

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATCHITOCHES PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA
TAKEN A REGULAR MEETING HELD, MONDAY, August 17, 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, August 17, 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 Mark Kerry gave the invocation, and Councilman William Allen 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:

Reports of Department Heads:

All reports are submitted online for public viewing.

Parish President- Mr. John Salter

The Parish President gave updates on Courthouse securities.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Council held on July 27, 2026.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, 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 July 27, 2026.

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

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Halm, 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. Mark Waskom to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

On motion by Councilman Bobby Braxton, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby to approve the appointment of the re-appointment of Mr. Mark Waskom to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

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

Ayes: Braxton, Allen, Kerry, Halm and Cheatwood

Absent:

Motion Passed.

- B. Council to approve the re-appointment of Nicole Taylor-Casida to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

On motion by Councilman Bobby Braxton, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the reappointment of Nicole Taylor-Casida to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

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

Ayes: Braxton, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Cheatwood

Absent:

Motion Passed.

- C. Council to approve the re-appointment of Johnny L. Possoit to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

On motion by Councilman Bobby Braxton, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the reappointment of Johnny L. Possoit to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

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

Ayes: Braxton, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Cheatwood

Absent:

Motion Passed.

- D. Council to approve the re-appointment of Mike Dawson to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

On motion by Councilman Bobby Braxton, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the reappointment of Mike Dawson to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

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

Ayes: Braxton, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Cheatwood

Absent:

Motion Passed.

E. Council to approve the re-appointment of Kirk Leone to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

On motion by Councilman Bobby Braxton, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve the reappointment of Kirk Leone to the Natchitoches Parish Fire District 6 Board.

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

Ayes: Braxton, Allen, Halm, Kerry, and Cheatwood

Absent:

Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Council to overturn Parish President veto on Ordinance 018-2026 to repeal/rescind the actions on the abandonment procedures not being followed for the Felise Lacaze Road from the Parish maintenance road system.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby overturn Parish President veto on Ordinance 018-2026 to repeal/rescind the actions on the abandonment procedures not being followed for the Felise Lacaze Road from the Parish maintenance road system.

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

Ayes: Kerry, Allen, Halm, and Cheatwood

Nays: Braxton

Absent:

Motion Passed.

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

First Introduction of Proposed Ordinances:

A. Council to Introduce Ordinance 019-2026 for a Budget amendment to amend the 2026 Budget for the following funds. 001 General Fund to reduce FEMA and State Funding for the projects East Natchitoches Drainage and NRMC Generator Projects that have been pushed to 2027. 244 Lateral Lane to move revenue and expenses into 2026 as the majority of the project was budget for 2025.

On motion by Councilman Mark Kerry, duly seconded by Councilman William Allen, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 019-2026 for a Budget amendment to amend the 2026 Budget for the following funds. 001 General Fund to reduce FEMA and State Funding for the projects East Natchitoches Drainage and NRMC Generator Projects that have been pushed to 2027. 244 Lateral Lane to move revenue and expenses into 2026 as the majority of the project was budget for 2025.

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

B. Council to Introduce Ordinance 020-2026 for a reduction of speed from 35 to 25 for Patrick Road for safety issues.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman Bobby Braxton, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 020-2026 for a reduction of speed from 35 to 25 for Patrick Road for safety issues.

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

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

C. Council to Introduce Ordinance 021-2026 for an application by Vintage Design Group, LLC for a survey and rezoning of 2 tracts of land (parcel #0010010600F & 0010010600G) for the purpose of building an indoor recreational facility. The property is located in Section 14 Township 9 North, Range 7 West, with no physical address. Current zoning is IA and requested zoning is B3.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman by Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 021-2026 for an application by Vintage Design Group, LLC for a survey and rezoning of 2 tracts of land (parcel #0010010600F & 0010010600G) for the purpose of building an indoor recreational facility. The property is located in Section 14 Township 9 North, Range 7 West, with no physical address. Current zoning is IA and requested zoning is B3.

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

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

D. Council to Introduce Ordinance 022-2026 to acquire necessary drainage servitudes for the East Natchitoches Drainage project.

On motion by Councilman Wayne Halm, duly seconded by Councilman Mark Kerry, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby Introduce Ordinance 022-2026 to acquire necessary drainage servitudes for the East Natchitoches Drainage project.

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

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

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item

Public Hearings: NONE

The Council Clerk stated the next agenda item

Action on Proposed Ordinances: NONE

Council Clerk, Frederick, stated the Next Agenda Item:

Resolutions:

- A. Council to approve a Resolution to participate in the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2026 Program administered by the Division of Administration for Natchitoches Parish in Financial Management, Requisition of Funds, Equal Opportunity, 504 Coordinator, Compliance, Residential Anti Displacement, Language Access Plan, Grievance Procedure, and Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments.

On motion by Councilman William Allen, duly seconded by Councilman by Marty Cheatwood, the Natchitoches Parish Council, in regular and legal session, does hereby approve a Resolution to participate in the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant FY 2026 Program administered by the Division of Administration for Natchitoches Parish in Financial Management, Requisition of Funds, Equal Opportunity, 504 Coordinator, Compliance, Residential Anti Displacement, Language Access Plan, Grievance Procedure, and Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments.

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

Ayes: Allen, Cheatwood, Halm, Kerry, and Braxton

Absent:

Motion Passed.

Other Agenda Items: NONE

Visitors for Non-Agenda Items:

Mr. Byron Parrish resident on Johnson Chute Road. Just wanted to know if anything is going to be done about the garbage and trash on Hwy 1.

Ms. Mona Gilberson lives on Hwy 504 and they have the same issues.

Regular Meeting
August 17, 2026

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

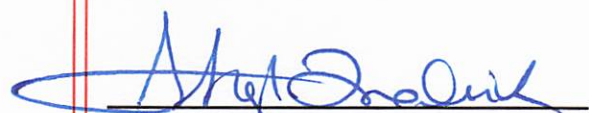
Adjourn

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