



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

*Council Chairman Beth A. Billings
Councilmembers Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon,
Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock,
Bob Fisher, Julia Fisher-Cormier*

Monday, September 11, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 8 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, and Bob Fisher
Absent 1 - Julia Fisher-Cormier

Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Executive Director of Technology and Cybersecurity Anthony Ayo, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Blaine Faucheux, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Billings made a statement in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

PRAYER

Kathleen Collins, Executive Board
Daughters of the American Revolution

PLEDGE

Sheila Curry, Executive Board
Daughters of the American Revolution

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 28, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

1 2023-0235

Proclamation: "Constitution Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

2 2023-0236

In Recognition: Alexandra Margarita Workman, Festival of Charities Miss Queen XV

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

3 2023-0237

In Recognition: Alysia "Lecy" Marie Cazalot, Festival of Charities Butterfly Queen

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

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4 2023-0238

In Recognition: Alexis Marie O'Connor, Festival of Charities Ambassador Queen

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

5 2023-0239

Proclamation: "National Child Passenger Safety Week" and "National Seat Check Saturday"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

6 2023-0240

Proclamation: Alligator Weekend in St. Charles Parish
In Recognition: Mr. Randy Matherne - "Mr. Alligator"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

7 2023-0241

Proclamation: "King Kat Fishing Tournament Weekend"

Sponsors: Ms. Clulee

Read

8 2023-0242

Proclamation: "National Hunting and Fishing Day"

Sponsors: Mr. Dufrene

Read

9 2023-0243

Proclamation: "Family and Friends Festival Weekend"

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Cormier

Read

10 2023-0244

Proclamation: "National Rail Safety Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Read

Chairman Billings recognized Boy Scouts Troop 317, for attending the Council meeting.

2023-0245

Local Board of Review - 2023 Assessment - Regular Meeting, September 25, 2023, 6PM, Council Chambers, Courthouse

Sponsors: Ms. Billings

September 11-25, Parish Council Review Period

Announced

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

2023-0246

River Parishes Transit Authority

Ms. Stacy Van Sickle, General Manager, RPTA-SE, reported.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Ms. Van Sickle spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Reported

2023-0247

Department of Finance

Finance Director Grant Dussom introduced Ms. Amy Verberne, CPA with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC to present audit report.

Ms. Amy Verberne, CPA with Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC spoke on the matter.

Reported

2023-0248

Parish President Remarks/Report

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke on the matter.

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Chairman Billings spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN BILLINGS 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

2023-0250

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-7-2, which approved the Professional Services Agreement with Digital Engineering & Imaging, Inc. to perform planning services for the Road Maintenance 2022-23 (Project No. P220501).

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 25, 2023

2023-0229

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Alpha Testing and Inspection, Inc., to perform testing services for the Primrose Canal Cleaning and Improvements (Project No. P210202), in the not to exceed amount of \$26,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

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

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Chairman Billings stated that Administration requested that File No. 2023-0229 introduced on August 28, 2023, be postponed indefinitely and reintroduce for publication and public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2023.

Public Hearing Requirements Not Satisfied

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to Postpone Indefinitely and Reintroduce File No. 2023-0229 for publication and public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Postponed Indefinitely and Reintroduced

11 2023-0234

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with Sage Construction, LLC, for the Rathborne Park Development Restroom Facility (Project No. RECRR2023), in the amount of \$351,000.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Parks and Recreation

Reported:

Parks and Recreation Department Recommended: Approval
Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Further Council Discussion
Mr. Foret spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 23-9-1

RESOLUTIONS

18 2023-0249

A resolution endorsing a waiver from Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section III. Geometric Standards, B. Blocks, 1. Length, as requested by Wayne Wandell for Almedia Gardens, LLC.

Sponsors: Mr. Jewell and Department of Planning & Zoning

Reported:

P & Z Department Recommended: Approval w/Stip: Conditional Approval with requested block-length waivers and a requirement to correct the lot-width deficient lots, bringing them into compliance with the zoning district and Subdivision Regulation Spatial Requirements.

