parish Council in regular session convened on this the 9th day of June 2021.

APPROVED:

**DEAN S. ADAMS, CHAIRMAN
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

**LISA C. MORGAN, CLERK
ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

In response to Mr. Hebert's inquiry, Mr. LaGrange stated that the low bidder was based on the recommendation letter from Firmin Architects stating that Rock Enterprises Construction, LLC continues to be the lowest bidder on total base bid, alternate number 1, and alternate number 2, and will be awarded the bid.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Referred from the May 26, 2021 Regular Meeting - Discussion and action relative to the Official Journal for the Parish of St. Mary for the year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

BIDS RECEIVED:

St. Mary and Franklin Banner-Tribune \$6.00 per square (billed in column inches) inches)	Morgan City Daily Review \$6.00 per square (billed in column inches)
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Mr. Ramsey moved that the quote of \$6.00 per square (billed in column inches depending on font and type size) from Publisher of the Morgan City Daily Review, Mary L. Terry serve as the official journal of St. Mary Parish for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) be accepted. Mr. Rulf seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. We received the following financial statements:

St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 – year ended September 30, 2020
Recreation District No. 2 – year ended September 30, 2020
Recreation District No. 5 – year ended September 30, 2020

- B. The Teche Project has submitted their Pre-Application requesting funds for Year 2021. Funding Request \$2,000.00.

Mr. Olander moved to refer this item to the Budget Finance Committee. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

- C. Kristin Longley, Director of Government and Public Affairs has written – Cox Communications has planned some changes to our channel lineup, which will be effective in the coming months:

HD Pay Per View Channel – New Channel Launch – Effective Date 5/19/2021
Newsy – Channel Discontinued – Effective Date 6/2/2021
Centro America TV – New Channel Launch – Effective Date 6/30/2021
Pasioness – New Channel Launch – Effective Date 6/30/2021
WAPA America – New Channel Launch – Effective Date 6/30/2021

- D. Discussion and action relative to a Recreation District No. 3 board member including possible removal. (Mr. Ramsey)

Mr. Ramsey moved to table this item. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

- E. Rev. Mathews to discuss and request an allocation from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, & 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Chez Hope, Inc., per the information presented at the May 26, 2021 Council Meeting relative to its summer camp activities.

Rev. Mathews moved to allocate funds in the amount of \$3,133.52 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, & 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Chez Hope, Inc., per the information presented at the May 26, 2021 Council Meeting relative to its summer camp activities. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion.

Legal Counsel, Eric Duplantis explained that the 3/10% Sales Tax Fund has a specific designation of what it can be used for as it relates to recreational facility and that it would be problematic to use the funds for summer camp activities. He suggested expanding the agenda to change the purpose of the use of the funds.

After discussion, Rev. Mathews moved to expand the agenda. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Rev. Mathews moved to allocate funds in the amount of \$3,133.52 from Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, & 10 3/10% Sales Tax Fund to Chez Hope, Inc., to support their public facilities. Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried.

Cherrise Picard, Executive Director of Chez Hope, thanked the Council for their continued support and stated that the funds will help for repairs on the facility. She also introduced Kimberlin Gibson, the Children’s Advocate at Chez Hope, who planned the summer camp.

- F. Appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:

Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Drainage District No. 2 – 1 Vacancy

Wayne Cantrell, Jr. – Present Member

Mr. Ramsey moved that Wayne Cantrell, Jr. be reappointed to Gravity Sub-Drainage District No. 1 of Drainage District No. 2. Rev. Mathews seconded the motion, which carried.

St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission (District 1,2, & 3 – 1 Vacancy) (District 7, 8, and bordering 6 – 1 Vacancy) and (At-Large – 1 vacancy)

District 1, 2, and 3
Kimberly S. Walden
Present Member

District 7, 8, and bordering 6
Patsy W. Powell
Present Member

At-Large
Nelson B. Cortez
Present Member

Mr. Bennett moved that Kimberly S. Walden, Patsy W. Powell, and Nelson B. Cortez be reappointed to St. Mary Parish Tourist Commission. Mr. Duhon seconded the motion, which carried.

Wards 5 & 8 Joint Sewer Commission – 1 Vacancy

No applications received.

Clerk of the Council, Lisa C. Morgan stated that a late application was received from Gary Beadle, present member and the vacancy will be placed on June 23, 2021 agenda.

Wax Lake East Drainage District – (Berwick, Bayou Vista, Patterson, and Calumet) – 1 Vacancy

Jeffery LaGrange – Present Member

Mr. Rulf moved that Jeffery LaGrange be reappointed to Wax Lake East Drainage District. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion, which carried.

In response to Mr. Adams’ inquiry relative to Nominations for Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District, Mrs. Morgan stated that everything was submitted to the Governor.

There being no further business, Mr. Olander moved for adjournment. Mrs. Hidalgo seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Dean S. Adams, Chairman