



# St. Charles Parish

## Meeting Minutes

### Parish Council

St. Charles Parish  
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### Final

**Council Chairman Julia Fisher-Perrier**  
**Councilmembers Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis,**  
**Terrell D. Wilson, William Billy Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto,**  
**Paul J. Hogan, Larry Cochran, Traci A. Fletcher**

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Monday, December 15, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 9 - Carolyn K. Schexnaydre, Jarvis Lewis, Terrell D. Wilson, William Woodruff, Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Larry Cochran, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., Chief Operations Officer Bobby Donaldson, Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe, Legal Director Leon C. Vial, III, Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer, Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Grant Officer Holly Fonseca, Public Information Officer Renee Simpson, Emergency Preparedness Director Ronald J. Perry, Economic Development & Tourism Director Corey Fauchaux, Personnel Officer Sandy Zimmer

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Deacon Billy Raymond, Sr.  
Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Boutte

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Lewis, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of November 17, 2014. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)**

1 [2014-0412](#)

In Recognition: Taylor Christen Rebowe, 2014-2015 River Parishes Fall Festival Miss Queen of Hearts

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fletcher

**Read**

2 [2014-0413](#)

In Recognition: Naomi Elizabeth Westbrook, 2014-2015 River Parishes Fall Festival Teen Queen of Hearts

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

**Read**

3 [2014-0414](#)

In Recognition: Brittany Steib, 2014-2015 River Parishes Fall Festival Miss Heart of Gold Queen

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran and Ms. Fletcher

Councilwoman Fletcher spoke on the matter.

**Read**

4 [2014-0415](#)

In Recognition: Darge, Accelerant Detection K9

**Sponsors:** Mr. Cochran

Darge's handler, District Chief Lance LaMarca spoke on the matter.

Chief Oliver Dufrene, Jr., Paradis Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. spoke on the matter.

Chief Paul Hymel, St. Rose Volunteer Fire Department spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Benedetto spoke on the matter.

**Read**

**REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)**

[2014-0416](#)

The Arc of St. Charles Annual Report and Impact on the Community - Ms. Victoria Bryant, Executive Director, Mr. Coy Landry, Board President, and Mr. Dennis (Black) Rousell, Board Member

**Sponsors:** Ms. Schexnaydre

Council Discussion

Ms. Bryant spoke on the matter.  
Mr. Rousell spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

[2014-0411](#)

Communications District (911)

Major (Retired) Sam M. Zinna introduced Deputy Director of Communications Ravenel Mixon.

Major Zinna spoke in regards to Mr. Fred Martinez's recent confirmation as the representative of the St. Charles Hospital to the 911 Communications District Board of Commissioners.

**Reported**

[2014-0309](#)

Department of Economic Development & Tourism

Council Discussion

Mr. Fauchaux spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

[2014-0410](#)

Parish President Remarks/Report

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., presented Finance Director Grant Dussom with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mr. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

Parish President St. Pierre spoke on the matter.

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

**Reported**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCES, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2014-0406](#)

An ordinance to approve a resubdivision of lots indicated on a plat by Riverlands Surveying Company, dated September 25, 2014, for resubdivision of the east ½ of Lot 13 of Addition to Mosella Subdivision into Lots 13-A and 13-B, near Paradis as requested by Lloyd Frickey.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Planning & Zoning

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 12, 2015**

Enactment No: 15-1-1

[2014-0417](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract with Environmental Engineering Services, Inc. for the design of Parish Project No. S141201, Ellington Force Main Relocation.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 12, 2015**

Enactment No: 15-1-2

[2014-0418](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract with Boasso Construction of Meraux, LA for the St. Charles Parish Animal Shelter Emergency Stand-by Generator, Project # FEMA-1603-DR-LA-0079, in the amount of \$328,500.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and General Government Buildings

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 12, 2015**

Enactment No: 15-1-3

[2014-0419](#)

An ordinance to provide for the installation of a “**THREE-WAY STOP**” sign at all intersections of Mary Street and 2nd Street in Norco, to be paired with the existing stop sign on 2nd Street in Norco.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Schexnaydre

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 12, 2015**

[2014-0420](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract with Frickey Brothers Construction, Inc. of Paradis, LA for the St. Charles Parish Killona Community Center, Project # P140311, in the amount of \$415,209.48.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., General Government Buildings and Mr. Wilson

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on January 12, 2015**

**PLANNING AND ZONING PETITIONS**

5 [2014-0401](#)

An ordinance to amend the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, to change the land use zoning reclassification from OL to M-1 of the northern 5000 ft. of the lower 1/3 of the Mary Hotard Holmes Tract (589 CC Road) Montz, as requested by Cembell Industries.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fletcher

Reported:

Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval

Speakers:

Mr. Chris Brupbacher, Cembell Industries, Inc., Chalmette Branch

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 14-12-10

Council Discussion

Mr. Brupbacher spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-10

**ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**

**6**     [2012-0129](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic by adding Sec. 15-25 Shrubs, trees, and plantings within Parish right of ways, easements, and servitudes.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 14-12-11