Planning Commission Recommended: Approval w/Stip: Conditional Approval with the following items:

- Approval of the requested block-length waivers
 - A requirement to correct the lot-width deficient lots, bringing them into compliance with the zoning district and Subdivision Regulation Spatial Requirements (completed)
 - A report to the school district addressing the potential impacts to the school system as well as bus routing/ingress-egress (completed as per email from Teresa Brown 7-21-23)
- Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened

- Mr. Matt Falati, Specialized Engineering, LLC, New Orleans
- Mr. George Vance, St. Rose
- Mr. Marcel DiGiovanni, St. Rose
- Mr. Walter Pilie', Destrehan
- Ms. Michelle O'Daniels, St. Rose
- Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

Council Discussion

Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

Mr. Albert spoke on the matter.

Councilman Fisher invited Mr. Matt Falati, Specialized Engineering, LLC, to the podium to speak on the matter.

Mr. Falati spoke on matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 6 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs and Fisher

Nay: 2 - Dufrene and Bellock

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

Enactment No: 6721

ADJOURNMENT


A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:54 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock and Fisher

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Fisher-Cormier

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.


Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our Founding Fathers, in order to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America; and,
WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law, not by man; and,
WHEREAS, September 17, 2023, marks the two hundred thirty-sixth (236th) anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention in 1787; and,
WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate it; and,
WHEREAS, Public Law No. 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation by the President of the United States of America designating September 17th through September 23rd of each year as CONSTITUTION WEEK.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2023 AS

"CONSTITUTION WEEK"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND HEREBY URGE ALL CITIZENS TO STUDY THE CONSTITUTION, AND REFLECT ON THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING AN AMERICAN WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH THAT PRIVILEGE INVOLVES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, do hereby commend the eight New Orleans District IV Chapters of the NATIONAL SOCIETY-DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION; Chapters: Bayou Lafourche, Francois de Lery, New Orleans, Oliver Pollock Chapter, Spirit of '76, St. Tammany, Vieux Carre, and the German Coast Chapter for their patriotic programs commemorating the occasion; and to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship in our Republic functioning under that superb body of laws, THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

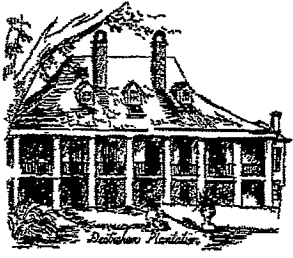
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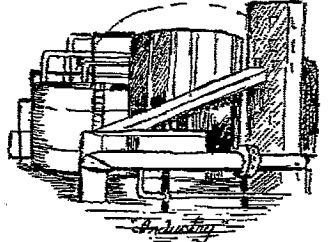
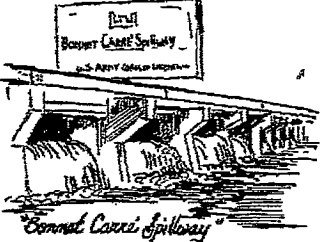
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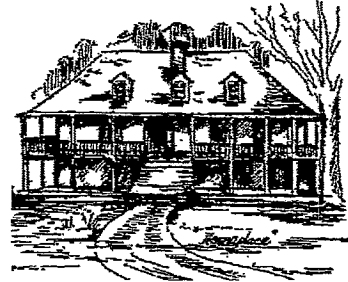
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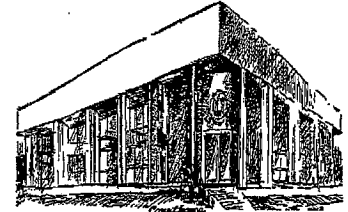
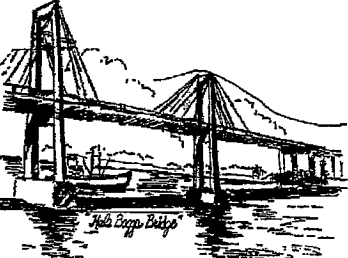
WHEREAS, Alexandra Margarita Workman is a resident of Jefferson Parish residing in Kenner, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Jerry Workman and the late Bridgette Workman; and,



