Councilman Miley offered a motion, seconded by Rodney Brown, to close the public hearing. All in favor, the motion carried.

Councilman Clinton Miley offered a motion, seconded by Relton Sumrall, to adopt Ordinance No. 00-239 authorizing the Parish President to dispose of surplus material and equipment. The roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Brown, Sumrall, Thomas, Sharp, Wheat, Miley and Nassauer)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

Item No. 6 — Bill Daughtry — Mr. Daughtry was late arriving and was moved to the end of the agenda.

Item No. 7 – Public Participation — Sherry Breeding, President of the Concerned Citizens group addressed the council. She stated that her group had been told that after the April 15th election, the council would address some of their concerns about land use management, zoning and ordinances. She asked if the council was prepared to do something now or if it had been discussed.

Chairman Wheat stated we were still gathering information to submit to Mr. Joder but there had been nothing else done.

Mary Ettle, a resident of the Stoney Point area, asked if there was anyone in the parish who oversees projects such as the Highway 16 overlay project. She stated that 4 miles of the highway paved by Barriere Construction did not meet the requirements of the state and had to be resurfaced.

Councilman Darwin Sharp said that is a state project and the council has no control over it.

Craig Schempf with Entergy said he had received a number of calls asking if the expansion project they were doing had anything to do with Cogentrix. He reported that the 5 million dollar project had nothing to do with Cogentrix. The expansion is to better serve Entergy customers and the parish.

Item No. 8 — Parish President’s Report — President Taylor reported he had received a request from the Clerk of Court asking permission to request bulk bid to dispose of some filing cabinets no longer used by the Clerk’s office.

A motion was offered by Darwin Sharp, seconded by Clinton Miley, to authorize Clerk Johnny Crain to advertise for bids to dispose of the filing cabinets. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Brown, Sumrall, Thomas, Sharp, Wheat, Miley and Nassauer)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 0 (None)

President Taylor informed the council that in order to comply with ADA requirements, a handicap ramp needed to be built in front of the courthouse to make it handicap accessible. He reported there had been some problems arise with the only handicap access being in the rear of the courthouse and the rear door being locked for security purposes. He reported that he had received two quotes on construction of a handicap ramp in front of the courthouse and asked the council to consider adopting an emergency ordinance to have the ramp built by Quality Contractors who bid $5,200.00

Clinton Miley offered a motion, seconded by Darwin Sharp, to open the agenda to include consideration of an emergency ordinance. The roll call vote resulted as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Brown, Sumrall, Thomas, Sharp, Wheat, Miley and Nassauer)