

**SHREVEPORT CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
*May 13, 2014***

The Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairman Joe Shyne.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Corbin seconded by Councilman O. Jenkins for approval. Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Councilmen Rose McCulloch, Everson, O. Jenkins, Corbin, Webb, Shyne, and S. Jenkins. 7. Nays: None.

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Communications of the Mayor

Mayor Glover: Thank you, Mr. Shyne. I just want to say amen and kudos to everything that was just said. I couldn't have said it any better myself. I think that those sentiments should be shared again and again and again all around this city and I think that they Mr. Shyne absolutely line up with what you just heard expressed by Ms. Foppe` and so many others all around this city, you know. Not everybody is lucky enough in Shreveport to have well connected parents that can manage to be able to help provide access to opportunities for them. Others have to figure out how to jump into that general pool of opportunity themselves and swim as best they can. And the more that we keep this pool of opportunity here in Shreveport shallow by the actions taken by our elected officials the more in which we ensure that not only Shreveport, but by extension all of Louisiana continues to be a state where more people leave than come. And when you look at what was just said by Ken at how it is that we have engaged in trying to resolve what should be some very simple basic issues over the last year and a half it's sad. And we've resolved the dog park, Mr. Shyne. In fact, I'm glad you brought that up in an effort to compromise in doing something that nobody except you seven council members voted for. No citizens as Ken can tell you as a member of Citizen's Committee. He served on that committee and there was never a point in time where there was a request for a dog park to be included within the bond proposition. For the record, he says he invited them twice and they did not show.

Councilman Shyne: I don't think the dog park was in the bond issue, was it?

Mr. Krefft: No, but at the same time they existed I invited them to the Public Meeting on May 10, but the point is nobody showed.

Mayor Glover: The point he's making, Mr. Shyne –

Mr. Krefft: They started in November asking for money.

Councilman Shyne: Well, it shows that they didn't want to be in the bond issue. We had a whole slew of them down here.

Mr. Krefft: That's fine.

Mayor Glover: The bottom line, by not being in the bond issue nobody in any of the neighborhoods across the city of Shreveport – none of the citizens of Shreveport had a chance to be able to vote on a dog park. The only folks who got to vote on a dog park are the seven folks who are on this council dais and that doesn't line up with the tens of thousands of people who went out at an average of about 60 plus % and voted in favor of 3 separate propositions; the largest bond proposal ever in the history of the City of Shreveport and voted it favorably. Something that as Ken just also pointed out probably would be very difficult to see happen again based upon the way in which this process has gone forward. People have an expectation that when they make those votes, that those things should go forward before things that seven folks voted for that nobody else in the city of Shreveport had a chance to be able to have any sort of input or dialogue about. And yet here we are still stuck over – and Ken you said it was \$53,000. The truth of the matter is it's not really about \$50,000 or \$53,000. It's about the fact that if you go back and you can construct this, you know, pretty well, you know, based upon the dialogue and the initiation of the internal audit where there were allegations that the administration was not cooperating, that we were somehow trying to not provide information, all of which was not true. In fact, you had an internal audit going on that we didn't even know anything about, but as it turned out after having passed the bond issue the allegation was made after we went forward with an effort to try and fix the streets because there's not enough money in the bond issue to also fix the streets the assertion was made by folks in this city. Some maybe on this council, but not publicly, that it was not about fixing the streets, but it was about trying to do another bond deal. And the purpose of trying to do another bond deal was because there was something nefarious, something illegal, something corrupt going on. Now what that amounts to is calling me as the mayor of the city of Shreveport, a thief. What that amounts to is calling me an extortionist. What it amounts to is calling me someone who would engage in trying to gain private benefits for my public service. I appreciate that the council has a responsibility for it trying to ensure that I am not engaged in that type of activity and that neither is anybody else who is a part of my administration is involved in that type of activity as well. That audit sought that out, came to the conclusion that that was not the case. Now if there's anybody who is in a position, whether it's in the local media, you know, 3, 6, 12, *The Shreveport Times*, *The Inquisitor*, or any of these seven council members or any of their staff to say something different we stand ready and willing to take that on. If the sheriff can say something different, if the chief of police can say something different, the folks at the Department of Justice, the FBI, can say something different we stand ready to address that issue, but none of those things were expressed or stated by Mrs. Graham and her staff, folks who work for her, this City Council. Those folks in fact though, had their work not respected. In fact it was stated unequivocally even before it was finished that somehow it was compromised, that we had the capacity as members of this

