Breaux Bridge Mayor Urges St. Martin Bar Curfews

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BREAUX BRIDGE — The mayor of Breaux Bridge, Vance Theriot, said he strongly advised the St. Martin Police Jury to accept a bar curfew in St. Martin Parish at last night's Council of Government Meeting.

Commenting on Breaux Bridge's 2 a.m. curfew, the mayor said, "We are happy with it, and we will live by it. We want to see a standardization for the whole area."

The Police Jury has yet to take a stand on the issue.

Mayor Earl Willis of St. Martinville said the Police Jury should take action. "A substantial number of people want the Jury to get together and make a decision. If it doesn't work we can change it but at least we will have action," said Willis.

Nathan Cormier of the St. Martin Police Jury, said that the purpose of last night's meeting was "not to debate either side of the issue but to give a report on the background and ask for comments from the audience."

Cormier received many comments but they were all from proponents of the curfew. The opponents remained silent.

The Rev. Keith Vincent, a spokesman for the Clean Sweep Organization, said that his group does not want to compromise by accepting a 3 a.m. curfew. This extra hour would hurt the purpose of the curfew.

A spokesman for the Arnaudville City Council said, "We have a 1:30 a.m. curfew and we don't have any troubles."

Cormier said that the Jury will take up the issue at their 5 p.m. meeting today.

Karen Cole, director of Louisiana Resource and Recovery Development Authority, showed a slide presentation of "resource recovery technology." This was described as simply burning garbage in a large incinerator and disposing of the ash in a landfill. The steam produced from the incineration process can be sold.

Cole described an operating plant in Sheveport. They are in the process of building ducts which will ship steam to LSU in Sheveport.

The cost to a household was said to be less than two dollars a month with raw garbage reduced up to 95 percent.

Cole said that it is an "environmentally sound way to dispose of garbage because the plants are equipped with air pollution controls."

In other action, the COG:

Heard Sen. Oswald Decuir report briefly on this year legislative session; and

Was told by Rep. Harry Benoit of several projects underway in the parish. These include alleviating some local drainage problems; allotment of money for culverts in Breaux Bridge; and development of a proposal for a St. Martin by-pass.