WHEREAS, on October 29, 2022, Alexandra was crowned the 15th Miss Festival of Charities Queen at the annual Festival of Charities Pageant held in Destrehan; and,



WHEREAS, Alexandra will represent the Festival of Charities at the Down Syndrome of Greater New Orleans (DSAGNO) Buddy Walk, and several fairs and festivals throughout Louisiana.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, do hereby offer this tribute and recognition to

ALEXANDRA MARGARITA WORKMAN FESTIVAL OF CHARITIES MISS QUEEN XV

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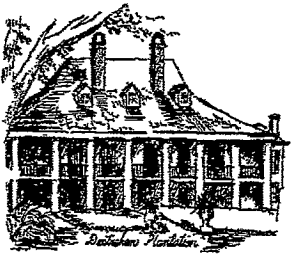
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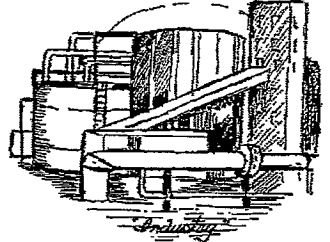
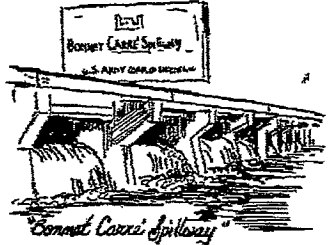
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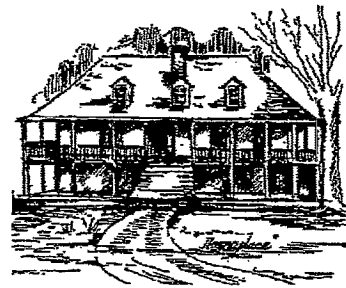
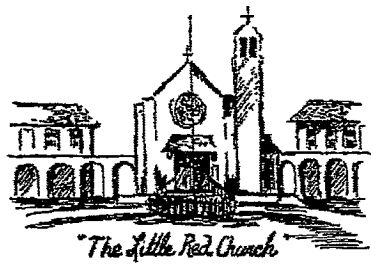
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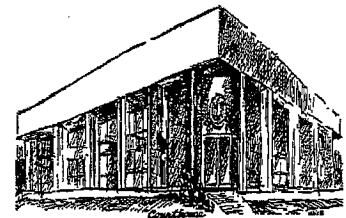
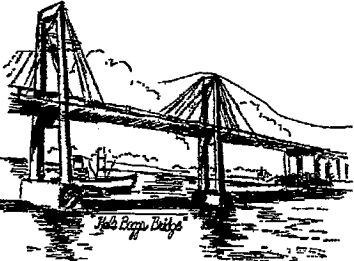
WHEREAS, Alysia "Lecy" Marie Cazalot is a resident of St. Charles Parish residing in Destrehan, Louisiana with her parents Duanne and Al Cazalot. She has two sisters, Samantha Cazalot Sidwell and Shannie Cazalot Ancale; and,



WHEREAS, on October 29, 2022, Lecy was crowned the Festival of Charities Butterfly Queen at the annual Festival of Charities Pageant held in Destrehan; and,



WHEREAS, Lecy will represent the Festival of Charities at the Down Syndrome of Greater New Orleans (DSAGNO) Buddy Walk, and several fairs and festivals throughout Louisiana.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, do hereby offer this tribute and recognition to

ALYSIA "LECY" MARIE CAZALOT FESTIVAL OF CHARITIES BUTTERFLY QUEEN

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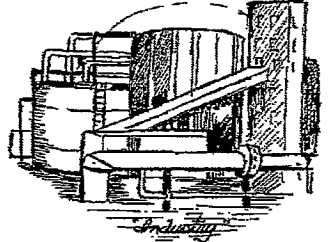
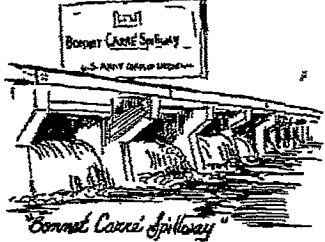
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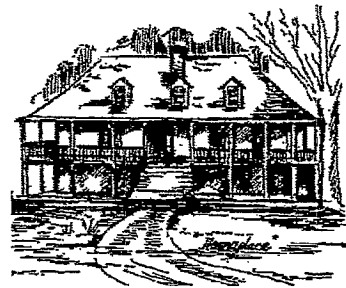
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WHEREAS, Alexis Marie O'Connor is a resident of St. James Parish, residing in Vacherie, Louisiana with her parents Sean and Allyson O'Connor and brother Nicholas; and,