administration to somehow do a (inaudible) mind trick that would convince good professional folks to not do a good job and so therefore what was needed was an external investigation. That external investigation was done. They totaled 100 plus thousand dollars. I think 111,000 if I'm not mistaken; came back with a list of very vague non-specific questions that this administration along with the team of professionals including Sherricka Fields, Charles Madden, Calvin Grigsby, Dale Sibley, answered in very swift fashion. And then after all of that had been resolved we go back to the first bond sell that we did manage to get done Ken. Well, we ended up with the lowest interest rate in the state of Louisiana, the lowest cost .2% of 1% of 80 plus million dollars and we allege after it was approved by the administration, validated by the council and then more importantly that all of us, it went to a fellow by the name of John Neely Kennedy, a very ambitious young republican down in Baton Rouge who would love to find me a great big ole democrat up here in Shreveport doing something that was less than honest. It's signed off by him and his staff, the state bond commission. Then we came back and said, ah no, all of that's wrong. We need to re-interpret how it's interpreted, how it's billed and now we say that the man owes us \$53,000. You're right. We're stuck here picking up pennies and nickels and missing dollars that will ultimately end up (inaudible) to the benefit of the city of Shreveport. We've got an effort that I admire. Councilman Everson voted for introducing Resolution 87, very good politics and also I appreciate his intention. I hope it was intended to try and advance and move this thing forward. He's also attempting to try and put us in a position to be able to go and do the park projects that are already engineered and designed. That can be done, but now if this whole thing isn't just about parks. In fact, on the list of priorities that we have as administration and you all have as council members first and foremost we got to look out for the safety of our citizens. Secondly, we've got to be prudent about protecting the city's fisc. We've got an umbrella of safety, comes issues like drainage, safe roads, and God bless them. I'm sure at some point Artis (inaudible) gone be down here. He and I've been exchanging emails. He tells me he's been visiting his mother down in south Louisiana, but he's already reported to me that folks over off of Fairfield and Ockley have had to move cars in anticipation of the water that has come and is coming so it is mind boggling. I tell you though what goes back to the heart of the matter and it goes back to the presence of Ms. Foppe` here and young folks like her who are looking for opportunity. While there was no indication that in my twenty plus years of public service that I've taken or stolen or extorted or embezzled or take it to receive from someone anything in consideration for my public service. The assumption was made that that there was something was going on that needed to be investigated. And even though that investigation did not yield what was – I don't know, maybe hoped for it or believed by others. There is a refusal to accept what is the reality, that we're here simply trying to do a good job of serving the city of Shreveport, but at the same time trying to provide opportunity for all of this community, all of it, not just east, not just west, not just black, not just white, but all of it to have access to greater opportunity. That's why you got folks like Sherricka Fields who's here today, but the sad reality is that it's so many others who are not and part of the problem of it is Mr. Shyne and members of the council and I don't know how well you can be able to see this, but since the dog park was brought up, eat what you got. Mr. Shyne, what you got here –

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor –

Mayor Glover: Is an image of opposition in so it can be seen. You got an image that was placed on Facebook.

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, you been going for about twenty five minutes. We've heard this over and over and over.

Mayor Glover: You haven't heard or seen this before –

Councilman Shyne: I'll let you continue talking, but –

Mayor Glover: You haven't heard or seen this before, Mr. Shyne because this is something that does not exist in reality.

Councilman Shyne: I'm getting notions from the council members that we're gonna bring this Council to an end and if we have some new people here they can continue to hear what you are about to say.

Mayor Glover: You have a desire to make a whole group of folks in this city Mr. Shyne who are not criminals, criminals. This is Cynthia Keith head of the Dog Park Alliance who placed a picture of a mock-up of yours truly, the mayor of the city of Shreveport –

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, I don't have anything to do with that.