Council Discussion

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.  
Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.  
Assistant Parish Attorney David Moyer spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 5 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Woodruff, Hogan and Cochran

**Nay:** 4 - Wilson, Benedetto, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Enactment No: 14-12-11

**7**     [2014-0402](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Construction Contract with Circle Construction, LLC for Parish Project No. P081102-5, Dunleith Canal Bank Stabilization - Phase IV, in the amount of \$1,427,563.00 which includes the Base Bid, Alternate No. 1, Alternate No, 2, and Alternate No. 3.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 14-12-12

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-12

**14** [2014-0389](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a contract with Fleming Construction, for project P090201-3 Primrose Ellington Canal Road Crossing in the amount of \$1,999,453.40.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Public Works

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.  
Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Lewis, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to accept the revised version of the contract. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-13

Reported:

Public Works Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 14-12-13

Council Discussion

Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.

Parish President V.J. St. Pierre, Jr., spoke on the matter.

Mr. Scholle spoke on the matter.

Mr. Mo Saleh, Engineer, Professional Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc., spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-13

21 [2014-0403](#)

An ordinance to amend the 2014 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget to adjust Beginning Fund Balances to Actuals and to adjust Revenues and Expenditures in various funds.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Finance

Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to accept the revised version of Exhibit A & B. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-14

Reported:

Finance Department Recommended: Approval

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 14-12-14

Council Discussion

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AS AMENDED**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-14

[2014-0404](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV. Finance, Division 1. By adding Section 2-76 Retiree Health Benefits to provide for the annual appropriation of funds necessary to provide health insurance benefits to the retired employees and their dependents of St. Charles Parish until entitled to Medicare.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Woodruff, seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, to accept the revised version of File No. 2014-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier



Nay: 0

[2014-0404](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article IV. Finance, Division 1. By adding Section 2-76 Retiree Health Benefits to provide for the annual appropriation of funds necessary to provide health insurance benefits to the retired employees and their dependents of St. Charles Parish until entitled to Medicare.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Ms. Schexnaydre, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Woodruff, Ms. Benedetto, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cochran, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

- Parish President Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Schexnaydre Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Lewis Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Woodruff Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Benedetto Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval
- Councilman Cochran Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval
- Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Council Discussion

Mr. Boe spoke on the matter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Cochran, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to Table File No. 2014-0404. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Lewis, Wilson, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 2 - Schexnaydre and Woodruff

**Tabled.**

24 [2014-0405](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Sale by Margaret Gaudet Conklin, et als to St. Charles Parish for property located on a portion 15042 River Road Hahnville, Louisiana.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Legal Services

Reported:

- Legal Services Department Recommended: Approval

Chief Administrative Officer Buddy Boe spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 14-12-15

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 14-12-15

**ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TABLED**

[2014-0390](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Act of Sale by Madere’s Garage, Inc. to St. Charles Parish for property located at 15042 River Road Hahnville, Louisiana.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr. and Department of Legal Services

**Tabled.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**32** [2014-0407](#)

A resolution supporting the application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development Local Government Assistance Program FY 2014-2015 for funding in the amount of \$94,167 to install three (3) AASHTO H-20-44 wheel load access hatches at the St. John Sewer Lift Station located at 163 West Heather St. in Luling.

**Sponsors:** Mr. St. Pierre Jr., Grants Office and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Grants Officer Holly Fonseca recognized Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr., and Representative Gregory A. Miller for their support and work for project funding.

Council Discussion

Public Works/Wastewater Director Sam Scholle spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6127

[2014-0408](#)

A resolution requesting that the Louisiana Attorney General provide an Opinion as to whether or not a proposed ordinance that was previously reviewed by the Planning Commission and postponed indefinitely by the Parish Council, must be reviewed by the Planning Commission again prior to the same exact proposed ordinance being reintroduced for a vote by the Council.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Cochran, to Postpone Indefinitely File No. 2014-0408. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Postponed Indefinitely**

**33** [2014-0409](#)

A resolution strongly requesting that the Parish President follows and uniformly enforces all code provisions relating to the permitting of trailers.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

**Proposed resolution failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 3 - Schexnaydre, Hogan and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 6 - Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Cochran and Fletcher

**Failed**

## APPOINTMENTS

### [2014-0378](#)

Council Ex-Officio Appointment of Councilwoman Julia Fisher-Perrier to the Housing Authority.

#### **VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN FISHER-PERRIER**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Confirmed**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up Meetings, Announcements, Notices, Etc. prior to going into executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

Chairman Fisher-Perrier read the Meetings, Announcements, Notices, Etc.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Wilson and Cochran

## SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

### [2013-0502](#)

Executive Session: Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu vs. St. Charles Parish Council, Et Al; Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, Case Number 2012-08721

**Sponsors:** Ms. Fisher-Perrier

**A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Schexnaydre, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 7 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Wilson and Cochran

**Heard in Executive Session**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fletcher, seconded by Councilmember Hogan, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Hogan, seconded by Councilmember Benedetto, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Schexnaydre, Lewis, Wilson, Woodruff, Benedetto, Hogan, Cochran, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

**Nay:** 0

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.**

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**Tiffany K. Clark**  
**Council Secretary**