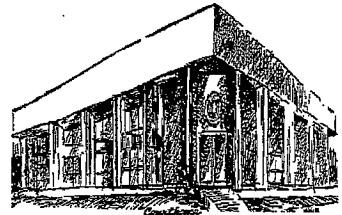
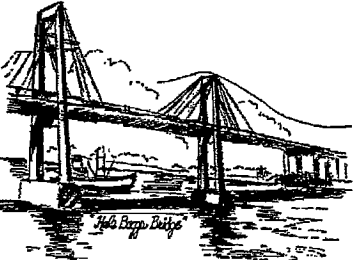


WHEREAS, on October 29, 2022, Alexis was crowned the Festival of Charities Ambassador Queen at the annual Festival of Charities Pageant held in Destrehan; and,



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year, thousands of children are tragically injured or killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Many times, death and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats, boosters, and seat belts; and,

WHEREAS, today, all states and United States territories have child passenger safety laws that require child safety seats for infants and children fitting specific criteria which vary by age, weight, and height of the child; and,

WHEREAS, research shows that car seats reduce the risk of fatal injuries for infants and toddlers and they are most effective when installed and used correctly, that is why St. Charles Parish is committed to working closely with safety advocates to help ensure children arrive safe and alive; and,

WHEREAS, the goal is to educate parents and caregivers about the best ways to keep children safe while travelling, no matter how short or long the trip; and,

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, child passenger safety fitting stations may be found statewide with over 600 nationally certified child passenger safety technicians available to make sure your child's safety seats are installed properly; and,

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish encourages all parents and caregivers to take advantage of this service to make sure that their children are in the right car seats for their age and size, and that seats are installed properly. To locate an inspection station in your area, please go to www.lahighwaysafety.org or call your local Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2023, AS

“NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK”

AND PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, AS

“NATIONAL SEAT CHECK SATURDAY”

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO HELP REDUCE INJURIES AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE BY BUCKLING UP THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN ON EVERY TRIP, EVERY TIME.

s/MATTHEW JEWELL

**MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT**

s/BETH A. BILLINGS

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s/BOB FISHER

**BOB FISHER
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ABSENT

**JULIA FISHER-CORMIER
COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII**

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Rotary Club will sponsor its Annual **"Alligator Festival"** September 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the festival has grown in popularity every year and continues to attract people to St. Charles Parish to enjoy a weekend of delicious food and live entertainment; and,

WHEREAS, the festival helps to publicize the economic and nutritious aspects of the alligator; and,

WHEREAS, proceeds from this festival benefit college scholarship funds awarded to area high school students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 21 - 24, 2023, AS

"ALLIGATOR WEEKEND IN ST. CHARLES PARISH"

AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS IN THE PARISH TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL AT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH WEST BANK BRIDGE PARK.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES ROTARY CLUB, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT RANDY MATHERNE AS "MR. ALLIGATOR".

s/MATTHEW JEWELL

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PARISH PRESIDENT**

s/BETH A. BILLINGS

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**MARY K. CLULEE
COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT II**

s/DICK GIBBS

**DICK GIBBS
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT III**

s/NICKY DUFRENE

**NICKY DUFRENE
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV**

s/MARILYN B. BELLOCK

**MARILYN B. BELLOCK
COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT V**

s/BOB FISHER

**BOB FISHER
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI**

ABSENT

**JULIA FISHER-CORMIER
COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the River Parishes Tourist Commission is hosting a King Kat Fishing Tournament in St. Charles Parish, September 22-23, 2023, with the local events taking place in Lac Des Allemands, Lake Salvador, and the Mississippi River, I-10 from Baton Rouge to Venice; and,