Mayor Glover: With an image of me in prisoner's garb with the prisoner's number. Now Mr. Shyne there's some of us who are familiar with that. I'm not.

Councilman Shyne: Now Mr. Mayor, well –

Mayor Glover: And the truth of the matter is that this is what represents the priorities of this city right now and if this council unfortunately –

Councilman Shyne: Mr. Mayor, no Mr. Mayor I'm bringing this

Mayor Glover: Continues to support and facilitate –

Councilman Shyne: I'm bringing this meeting to an end and I would hope that you –

Mayor Glover: I would agree that you should do that Mr. Shyne.

Councilman Shyne: You would call a news media and do it.

Mayor Glover: You should do that.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, this meeting is adjourned by the chairman.

Communications from Council Members

None.

Public Comments

Councilman Shyne: Since we only have two, I'm going to move down to Public Comments. Is that Ms. Foppe`?

Ms. Foppe`: It is.

Councilman Shyne: Foppe`, please Ms. Foppe` and we want to thank you for your patience.

Ms. Foppe`: Oh, absolutely (inaudible) just have a little time to think, but am I ready to begin?

Councilman Shyne: Yes, give us your name and your address.

Ms. Foppe` (8200 Pines Road #1104) Sure. Okay, this is my first time being here. My name is Erica Foppe`. I grew up on the 8200 block of Bate Street in Cedar Grove. I now reside at 8200 Pines Road. Basically, right now what I wanted to kind of speak on is, if you guys are aware of the rate of young professional people that are leaving the city. I can speak on being one of the individuals having gone to school, graduated and not wanting to return here. And part of the reason that we don't want to return here is that a lot of people feel that there aren't – how do I put this? There aren't very many things that focus in on us. It's more so of an older kind of focus and what part of my vision is – my grandmother instilled in me that if I wanted to be the change and to do something that I should be the person to do it so I stand here before y'all wanting to ask are there any initiatives right now for young professional people. Are y'all helping the ages of, you know, 22 – 27 with entrepreneurship or their efforts, you know, and if so with me being one in a serial entrepreneur why do I not know about these things? Even though I do work for Cumulus Broadcasting now I still have trouble, you know, finding out about things that are going on in the city. You know, how is it that these things are happening around me, but they're not really presented in front of me? So I don't know if this is the proper format to ask these questions, but sure –

Councilman Shyne: We can help you out some. First, I'll turn it over to Mr. Sibley then I'll let council members go from here. I mean, do you have any specifics that –

Ms. Foppe`: Well, it's not really specific because like I said this is my first time ever being in this type of environment, so really my question is like the biggest issue that I have is why is it that I can ride down 49 and I-20 and see a huge advertisement for

Dallas. It's basically like you're telling your citizens to move to Dallas, you know. And I think that that doesn't make any sense, you know. Are we advertising outside in other markets?

Councilman Everson: I'd love to have an opportunity to just briefly –

Councilman Shyne: Dale, you want to turn it down first or you want Jeff to go head on?

Unknown: We'll give it to Mr. Everson.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, come on Jeff.

Councilman Everson: No, you know, I am somebody who, you know, about 10 years ago was exactly in your shoes. You know I upon graduating moved away. I was having a little bit of trouble finding an entry way into Shreveport. I thought it was sort of, you know, I saw opportunities, but it was hard to connect to how to get into them so I moved to another city for a few years and started a career and came back. I met a number of people who felt a lot like you do and so I at the time was able to get involved in a number of initiatives and there are a variety of them around, but I think you've got the right attitude is that you're wanting to get connected. You're wanting to get connected.

Ms. Foppe`: Right.

Councilman Everson: You're wanting to get involved in them and I'd be happy to share, you know, a bunch that I know of, see what suits you and what you feel like is a good connection, but –

Ms. Foppe`: Yeah, that'd be great.

Councilman Everson: But certainly, you know, that there's a group thru the African American Chamber of Commerce, thru the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce; both have groups that focus on young professionals. The CoHabitat, which is under the Red River Entertainment District. Cohab is a co-working space that seeks to develop young entrepreneurs or entrepreneurs of any age really, but it's a place that really can help people connect to other people that are entrepreneurs and kind of help build networks. That's one of the things they focus on strongly and there's a number of other initiatives that I think, you know, sound like they would really benefit from your passion and your experience and I think it's gonna take young people like you who are a gift to our city to get involved and so I appreciate you coming down here today to share this with us.

