



# 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**

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Monday, February 27, 2023

6:00 PM

Edward A. Dufresne Community Center  
Meeting Room

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### ATTENDANCE

**Present** 9 - Beth A. Billings, Holly Fonseca, La Sandra Darensbourg Gordon, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs, Nicky Dufrene, Marilyn B. Bellock, Bob Fisher, and Julia Fisher-Cormier

### Also Present

Parish President Matthew Jewell, Legal Services Director Corey Oubre, Legal Services Assistant Director Robert Raymond, Chief Administrative Officer Mike Palamone, Chief Operations Officer Darrin Duhe, Director of Communications/Public Information Officer Samantha de Castro, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works Director Miles Bingham, Wastewater Director David deGeneres, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Blaine Fauchoux, Public Information Office

### CALL TO ORDER

### PRAYER / PLEDGE

Pastor Thomas Hines  
Hope Church, Destrehan

Chairman Billings stated due to construction at the St. Charles Parish Courthouse, our regular meeting location has been revised for this meeting.

Pursuant to Council Rule 19, Chairman Billings entertained a motion and a second to temporarily suspend Council Rule 1.

**A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to temporarily suspend Council Rule 1. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

**Council Rule 1 Temporarily Suspended**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Darenbourg Gordon, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 6, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

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

[2023-0033](#)

Proclamation: "French Language and Heritage Day"  
"Le Jour de langue et d'héritage français"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Dufrene and Ms. Clulee

Councilman Dufrene called Ms. Yolande Strobantsi forward to read the proclamation in French.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

**Read**

[2023-0034](#)

Proclamation: "Purple Heart Parish"

**Sponsors:** Mr. Dufrene

Mr. Bobby Lovergne presented Parish President Matthew Jewell with the Purple Heart Flag.

**Read**

[2023-0035](#)

In Recognition: Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

**Read**

[2023-0036](#)

Proclamation: "National Kidney Month" and "World Kidney Day" in St. Charles Parish

**Sponsors:** Ms. Billings

**Read**

## REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2023-0037](#)

### Parish President Remarks/Report

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

Parish President Matthew Jewell reported.

President Jewell invited Ms. Flo Dumas, Entergy Louisiana, LLC, Customer Service Manager representing the River Parishes, forward to introduce herself.

Ms. Dumas spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Darensbourg Gordon spoke regarding mailboxes; a group of engineers from Shell will be installing mailboxes for 11 residents on Schoolhouse Road in Killona.

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.

Councilman Dufrene spoke on the matter. (Des Allemands Parade)

Councilman Dufrene posed question to President Jewell regarding South Central Planning & Development policies.

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert spoke on the matter.

Councilman Dufrene posed question to President Jewell regarding emergency contract.

President Jewell spoke on the matter.

Councilwoman Fonseca spoke on the matter.

Councilman Fisher spoke on the matter.

Councilman Gibbs 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, MARCH 13, 2023, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

[2023-0043](#)

An ordinance to amend Ordinance 81-10-6, the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, Section III; Section VI.A.[I].1. c.; Section VI D.[I].1.c.; Section VI.D. [II.]1.a.; and Section VII.1. to add definitions, specify permitted primary uses and accessory uses in appropriate Zoning Districts, and add supplemental use and performance regulations for Large Solar Energy Systems (LSES) and Small Solar Energy Systems (SSES) in order to regulate and promote renewable energy production.

**Sponsors:** Ms. Darenbourg Gordon

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 13, 2023**

[2023-0044](#)

An ordinance to authorize the sale by St. Charles Parish for property located at 917 3rd Street, Norco, Louisiana; and to approve and authorize the attached Exclusive Rights of Sale Accelerated Marketing Listing Agreement with SVN/Gilmore Auction & Realty Company to act as St. Charles Parish's designated agent/auctioneer for the sale.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Economic Development and Tourism

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 13, 2023**

[2023-0045](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-1-5 which approved the Professional Services Agreement with Meyer Engineers, Ltd., to perform engineering services for the Destrehan Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Rehabilitation (Project No. S211202).