WHEREAS, teams of three compete on a national level in local qualifier events, which draw in more family competitors and also brings in competitors that otherwise would not compete in tournament fishing. To encourage further family involvement, a fourth person on the team who is under 16 or over 65 is allowed at no charge; and,

WHEREAS, the tournament will also host the King Kids Fishing Rodeo to be held in the Bonnet Carre Spillway on Saturday, September 23, 2023, where all kids, ages 15 and under are welcome. Participants will have their names entered into a scholarship drawing at the end of the year; and,

WHEREAS, the tournament's final weigh-in site will be held in conjunction with the Alligator Festival, at the West Bank Bridge Park on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - 23, 2023, AS

“KING KAT FISHING TOURNAMENT WEEKEND”

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE OUR CITIZENS TO JOIN IN FOR A WEEKEND OF FISHING, FUN, AND FESTIVITIES WITH THE PERFECT BLEND OF OUTDOOR EXCITEMENT AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION.

s/MATTHEW JEWELL

MATTHEW JEWELL

PARISH PRESIDENT

s/BETH A. BILLINGS

BETH A. BILLINGS

COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, DIV. A

s/HOLLY FONSECA

HOLLY FONSECA

COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, DIV. B

s/LA SANDRA DARENSBOURG GORDON

LA SANDRA DARENSBOURG GORDON

COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT I

s/MARY K. CLULEE

MARY K. CLULEE

COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT II

National Hunting Fishing Day 2023.pcl.docx

s/DICK GIBBS

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COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT III

s/NICKY DUFRENE

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COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

s/MARILYN B. BELLOCK

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COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT V

s/BOB FISHER

BOB FISHER

COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI

ABSENT

JULIA FISHER-CORMIER

COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *National Hunting and Fishing Day was created in 1972 when Congress passed two bills establishing a specific day to celebrate the conservation contributions of our nation’s hunters and anglers; and,*

WHEREAS, *hunters and anglers have contributed more than \$20 billion for wildlife and habitat conservation since 1937 with the purchases of licenses, stamps, tag fees, and through self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, shooting, archery, angling equipment, boating fuel, and travel. From the waters of the gulf coast to the mountain ranges that reign over the west, American adventurers are supporting thousands of jobs and contributing to wildlife management in all states; and,*

WHEREAS, *sportsmen and women are our nation’s most committed conservationists. Hunting and fishing are premised on respect for wildlife and the formidable beauty of the natural world. It keeps our waters stocked and our forests healthy, ensuring that our country’s public and private lands continue to provide both sustenance and sport for future generations; and,*

WHEREAS, *we would like to take this opportunity to commend hunters and anglers for their efforts on behalf of wildlife and for their contributions to conservation. We encourage all citizens to experience the wonders of the great outdoors and learn the responsibilities of hunting and fishing.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023, AS

“NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY”

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICA’S HUNTERS AND ANGLERS, AND ALL THOSE WHO WORK TO CONSERVE OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES.

s/MATTHEW JEWELL

**MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT**

s/BETH A. BILLINGS

**BETH A. BILLINGS
COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, DIV. A**

s/HOLLY FONSECA

**HOLLY FONSECA
COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, DIV. B**

s/LA SANDRA DARENSBOURG GORDON

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s/BOB FISHER

**BOB FISHER
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI**

ABSENT

**JULIA FISHER-CORMIER
COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Historic Bell Baptist Church in Luling is holding their Family and Friends Festival on October 21-22, 2023; and,*

WHEREAS, *Historic Bell Baptist Church, headed by Reverend Rodney Johnson, Sr., invites everyone to come and enjoy a day of delicious food, and be entertained by a host of Gospel music and entertainment from visiting choirs.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 21-22, 2023, AS HISTORIC BELL BAPTIST CHURCH'S

"FAMILY AND FRIENDS FESTIVAL WEEKEND"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL AT 300 HACKBERRY STREET IN LULING, LOUISIANA.

s/MATTHEW JEWELL
MATTHEW JEWELL

PARISH PRESIDENT

s/BETH A. BILLINGS
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COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI

ABSENT
JULIA FISHER-CORMIER

COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Railroad Administration’s (FRA) preliminary statistics, 2,194 highway-rail collisions at public and private crossings resulted in 803 personal injuries and were responsible for 274 fatalities during 2022; and,

WHEREAS, according to the FRA’s preliminary statistics, 1,208 pedestrian rail trespass incidents have occurred in 2022, resulting in 658 fatalities and 550 injuries on railroad property right of ways during 2022; and,

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety, reminding the public that railroad right of ways are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and,

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver, United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National Rail Safety Week.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2023, AS

"NATIONAL RAIL SAFETY WEEK"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF RAIL SAFETY EDUCATION.

s/MATTHEW JEWELL
MATTHEW JEWELL
PARISH PRESIDENT

s/BETH A. BILLINGS
BETH A. BILLINGS
COUNCILWOMAN AT LARGE, DIV. A

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s/BOB FISHER
BOB FISHER
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI

ABSENT
JULIA FISHER-CORMIER
COUNCILWOMAN, DISTRICT VII

2023-0234

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION)

ORDINANCE NO. 23-9-1

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Contract with Sage Construction, LLC, for the Rathborne Park Development Restroom Facility (Project No. RECRR2023), in the amount of \$351,000.00.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18-5-13 adopted May 21, 2018, by the St. Charles Parish Council, approved and authorized the execution of a Engineering Services Contract with Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, LLC, for the design of Phase III of the Rathborne Park; and,

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received by St. Charles Parish on August 17, 2023, for Rathborne Park Development Restroom Facility (Project No. RECRR2023); and,

WHEREAS, Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, Danny J. Hebert, P.E., LLC., has received the bids and recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Sage Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$351,000.00.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the bid of Sage Construction, LLC, for the construction of Rathborne Park Development Restroom Facility (Project No. RECRR2023), is hereby approved and accepted in the amount of \$351,000.00.

SECTION II. That the Parish President is hereby authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of St. Charles Parish.

SECTION III. A final Notice of Contract shall be printed and filed in place of the contract documents with the St. Charles Parish Clerk of Court and in the records of the St. Charles Parish Council.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: FISHER-CORMIER

And the ordinance was declared adopted this 11th day of September, 2023 to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *Beth Billings*
 SECRETARY: *Michelle Dupontato*
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: September 12, 2023
 APPROVED: *[checkmark]* DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Matthew Jewell*
 RETD/SECRETARY: September 12, 2023
 AT: 3:45pm RECD BY: *[signature]*

SECTION 00500

CONTRACT

This agreement entered into this _____ day of _____, 20 _____, by Sage Construction, LLC, hereinafter called the "Contractor", whose business address is P.O. Box 258, Plattenville, LA 70393, and the St. Charles Parish, hereinafter called the "Owner".

Owner and Contractor, in consideration of premises and the mutual covenants; consideration and agreement herein contained, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

STATEMENT OF WORK

- 1.01 Contractor shall furnish all labor and materials and perform all of the work required to build, construct and complete in a thorough and workmanlike manner in connection with the following: **RATHBORNE PARK DEVELOPMENT RESTROOM FACILITY**, Project No. – RECRR2023.
- 1.02 The abovementioned work shall be completed in strict accordance with Contract Documents prepared by: Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, Danny J. Hebert, P.E., LLC.
- 1.03 It is recognized by the parties herein that said Contract Documents including by way of example and not of limitation, the Drawings and Specifications dated June 22, 2023, Addenda number(s) 1, the Instruction to Bidders, Supplemental Instructions to Bidders, Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions (if applicable), any Addenda thereto, impose duties and obligations upon the parties herein, and said parties thereby agree that they shall be bound by said duties and obligations. For these purposes, all of the provisions contained in the aforementioned Contract Documents are incorporated herein by reference with the same force and effect as though said Contract Documents were herein set out in full.
- 1.04 The Work is generally described as follows: Construction of new restroom and storage building at Rathborne Park, in Luling, LA 70070.