Ms. Foppe`: Right. Thank you so much and I thank y'all for your time and if I may say one more thing. With me being a citizen of the Cedar Grove area I make it my business to go back because I think it's funny that when I'm in that area people ask me where I'm from because I obviously don't fit the mold of Cedar Grove, but I'll tell

everyone any day that that's where I'm from, so one of my missions and what I'm passionate about is to let these people know that they don't have to do this to themselves or they don't have to live the way that they live. So if there is something already similar to that for that area I'd love to be a part of that as well.

Councilman Shyne: Let me give you another suggestion and then if you're into the music scene I would say get your connected up to the Louisiana Hayride.

Ms. Foppe`: Okay.

Councilman Shyne: Mike and I were down there Friday, right? And Dale a kind of look for you to come down with your guitar, but you didn't and Mike had to hunch me a couple of times because I was a little bit off key, but I finally got it. That great opportunity is there.

Ms. Foppe`: Awesome.

Councilman Shyne: If you're interested in the movie industry, any parts of that – Mr. Mayor, what is our –

Mayor Glover: Arlena Acree.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, Arlena Acree will be happy to, you know, give you some input.

Councilman O. Jenkins: She has a list that any time they're looking for people to get involved she sends out and that's pretty good. We have the new StartUp Prize certainly in particular to –

Ms. Foppe`: The Pop Up thing?

Councilman O. Jenkins: No, well Pop Up, but there's also a StartUp Prize that just – this is the first year of the StartUp Prize and it's an idea young entrepreneurs – I guess they don't necessarily have to be young, but entrepreneurs with an idea that they are in some stage of business development and you present your idea and it gets vetted thru a lot of different types of organizations and businesses here locally and then they, you know, give you opportunities to actually implement your business strategy. So that's I think gonna be a great issue for young people with good ideas, certainly –

Councilman Everson: That's an off shoot of the Louisiana Film Prize and the Louisiana Music Prize.

Ms. Foppe`: And I can get like an email or something from you?

Councilman Everson: Oh, yeah.

Ms. Foppe`: Okay.

Councilman Everson: I'll touch base. I'll get your my card after this.

Ms. Foppe`: Okay, thank you.

Councilman Shyne: And if you're into arts –

Ms. Foppe`: I sing, so yeah.

Councilman Shyne: Well good, great. What is our –

Councilman Everson: The Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

Councilman Shyne: Yeah, the Shreveport Regional Arts Council. I can't think of the lady's name.

Councilman Everson: I think you'd find a number of programs. They're very interesting.

Ms. Foppe`: Thank y'all so much.

Councilman Shyne: I'm so glad to have your (inaudible) and if you're interested in the political arena you can check with Joe Shyne. Thank you.

Councilman O. Jenkins: The mayor may have a few –

Mayor Glover: Mr. Chairman, let me first of all commend you for coming down and posing the question and having a genuine concern and a genuine interest and waiting thru what has been some 2 plus hours. That is to be respected and appreciated. And also know that there are those of us who have been working a very long time to try and make Shreveport the kind of place that young people in general and in particular young people from Cedar Grove can continue to call home. And there is some progress. You've heard some things that were shared with you today that are some positive things. The fact that there is a YPI, young persons or Young Person's Initiative of the Shreveport Chamber. That provides an opportunity. African American Chamber has an effort called Young Urban Professionals. You know, that's an area to be explored and connected with as well. There are lots of other opportunities that are out there. One of which we've tried to cultivate which is to support this council and the previous council is our Annual Mayor's Internship Program. An effort to try and reach out to young college age students and provides them with opportunities to be able to work within the city government in various departments of the city. We connect and we network and we work with other businesses and organizations around the city to try and find places for young people to have a chance to be able to access opportunities. You know, but I think you hit the nail on the head and I think it's fortunate the council idea is that, you know, we still end up with a real bad case of Shreveport (inaudible) and while you just saw us here again on the top ten list of

– I think it was what the most miserable place to live is that the reality is that our biggest export for Shreveport in particular happens to be young people just like you.

