PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026, Council Boardroom
2nd Floor Courtroom
5:30 p.m.

The Natchitoches Parish Council met in regular legal sessions in Parish Council room 211 on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse, on Monday, July 27, 2026, for a Regular meeting at five thirty (5:30) o'clock p.m. for the Natchitoches Parish Council.

Parish Council Chairman Marty Cheatwood convened the Parish of Natchitoches as the governing authority and stated that the Parish was ready to transact business.

Councilman Marty Cheatwood gave the invocation, and Councilman Mark Kerry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the roll call, the Council was present: Bobby Braxton, William Allen, Wayne Halm, Marty Cheatwood, and Mark Kerry.

Absent: 0
Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Guests and special presentations:

Mr. Stewart from Conterra came to let the Parish know about the services they offer to the Parish.

Mr. John Atkins is running for Public Service Commission and wants to introduce himself and his platform for running.

Reports of Department Heads:

All reports are submitted online for public viewing.

Parish President- Mr. John Salter
The Parish President gave updates on all the funding that was awarded to the Parish of Natchitoches and Courthouse securities.

Council Clerk asked the Council to amend the agenda to add

1. Council to approve the Parish President to enter into a CEA with Adamas Energy, LLC to cooperate in the repair and improvement of portions of Bethany Road in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, to facilitate safe public travel and drainage and to support temporary access for Adamas' oil and gas operations, thereby conferring a substantial public benefit.

2. Council to approve moving the Polling Place for Precinct 4-9. We have been using the Cane River Waterway office at 244 Cedar Bend Road Natchez, and we would like to move to their new office at 1483 Hwy 119 Natchez. This is their new facility at Shell Beach.

3. Council to approve ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held on June 15, 2026.

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council on June 15, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Halm, Allen, Kerry, Braxton, and Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Appointments of Boards and Commissions.
Consider adopting a resolution confirming.
Reappointments/Appointments to the Following Boards/Commissions.

A. Council to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Michael Newton to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board of Commissioners.

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby to approve the appointment of the re-appointment of Mr. Michael Newton to the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board of Commissioners.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Halm, Braxton, Allen, Kerry, and Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

B. Council to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Dennis Broadway to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the reappointment of Mr. Dennis Broadway to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 7 Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Braxton, Halm, Kerry, and Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

C. Council to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Patrick D Masson to the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District II Board.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve

the reappointment of Mr. Patrick D Masson to the Natchitoches Parish Waterworks District II Board.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton
Absent:
Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

First Introduction of Proposed Ordinances: NONE

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item

Public Hearings:

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby open the Public Hearing.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Braxton, Halm, Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 018-2026 to Repeal/Rescind Ordinance 009-2026, not yet effective, due to the road abandonment procedure not being followed for the Felise Lacaze Road from the Parish Road Maintenance System, specifically the portion measuring approximately 1,285 feet in length, in accordance with the request of the landowner that this roadway be designated as a private road from this point forward. (Mark Kerry)

B. Council to Adopt Ordinance 012-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agricultural (I-A) District to an Industrial-Agricultural (I-A) District with a special exception for a cell tower on a 26.397-acre tract, three (3) 20 ft guy wire easements, and a 30 ft ingress/egress & utility access. The property is in Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 8 West, with a physical address of 2819 Highway 120, Robeline, LA 71469, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026. (Planning and Zoning)

C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 013-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010257500 to Industrial-Agriculture District (IA) zoning for the purpose of rentals. The property is in Section 37, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, with a physical address 274 Hwy 3191, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026. (Planning & Zoning)

D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 014-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010262400 to Community and Central Business District (B3) zoning for the purpose of rentals of mobile homes and lots for mobile homes. The property is in Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 8 West with a physical address 167 Eight Mile Loop, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

E. Council to Adopt Ordinance 015-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010270700BJ, #0012270700BK, and #0010270700BL to Family Residence District (R1) zoning for the purpose of new construction. The property is in Section 89-92, Township 9 North, Range 7 West with a physical address 155, 157, and 159 Fulton Rd, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

Discussions

A. Parish President had questions concerning the date signed and the wording of not yet effective. The Council Clerk explained the dates, but the Parish President still had some concerns.

B, D, and E have no discussions.

C. Planning and Zoning did not approve this item and asked for it to be tabled.

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item

Action on Proposed Ordinances:

A. Council to Adopt Ordinance 018-2026 to Repeal/Rescind Ordinance 009-2026, not yet effective, due to the road abandonment procedure not being followed for the Felise Lacaze Road from the Parish Road Maintenance System, specifically the portion measuring approximately 1,285 feet in length, in accordance with the request of the landowner that this roadway be designated as a private road from this point forward. (Mark Kerry)

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to adopt Ordinance 018-2026 to Repeal/Rescind Ordinance 009-2026, not yet effective, due to the road abandonment procedure not being followed the Felise Lacaze Road from the Parish Road Maintenance System, specifically the portion measuring approximately 1,285 feet in length, in accordance with the request of the landowner that this roadway be designated as a private road from this point forward.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Halm, Allen, and Cheatwood
Absent: Braxton
Motion Passed.

