

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

The Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, met in special session in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent, Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to the following notice:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. James Parish Council will meet in open and public special session at 5:00 p.m. on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022**, in the Council Chambers at the Parish Courthouse at 5800 Hwy 44, in Convent, Louisiana.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed 2023 Line Item Budget.

On roll call, the following were recorded present: Honorable Vondra Etienne-Steib, Chairwoman, Council Members Alvin St. Pierre, Jason Amato, Ryan Louque, Mason Bland, and Donald Nash. Councilman Clyde Cooper was not in attendance for roll call.

Those also in attendance were Linda Hubbell, Council Secretary; Peter Dufresne, Parish President; Felix Boughton, Director of Finance; and Rick Webre, Director of Operations; Ingrid Bergeron, Director of Human Resources; and Ryan Donadieu, Assistant Director of Emergency Preparedness. Chantal Waguespack, Controller; Ryan Larousse, Assistant Director of Operations; and Lindsay Szubinski, Operations Administrative Assistant were also in attendance.

Councilman Amato led the gathering in prayer and Councilman St. Pierre led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Dufresne said that everyone had received a copy of the anticipated 2023 budget. He said that he would omit reading the budget message unless the council wished he do so. Councilman St. Pierre offered a motion to omit the reading of the budget message. Councilman Nash offered a second, and the motion carried unanimously.

Felix Boughton presented a summary of the 2023 budget.

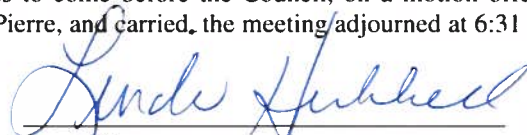
President Dufresne thanked the finance department, Directors, Mrs. Waguespack, and the members of the team who put countless hours preparing the budget.

Councilman Cooper arrived and assumed his seat on the Council.

The 2023 budget was then scrutinized page-by-page, line-by-line, with Council Members asking questions and President Dufresne, Directors, and Staff answering and explaining each item questioned.

Mr. Weber recognized Mr. Larousse and Mrs. Szubinski for their hard work with the budget. Councilman St. Pierre thanked the administration.

After determining there was no additional business to come before the Council, on a motion offered by Councilman Louque, seconded by Councilman St. Pierre, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.


Linda Hubbell, Secretary