ARTICLE 2

ENGINEER

- 2.01 The Project has been designed by Civil & Environmental Consulting Engineers, Danny J. Hebert, P.E., LLC who is hereinafter called "Engineer" and who will assume all duties and responsibilities and have the rights and authority assigned to Engineer in the Contract Documents in connection with completion of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 3

CONTRACT TIME

- 3.01 The Contractor shall complete all of the Work under the Contract within 150 calendar days from the date stated in the Notice to Proceed.

ARTICLE 4

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES

- 4.01 Owner and Contractor recognize that the Owner will suffer direct financial loss if Work is not completed within the Contract Time specified plus any extensions thereof allowed in accordance with these General Conditions of this Contract, and therefore, time is of the essence. They also recognize the delays, expense and difficulties involved in proving in a legal proceeding the actual loss suffered by Owner if the Work is not completed on time. Accordingly, instead of requiring any such proof, Contractor and Surety agree to forfeit and pay Owner **One Thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)** per day as Liquidated Damages for delay (but not as a penalty). Such Liquidated Damages will be assessed for each calendar day that expires after the Contract Time. This amount represents a reasonable estimate of Owner's expenses for extended delays and the costs associated therein. This provision shall be effective between the parties ipso facto and without demand or putting in default, it being specifically agreed that the Contractor by his mere failure to complete the work on or before the date specified shall be deemed in default.

ARTICLE 5

CONTRACT PRICE

- 5.01 The Owner will pay and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance of the Contract the sum of:
- a) (\$351,000.00) Three Hundred Fifty One Thousand Dollars based on unit prices specified within this contract document. Contract price is firm and subject only to modification by written Change Order agreed to and signed by both parties and the Engineer and approved by the St. Charles Parish Council.

ARTICLE 6

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

- 6.01 Contractor shall submit Applications for Payment to the Engineer in accordance with Article 15 of the General Conditions. Applications for Payment will be processed by Engineer as provided in the General Conditions.
- 6.02 Progress Payments. Progress payments will be based upon estimated quantities of contract unit price items or upon estimated percentages of completion of the schedule of lump sum values of labor and materials incorporated into the Work or suitably stored, on the last day of each month or other mutually agreed regular monthly date ending the progress payment period, less retainage.
- 6.03 Application for Payment Form. The form of the Application for Payment must be suitable to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to withhold payment until the form of Application for Payment is deemed acceptable by the Owner.
- 6.04 Retainage. Per Paragraph 15.01.D retainage shall be withheld and payments will be made by the Owner in the payment amount of:
- a) Ninety percent (90%) of the approved payment applications for projects with contract of less than \$500,000.00; or
 - b) Ninety-five percent (95%) of the approved payment applications for projects with contract prices of \$500,000.01 or greater.
- 6.05 The normal retainage shall not be due the Contractor until after Substantial Completion and expiration of the forty-five (45) day lien period and submission to the Engineer of a clear lien certificate and invoice for retainage.
- 6.06 Final Payment. Upon the final completion of all Work, the Contractor may request a final inspection and may make a final Application for Payment as provided by Paragraph 15.06 of the General Conditions.
- 6.07 Final Acceptance. When Final Acceptance is granted by the Owner, the Owner shall file the certificate with the Recorder of Mortgages for St. Charles Parish.
- 6.08 At the expiration of the lien period the Contractor shall obtain a certificate from the Recorder of Mortgages of the Parish of St. Charles that the Contract is clear of any liens or privileges, and said certificate shall be presented to the Owner for final payment and release of retainage, less any such sums as may be lawfully withheld under the Contract.

- 6.09 Claims. Pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2242, when the Owner receives any claim of nonpayment arising out of the Contract, the Owner shall deduct such claim from the Contract Sum. The Contractor, or any interested party, may deposit security, in accordance with La. R.S. 38:2242.2, guaranteeing payment of the claim with the Recorder of Mortgages for St. Charles Parish. When the Owner receives original proof of such guarantee from the Recorder of Mortgages, the claim deduction will be added back to the Contract Sum.