Ms. Foppe`: That's very true.

Mayor Glover: Because the reality of our situation unfortunately doesn't live up to what the rhetoric that we're espoused. I mean when you look at the various places and situations and circumstances around this city from businesses since you mentioned that you're an entrepreneur, you know, there are very few young folks or old folks who look like you who are in business in general and reasonably successful businesses in particular. When you look at the ranks of the professional classes you have a few warriors like Mr. Jenkins and some others. Very few of those folks get a chance to do anything other than go and defend people in court and try and pursue people for personal injury cases and what have you. Very few of them work in oil and gas industry. Very few, if any, work in other areas outside of those traditional areas. When you look at the senior management of the biggest institutions in this city, you know, whether you're talking about banks or utility companies or what have you. There not many people from Cedar Grove, or Cooper Road or what have you who populate those ranks and that is a problem. It is a challenge and it accounts for why it is that places like Atlanta become Atlanta and places like Shreveport still stay Shreveport so I thank you for your willingness to be here to put your shoulder to the wheel and help make it better, but know that it's not gonna get any better unless you and your generation openly demand it. The problem with that is you end up with easier options available to you in the Dallas' and the Fort Worths and the Memphis' and the Atlantas and the Mobiles and the Birminhams and what have you. And so Shreveport stays about 200,000 people and those folks who have always had continue to have. Those folks who don't, continue to want.

Ms. Foppe`: And thank you so much and I understand I agree completely with you. You know, it's just that people – my generation, there are many leaders. A lot of us are just leaving, you know. We're not leading. We're not trying to trail blaze anything here. We're not trying to transform anything here, so with me coming back here I feel that I have a purpose here and I feel like that's part of my purpose. So like I say and I thank all of y'all so much.

Councilman Shyne: Ms. Foppe`, I want to tell you this, too, like I tell my two boys. I got two boys probably about your age, finished from LSU. One works for Willis Knighton Health Care System and the other one told me, he say, "Well, dad I want to go to Houston." And he say, "I think there's a lot of opportunity in Houston," and it is, but there's some opportunities here. And those young people have to do what you're doing. They can't be walking out there with their pants down if you understand what I'm saying.

Ms. Foppe`: Right, absolutely.

Councilman Shyne: They can't be clubbing all night because nobody is gone come to your house and open the door for you and you're gonna get some doors closed in your face, but this America and if one door close you have to look for another one to open. This is the way it is. I'm on the council now and the mayor's probably sitting

there and these other council members are sitting here because once upon a time a suit was filed that we would change the form of city government, but it just didn't fall out of the sky. Opportunities are here. You have to work for them. You did the right thing by coming down. Is there any specific things that you would like to go into? What I would do, I would decide what it is and then I'd come down and see if we have any programs down here that could help you do that. If not, then I think most of us could probably give you some advice of some, you know, if you wanted to go into banking maybe some bank. Now we do have some blacks who are in banking. In real estate we do have some that are in real estate. We do have some that are doing a lot of things. You just have to be able to find out who to touch in order to get that door open because, you know, this is America. Now don't think Shreveport is gone be like Dallas, no. Don't think Shreveport gone be like Houston, no. Don't think Shreveport is gone be like Austin. Austin is the fastest growing city in America right now because you have the 500 companies that are moving into these areas, but it's young people like you that can come and you know, I hear the same thing at home from my son who's a LSU graduate, so hey.

Ms. Foppe`: Ain't nothing happening.

Councilman Shyne: Right, but nobody's gone give you something. You got to make it happen.

Ms. Foppe`: Very true.

Councilman Shyne: You got to, you know, you got to make it happen so I'm glad to see you come down. You know, I wish you'd come back. Mr. Thompson over there, you see Mr. Thompson over there? He's the clerk of council. You can always go up and talk to him and you can look into – I was about to say he had some gray hair. After while he won't have no hair at all, but he'll be able to give you some advice. You can call me. I'll be glad to give you some advice. There are opportunities out there.

Ms. Foppe`: Absolutely, and I believe that whole-heartedly.

