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cheers had he gone onto the field. Who knows if that might have sparked the team and Lee might have completed a couple passes and maybe set up a score. Perhaps Miles could have pulled a surprise play out of his bag of tricks. Of course, Lee could have been intercepted, and maybe a trick play would have failed, but it would not have mattered. That Miles could have shown boldness and fair play did matter. Even if the game was beyond redemption at that point, he might have given fans a little something to cheer and feel good about. As it is, we Tiger fans are left with our lingering anguish that may last until next season. Miles had a chance to make it right, but he blew it and should apologize and be held accountable.

Earlier that same day, the new parish council was sworn in. I and other observers have been of the opinion that some members of the old council at times acted selfishly if not recklessly, doing things against common sense and without a thought for the effect their actions would have on the parish. Other council members were trying to play by the rules, but the members in charge treated them with disrespect and often kept them benched by denying them a chance to participate on committees and by voting down their ideas. The beleaguered members somehow maintained their dignity and remained loyal to their constituents.

It finally came time for the big game – the elections – and the people of Livingston Parish voted to restore common sense and fair play. Fresh players who had campaigned for change earned the right to enter the game – and they have given us hope.

These individuals from various walks of life who are now our parish council share the opportunity to become a model of how public servants are supposed to act. They can dispel the belief many have that politicians are in it just for themselves and that the wishes of the common people don't matter. But if they fail and fall back into bickering and self-interest, citizens may lose faith in our ability to effect a change at any level of government.

This may seem like a heavy responsibility to hang on this new team of council members, but I've spoken personally with each of them, and they all seem to recognize the significance of these times and to be determined to work for the greater good. We don't expect them to be perfect; we do expect them to give it their best effort, and to practice teamwork, respect and honesty.

We constituents are biding our time, anxious to see how the game will play out. We will be watching closely and will be ready to hold them accountable if need be.

But right now, at this time, with this council, we are holding on to our hope. This is our best chance for getting good government, and their best chance to make it right.

P. S. The first meeting of the new council Jan. 12 included both disagreements with new parish President Layton Ricks as well as a shining example of how cooperation and compromise between the council and the president can be attained and move things forward. We hope to see less of the former and more of the latter as the year progresses.

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