



# *Parish of Ascension*

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## **Parish Council re-elects Bell, Clouatre; reviews LDEC fees; moves meeting to Jan. 6**

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GONZALES – The Ascension Parish Council on Thursday re-elected Council Chairman Pat Bell and Vice-Chairman Randy Clouatre to their positions for 2010.

According to parish law, the positions must be re-elected each year. Both Bell and Clouatre were unopposed, and expressed their thanks to their fellow council members for their support.

In other news from Thursday's parish council meeting, the council approved an expanded schedule of fees for the recently acquired Lamar-Dixon Expo Center. Parish President Tommy Martinez said the administration would study whether the parish may negotiate fees for the facility, which came under parish control on Nov. 1.

President Martinez and the council took time out to recognize several honorees. Lt. Sam Vitter, Sgt. Jeff Griffin and deputies Jason Kling and John Jarreau from the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Department received certificates of commendation for bravery in the line of duty in two separate incidents earlier this year.

Also recognized was Dutchtown High School senior Eric Reid. The District 6-5A defensive most valuable player in football, Reid is one of just two Louisiana high school players selected to participate in the 2010 U.S. Army All-American Bowl, Jan. 9 in San Antonio. Reid plans to play at LSU.

The first council meeting of the new year has been moved up one day to Wednesday, Jan. 6. The meeting will still be at 6 p.m. at the Ascension Parish Courthouse in Donaldsonville.

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