Councilman Shyne: That's exactly right. You just have to be able to fight for them. Now don't think that people are not gone close the door in your face sometimes because they'll do that and don't fault (inaudible) because they do that. That's just human nature and if anybody gives you that (inaudible) story about, you know, doors are being closed in your face in Shreveport. You tell them so what. The same thing happens in New York City. I know people over in Dallas right now who's saying well you know we need to go somewhere else. We need to go to Austin, but people are steady coming into Dallas and these places. It's left up to you. I appreciate you coming down. Personally, if it's anything I can do to help you, I will.

Ms. Foppe`: Thank you so much.

Councilman Shyne: God bless you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Councilman Shyne, is this Faith Foppe`s grandmother?

Ms. Foppe`: Granddaughter.

Councilman Shyne: Are you Faith Foppe`'s granddaughter?

Ms. Foppe`: Yes.

Councilman Everson: Are you related to Ashley Foppe`?

Ms. Foppe`: Yes, that's my sister. I graduated from Byrd in 2010.

Councilman Everson: Ashley is a friend of mine from high school.

Councilman Shyne: Well, your grandmother graduated from Grambling. We're Grambling folks. We're Grambling graduates so we'll help you. Thank you very much.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Nice meeting you.

Councilman Shyne: Okay, we have Ken. I'll let you come up before – hold it ken. I'm sorry. He's got to catch the bus, Ken. You got a car.

Mr. Mears: Actually, I'm with Malcolm.

Mr. Sammy Mears: (1901 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport, LA. 71101)

Councilman Shyne: Is Mrs. Jones back there? I have not forgotten you now. Why don't you come on up close because you gone be – alright.

Mr. Mears: I was just watching recently on TV where they were talking about people who like to give their time. And of course I'd just like to say that since I've been helping the MDA Telethon, helping Miles Roberts with the music at my church and just a couple of other things I've been involved in that I really enjoy giving my time to help out in whatever way I can. So it means a whole lot to me and just as of last week I got a little bit of things helped being given to me because just as of last week was a good week for me when I got in touch with Mr. Cramer for the eighth time and got to ask if I was to talk to Don Henley wanted me to ask about so he wanted to know about how Green Mountain was doing. Jim Cramer said that the stock was up and down and then it's already a part from Coca Cola. So after I talked to Jim Cramer I even asked him to come autograph my two books, *Get Rich Carefully* and *Real Money* for me if and when he does have time and he's considering it the next time he comes to Shreveport. And then Miles Roberts helped me get a picture that I had tweeted on Twitter for him to have so he'll know what I look like in case we talk again. And then this past Thursday I went to my church to let everyone in the church office know what was going on and three times or four times Jeff Segner wanted to know what stock I talked about and I misunderstood him. He said, "What was the sock?" I said, "Did you say stuck?" He said, "No, Sammy. I said stock." I said, "Stalk." He said, "No, I said what was your stock?" And then I had to mention it was Green Mountain. I just misunderstood him, but I thought he said stuck and then stalk, but last week was the best week of my life. I got the best little bit of help that I need so I'll continue with doing what I'm doing to giving at my church to kind of help

out whenever I can and continue with the MDA. This was on the news. I couldn't wait to let that be done. Thank you.

Councilman Shyne: Sam, thank you. Ken, let me get Mrs. Jennifer Jones. Mrs. Jones has been here for a long time. Mrs. Jones come on up.

Mrs. Jennifer Jones Morris: (1047 Wilkinson St.) Good evening. I come tonight about a search warrant that was issued to my residence for I guess unlawful entry. I had a lawyer to defend my case, but he denied my case after a couple of months or whatever, but my kids were there and the guy that they were looking for moved two months prior before we moved there. They never did look up their records to see if the guy still stayed there, but as the – I guess whoever the jump out boys was told my husband that the guy they was looking for was there two weeks before they came into the house; not so because we had been there since May. So they put guns and stuff to my kids head. Now my kids are taking medicine and stuff like that because they're acting out. And so I had to stop school because of this; because my kids cry. They can't sleep and I can't sleep because it's scary. I had to put an actual barricade behind my door because we're scared something happens. Someone knocks on the door, they're running, "Mama, somebody at the door; the police at the door," and I'm feared because they steady coming back to my house asking for this same guy that hasn't been there and I don't know who I need to turn to or what I need help from because this is scary. I don't know if they're gonna come back. I might walk pass the door and they might shoot me, one of my kids, my husband, anything, my mom, my brother, whoever's at my house because they think activity is there. The house I am renting from, it was drug activity there, but no longer is there anymore so I just need some assistance or which direction that I need to go to.