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On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to adopt Ordinance 012-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning change from an Industrial-Agricultural (I-A) District to an Industrial-Agricultural (I-A) District with a special exception for a cell tower on a 26.397-acre tract, three (3) 20 ft guy wires easements, and a 30 ft ingress/egress & utility access. The The property is in Section 36, Township 8 North, Range 8 West, with a physical address of 2819 Highway 120, Robeline, LA 71469, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Braxton, Halm, Kerry, and Cheatwood
Absent:
Motion Passed.

C. Council to Adopt Ordinance 013-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010257500 to Industrial-Agriculture District (IA) zoning for the purpose of rentals. The property is in Section 37, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, with a physical address 274 Hwy 3191, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026. (Planning & Zoning)

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby table to Adopt Ordinance 013-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of the parcel #0010257500 to Industrial-Agriculture District (IA) zoning for The purpose of rentals. The property is in Section 37, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, with a physical address 274 Hwy 3191, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton
Absent:
Motion Passed.

D. Council to Adopt Ordinance 014-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010262400 to Community and Central Business District (B3) zoning for the purpose of rentals of mobile homes and lots for mobile homes. The property is in Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, with a physical address of 167 Eight Mile Loop, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

On motion by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Adopt Ordinance 014-2026, An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010262400 to Community and Central Business District (B3) zoning for the purpose of rentals of mobile homes and lots for mobile homes. The property is in Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 8 West with a physical address 167 Eight Mile Loop, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Cheatwood, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton
Absent:
Motion Passed.

E. Council to Adopt Ordinance 015-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010270700BJ, #0012270700BK, and #0010270700BL to Family Residence District (R1) zoning for the purpose of new construction. The property is in Section 89-92, Township 9 North, Range 7 West with a physical address 155, 157, and 159 Fulton Rd, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Adopt Ordinance 015-2026 An Ordinance to affect a zoning amendment of parcel #0010270700BJ, #0012270700BK, and #0010270700BL to Family Residence District (R1) zoning for the purpose of new construction. The property is in Section 89-92, Township 9 North, Range 7 West with a physical address 155, 157, and 159 Fulton Rd, Natchitoches, LA 71457, as shown on the Survey attached hereto, approved by the Parish Planning Commission on May 4, 2026.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Halm, Allen, Cheatwood, Kerry, and Braxton
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Resolutions:

A. Council to adopt Resolution-024-2026 to recognize the recognition of Natchitoches Parish as a Stakeholder and Potential Louisiana Maneuvers Heritage Trail Hub.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve to adopt Resolution-024-2026 to recognize the recognition of Natchitoches Parish as a Stakeholder and Potential Louisiana Maneuvers Heritage Trail Hub.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Braxton, Cheatwood, Halm
Absent:
Motion Passed.

B. Council to approve moving the Polling Place for Precinct 4-9. We have been using the Cane River Waterway office at 244 Cedar Bend Road, Natchez, and we would like to move to their new office at 1483 Hwy 119 Natchez. This is their new facility at Shell Beach.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Wayne Halm, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve moving the Polling Place for Precinct 4-9. We have been using the Cane River Waterway office at 244 Cedar Bend Road, Natchez, and we would like to move to their new office at 1483 Hwy 119 Natchez. This is their new facility at Shell Beach.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Kerry, Braxton, Cheatwood, Halm
Absent:
Motion Passed.

C. Council to approve ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Other Agenda Items:

A. Council to approve the Parish President to enter into a CEA with Adamas Energy, LLC to cooperate in the repair and improvement of portions of Bethany Road in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, to facilitate safe public travel and drainage and to support temporary access for Adamas' oil and gas operations, thereby conferring a substantial public benefit.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the Parish President to enter into a CEA with Adamas Energy, LLC to cooperate in the repair and improvement of portions of Bethany Road in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, to facilitate safe public travel and drainage and to support temporary access for Adamas' oil and gas operations, thereby conferring a substantial public benefit.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Cheatwood, Braxton, Kerry, Halm,
Absent:
Motion Passed.

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items: NONE

Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned:

Adjourn

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton
Absent:
Motion Passed

Attest:

Sheryl Frederick,
Parish Council Clerk

Marty Cheatwood, Chairman