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

**Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on March 13, 2023**

**ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

**Edward A. Dufresne Community Center Meeting Room, 274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling  
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**

[2023-0028](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21 Roads, Bridges, Etc., Article V. Parades, Motorcades on Public Streets, Section 21-58.5 Prohibitions, Section 21-59 Application, Section 21-60 Standards for issuance, and Section 21-61 Notice of rejection.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval  
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter and invited Ms. Cheryl Villere, St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office, to the podium to answer any questions.  
Ms. Villere spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 23-2-3

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 23-2-3

[2023-0029](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-3-4 which approved a Contract with River Birch Renewable Energy, LLC, for Storm Debris Disposal 2021 (Project No. P210803).

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Department of Public Works Recommended: Approval  
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 23-2-4

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 23-2-4

[2023-0030](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Contract by and between St. Charles Parish and CSRS Disaster Recovery Management, LLC to perform Program Administrative/Management Services in the implementation of the St. Charles Parish CDBG - Disaster Recovery Program in the amount of \$159,900.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Grants Office

Reported:

Grants Office Recommended: Approval  
Finance Director Grant Dussom spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 23-2-5

Council Discussion

Mr. Dussom spoke on the matter.

Mr. Dussom invited Mr. Taylor Gravois, P.E., PLS, PMP, CSRS, Principal/Senior Advisor, forward to answer questions.

Mr. Gravois spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 23-2-5



[2023-0031](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 22-5-9 which approved the Professional Services Agreement with McKim & Creed, Inc., to perform engineering services for the Luling Pond Lift Station and Upgrades Project (Project No. S211204), in the not to exceed amount of \$470,092.00.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval  
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 23-2-6

Council Discussion

Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 23-2-6

[2023-0032](#)

An ordinance approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment No. 2 to Ordinance No. 21-11-4 which approved the Professional Services Agreement with GIS Engineering, LLC, to perform engineering services for the Montz Pump Station No. 2 (Parish Project Number P210806).

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Public Works

Reported:

Department of Public Works Recommended: Approval  
Public Works Director Miles Bingham spoke on the matter.

**Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied**

Enactment No: 23-2-7

Council Discussion

Mr. Bingham spoke on the matter.

Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 23-2-7

**RESOLUTIONS**

[2023-0039](#)

A resolution to condemn the ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi in Harrison County Mississippi, et al. vs U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and urging the Corps of Engineers to operate the Bonnet Carré Spillway as designed.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell, Ms. Billings, Ms. Fonseca, Ms. Darensbourg Gordon, Ms. Clulee, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Dufrene, Ms. Bellock, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Fisher-Cormier

Reported:

Parish President Recommended: Approval  
St. Charles Parish Council Recommended: Approval  
Parish President Matthew Jewell spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion  
President Jewell spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6684

[2023-0040](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0073539 AI39862 - Destrehan Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and set forth the required action.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval  
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

Council Discussion

Mr. deGeneres spoke on the matter.

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6685

[2023-0041](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0073521 AI43357 - Hahnville Wastewater Treatment Plant**, and set forth the required action.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval  
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darensbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6686

[2023-0042](#)

A resolution notifying the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the St. Charles Parish Department of Wastewater has reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for **LA0032131 AI43356 - Luling Oxidation Pond**, and set forth the required action.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Jewell and Department of Wastewater

Reported:

Wastewater Department Recommended: Approval  
Wastewater Director David deGeneres spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

**VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

Enactment No: 6687

**APPOINTMENTS**

[2023-0038](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control as the District VII Representative.

**Vacancy Announced**

## ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Bellock, seconded by Councilmember Fonseca, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:21 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yea:** 9 - Billings, Fonseca, Darenbourg Gordon, Clulee, Gibbs, Dufrene, Bellock, Fisher and Fisher-Cormier

**Nay:** 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

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Michelle Impastato  
Council Secretary