Councilman Shyne: Mrs. Jones, I appreciate you coming down and Mr. Mayor this also can be a part of Shreveport-itis. I'll turn this over to the mayor. The mayor heads up the Police Department and we don't really handle that as a council, but he's in a position to give you some help Mrs. Jones. You want to just hold up? That's the mayor sitting right over there. He might have something that he'd like to tell you or either talk to you in person or whatever it is so I'm gonna turn it over him at this particular point.

Mrs. Jones: Okay.

Mayor Glover: We'll meet with you with the Police Department after the meeting. Mr. Shyne, I think you, probably the council should be aware that these problems, these types of situations probably represent ongoing active investigations potentially so to have a discussion about these types of things involving search warrants and other things probably, you know, would be best discussed in a communication directly with the Police Department. We have no knowledge in terms of what's transpired here at this point. We'll make that connection, have that dialogue and obviously we have an expectation that the Police Department is gone conduct themselves always in an appropriate and professional fashion, but to sit here and respond to this without any deeper, fuller, knowledge and understanding of it would be inappropriate so we gone handle with the police chief and the police personnel who are here.

Councilman Shyne: Do you understand what the mayor is saying?

Mayor Glover: You got the chief who is gone be waiting here and as soon as the meeting wraps up I'll be back to join to make sure we get this going in the right direction.

Councilman Shyne: That's the chief right over there and that keeps it from being public if you understand what's going on.

Mrs. Jones: Yeah, I understand.

Councilman Shyne: And I know how you feel if you got kids because I know how I would feel if they were running in and out my house and I've told them that hey look we don't have no drug people here. The guy that was here moved and you didn't do what you need to do in order to check to see whether he was here or not because somebody could get shot and I know you don't want that to happen, but if you'll talk to the chief back there he will and give him the information that you need and it keeps it from being public so to speak, but we don't really – council members don't really handle that so to speak. That's an administrative function so the chief will be more than happy to work with you and it won't go all out over the TV.

Mrs. Jones: Okay.

Mayor Glover: And we certainly apologize for you having sat back there that for that length of time. Had we known we'd have managed to get you directly with Deputy Chief Huddleston to get some background on the situation to see how we go about resolving it.

Mrs. Jones: Oh, that's fine. Alright, thank y'all.

Councilwoman McCulloch: So you got another girl coming?

Mrs. Jones: Yes.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Yeah, I thought so. Okay.

Mrs. Jones: Thank y'all.

Mayor Glover: God bless you.

Councilman Shyne: Alright Ken, you've shown a lot of patience tonight.

Mr. Kenneth J. Krefft: (157 Archer Ave., Shreveport, 71105) I liked the idea at the end. The clock's not on I guess when you're talking about items not on agenda so first and quickly a reminder of what I said a year ago. The City Council might want to think about charter amendments mostly technical, some sensitive. The Parish Commission, they can be silly like May 3rd, you know, 77% know, but they can be wise when they do every four years of review of the Parish Charter. We're way overdue for that and maybe at some point which ever appropriate sub-committee might want to look