ARTICLE 7

CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

- 7.01 In order to induce Owner to enter into this Agreement, Contractor makes the following representations:
- 7.02 Contractor has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Contract Documents, Work, site, locality, and all local conditions and laws and regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or finishing of the Work.
- 7.03 Contractor has studied carefully all reports of explorations and tests of subsurface physical conditions and drawings of physical conditions which are identified in the Information Available To Bidders and as provided in the General Conditions.
- 7.04 Contractor has obtained and carefully studied (or assumed responsibility for obtaining and carefully studying) all such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports and studies (in addition to or to supplement those referred to in Paragraph 2 above) which pertain to the subsurface or physical conditions at or contiguous to the site or which otherwise may affect the cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work as Contractor considers necessary for the performance or furnishing of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Time and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract Documents. In exercising its responsibility with respect to subsurface conditions and physical conditions at the site, Contractor has or will obtain or perform at no additional cost to the Owner such additional examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, reports, studies, or similar information or data as may be required by Contractor for such purposes.

ARTICLE 8

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 8.01 The following Contract Documents, which comprise the entire Agreement between Owner and Contractor, are all hereby made a part of that Agreement to the same extent as if incorporated herein in full:
- a) Contract (Section 00500)
 - b) Performance Bond (Section 00611)

- c) Payment Bond (Section 00610)
- d) Insurance Certificates
- e) Advertisement for Bids (Section 00010)
- f) Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form (Section 00300)
- g) Addenda (Number 1 to 1 inclusive)
- h) Contract documents bearing the general title "Rathborne Park Development Restroom Facility" dated June 22, 2023.
- i) Drawings, consisting of a cover sheet dated) June 22, 2023 and the sheets listed on Drawing 01; each sheet bearing the following general title: Rathborne Park Development Restroom Facility.
- j) General Conditions (Section 00700)
- k) Supplementary Conditions (if applicable for compliance purposes) (Section 0800)

There are no Contract Documents other than those listed above in this Article 8. The Contract may only be amended, modified or supplemented as provided for in the General Conditions.

ARTICLE 9

MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.01 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the Contract Documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without such consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and, unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the Contract Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Owner may assign this contract to the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision, municipality, special district or authority thereof without Contractor's consent and without recourse.
- 9.02 Owner and Contractor each binds himself, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents.

9.03 It is hereby agreed and understood by the parties hereto that any and all disputes that may result in litigation shall be litigated in the 29th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Charles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Contractor have signed this Agreement effective as of the date first written above. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed or identified by Owner and Contractor or by Engineer on their behalf.

OWNER: Parish of St. Charles
By: _____
Title: _____

CONTRACTOR:
By: [Signature]
Title: Managing Member

ATTEST:
By: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:
By: [Signature]
Title: Office Manager

END OF SECTION

2023-0249

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)

RESOLUTION NO. 6721

A resolution endorsing a waiver from Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section III. Geometric Standards, B. Blocks, 1. Length, as requested by Wayne Wandell for Almedia Gardens, LLC.

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Parish Subdivision Ordinance of 1981 requires that the Parish Council endorse waivers from Subdivision Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Regulations require block length be no less than 500 feet between street centers; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has requested a waiver from the minimum block length requirement for Squares B and C as shown on a survey by Uwe Jens Lorenz, PLS dated November 2, 2022, revised April 25, 2023 and August 10, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, granting the waiver will allow Squares B and C to measure approximately 384 ft. and 408 ft. respectively; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the resubdivision with the waiver at its meeting on July 6, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, hereby provides this supporting authorization to endorse a waiver from the minimum block length requirement for Squares B and C as shown on a survey by Uwe Jens Lorenz, PLS dated November 2, 2022, revised April 25, 2023 and August 10, 2023, as requested by Wayne Wandell for Almedia Gardens, LLC.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, FISHER
- NAYS: DUFRENE, BELLOCK
- ABSENT: FISHER-CORMIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 11th day of September, 2023, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: *R. Billings*
 SECRETARY: *Michelle Depotato*
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: *September 12, 2023*
 APPROVED: *[checkmark]* DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: *Matthew Jewell*
 RETD/SECRETARY: *September 12, 2023*
 AT: *3:45 pm* RECD BY: *[signature]*