at that. There's, you know, (inaudible) for all those years, but it existed, but the charter – anyway the second thing would be Public Safety in the area of tornado sirens and I started talking about this in 1980 when I got started with the city and we still don't have them 34 years later. And my oldest son, speaking of Ms. Foppe, he left a year ago to go to Omaha and the youngest is leaving to go to Lafayette, both young professionals. Each of them got a much higher paying job in their same field, automotive and civil engineering. Be that as it may, at Omaha tomorrow at noon, every Wednesday at noon in Omaha, Nebraska the sirens go off and they revolve 360 clockwise or counter-clockwise. I don't know, but they revolve and they blast it out and they warn folks and a gentleman just mentioned a little while ago folks are scared, you know. A week from today is – got to do a mind Google Oliver, more Oklahoma tornadoes in the Park Plaza Elementary kids died, but the same storm eight miles later hit Pine View and nobody died. Why? Park Plaza, traditional brick and mortar, the other school, structural steel embedded in concrete, nobody got hurt. That's should have been the news, but the media failed us and concentrated on the dead kids at Park Plaza because I guess gory dead little bodies of little boys and girls is more exciting than a school where nobody got hurt. I've been emphasizing for years, so let's think about our Public Safety Sub-Committee or infrastructure the next time we do a bond issue. I tried to get this included four years ago when the Bond Committee couldn't get other members on the committee interested in sirens. Grew up with them in the '50s, but that was the impending nuclear holocaust from the soviets that didn't never happen, but let's get real serious about warning people, you know. The final story on that is nobody would have died at that state park in Arkansas had they been woken up by loud sirens. You know what they did? They texted them at 2:30 in the morning. They tweeted them or something to wake them up to say there's heavy rain in the area. They were sleep. You need to blast them awake. Come on, and so twenty people died at Albert Pike. Finally, Mr. Shyne, you kind of helped me because you mentioned opening a door in Ms. Foppe and I'd like to open the door. I saw the mayor this morning and on the bond issue, you know, a year ago I came before you and asked you to try to resolve it and a year later we haven't. And we haven't sold 90,000,000 in the city with our bond rating and the current S&P of (inaudible) would earn a well, we could have earned over 3½ million dollars in the last year had y'all resolved it. You took an oath gentlemen, all eight of you and he's the bear. He's not the black swan. I mean come on. Let's work this thing out. Let's come up with a means by which we can do it, but 53,450 over 90,000,000 is less about a 20th of a percent. Not only that, okay Friday night, Municipal re-opened; Hayride on the first bond sale that did happen before the contra (inaudible) between the legislative and the executive. Add to that the economic activity that doing the projects would inspire, you know, the concrete trucks will be rolling and people will be putting in pipe and asphalt and the internal service charges that would come into the General Fund and sub-object 9315 for the engineering and design fees probably will over a \$1,000,000 a year. I imagine we've lost \$5,000,000 in the last year by arguing. It's got to stop. People are angry. I don't know if y'all had a valid item right now you could renew a public safety mileage or quarter cent sales tax. That thing on the Parish is not the City, although y'all got blamed by one lady who didn't understand. "I can't believe the City is this stupid." Well, I can't say anything (inaudible) commissioner (inaudible) I have to let her vote. When she finished and nobody was there I explained that's the Parish Commission. This is not a City.

“Huh?” “Well the City’s argued about bonds all the time.” You can’t explain to somebody who’s 88, whose a little early dementia, but I knew where her anger was coming from gentlemen. We’ve got to do better. We don’t want to go another year and let a new mayor and a new council. You know we have a construction season that’s upon us. It’s mid-May, so in summary kind of A, B, & C. The City Council approve mayors – look at the City Charter. The attorneys can really help us. Each department may have a suggestion that need to tweak it. Get it in concert with the reality. Number 2 would be the overall safety area, whether it’s sirens or whatever and finally the bond sales. I do agree with all of you that there’s an honest disagreement over this matter, but is it wise? If as a business person you could get a .5 million on the one hand by solving the problem for 53,450 on the other I would have come to a successful negotiation by now. There might not be a means by which we can do it, you know. I don’t know. I’m not the legal mind, but it occurred to me that when there’s a will there’s a way. And just like Will Rogers said years ago right before his plane went down and he was lost. His grandfather taught him when you’re in a hole the first thing you do is just stop digging. Thank you.

Councilwoman McCulloch: Hallelujah.

Councilman Shyne: Ken, thank you. Anymore questions or not we will go back to Communications from the Mayor then Communications from Council Members.

Miscellaneous Matters

THE COMMITTEE RISES AND REPORTS: (Reconvenes Regular Council Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:19 p.m.

//s// Joe Shyne, Chairman

//s// Arthur G. Thompson, Clerk of Council