

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting: March 17th, 2021

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.
- Update on the Public Works Report.
- Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home
- Quarterly Report on Adjudicated Property Funds

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and all Municipalities.
2. Authorize Final Approval of County Ridge Estates.
3. Vote to re-appoint Peter Smith Jr. and Joseph Darrell Burleigh to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (04-19-2021- 04-19-2025).
4. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (05-02-2021-05-02-2025).
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).
6. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).
7. Discuss Speed Limit on Country Ridge Road.
8. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign and approve the transfer of the Land Lease Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Wayne Doucet to the St. Landry Parish Government and Ryan Lagrange.
9. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign and approve the Land Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Michael Brent Cross.
10. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1 of Ward 3.
11. Authorize the change of Parish President Jessie Bellard name on Civic Source Professional Agreement.

12. Discuss discounting services with Civic Source Professional Services for the sale of Adjudicated Property in the Parish after the next six months.
13. Update on the Animal Control Ordinance.
14. Authorize Parish President to sign the contract between St. Landry Parish Airport and the QTPOD Subscription Service Agreement for an updated model of a Credit Card machine at the Airport.
15. Authorize Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and US Bank Gateway Agreement for Government Entities.
16. Authorize the Parish President to amend the Budget regarding a \$2.00 pay increase for Security at the Courthouse that will add up to \$8,440.64 with the City Marshall's Office.
17. Authorize Parish President to sign the contract with Med Pro, a Medical Waste Disposal Company for the Jail at the monthly rate of \$105.33.
18. Authorize approval of the Adjudicated Property Sale with Jessica Henry-Parcel Number 8400169505.
19. Authorize approval of the Adjudicated Property Sale with Jessica Henry-Parcel Number 8400169000.
20. Authorize Council Clerk to purchase Minute Books from Spectra Associates to store the Council Meeting Minutes.
21. Discussion of the work dates for the Assistant Council Clerk to Executive Session.

IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

*Items not passed through committee.

1. Attorney General Opinion on paying for Elections.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

None.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

Ordinance No. 2021-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-0009

Amend Ordinance No. 2005-0009 to include the following street(s):

24. Charles Burr from 6th Street to Wisdom Road, Council District No. 1

Amend Ordinance 2005-0009 of the Parish Ordinances titled "An Ordinance of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances to Establish Rules and Regulations for Erection and Maintenance of Speed Bumps as a Traffic Control Device within the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana" to add the following section:

Streets and Roads to have Speed Bumps Installed:

1. Belmont Drive, Opelousas.
2. The paved portion of Jesse B. Road, Church Point, LA.
3. Thelma Drive, Sunset, LA.
4. Petite Rue De Landon
5. Alexis Drive.
6. Pavy Road
7. Tecumseh Loop

8. Perry Drive.
9. Thibodeaux Street, from the 238 Block of Thibodeaux Street to the 534 Block of McClelland Drive.
10. Chardonnay Drive.
11. Mahogany Drive.
12. OG Track, District 5.
13. Garnet Drive: from 139 Garnet Drive to 266 Garnet Drive.
14. Flag Station Road.
15. Zinfandel Drive, Council District No. 11.
16. Olivier Road, Council District No. 1.
17. Jennings Road, Council District No. 2.
18. Lafayette Avenue, Council District No. 12
19. Pitre Road, Council District No. 3
20. Belleau Road, Council District No. 11
21. Bearb Road, Council District No. 11
22. Sidney Charles Road; District No. 11
23. Jennings Road, Council District No. 2
- 24. Charles Burr from 6th street to Wisdom Road, Council District No. 1**

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th, 2021
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.
4. Person to address the Committee:
 - Mr. Eli Landry addressed the council regarding Limbs in ditches on Tower Road. He stated each time it rains it floods. The Bayou is plugged up. He called the Core of Engineers and they forwarded his request to the Parish Government. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There will be drainage across the whole parish. We have a Consultant Firm that is drafting a major master drainage plan for the whole parish. Once that plan is developed we will apply for a Grant in December that will help. Once this Grant is approve, the road districts will be taken care of thru another fund. We are digging ditches all over the Parish every single day. We don't have any funding to take care of any type of Bayou's. We are trying to get the water off of the property right now and have it flow to the main arteries. That Grant that we are applying for will assist with all our main arteries in our parish."
 - Mr. Charlie James addressed the council regarding dilapidated property in the Parish. He commended the Parish President for the work he has done in clearing up 66% of dilapidated properties in the Parish. He stated there is one property that has not been touched and he would like to work with the board to clear a piece of property in the parish. He stated he would like to get with Mr. Lewis to plan to tear down that one piece of dilapidated property and he would like the Parish to pick up the debris. He would like to sit down with the Parish President and come up with a plan to demolish all dilapidated property in the parish.

- Mr. Rodney Richard, Inspection Services, addressed the council regarding dilapidated property in small towns. He stated he inspects dilapidated property for small towns such as Krotz Springs and Sunset. Port Barre is willing to tear down dilapidated property with the parish if the Parish grants them permission. The only thing Port Barre will need from the parish is the assistance with dumpsters. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will have to work with the municipalities and present this to the council. We will be in Port Barre next week and we are tearing down dilapidated properties as they come up." Mr. Rodney Richard stated he can work with the parish by doing the reports and turning them into the city.

- Ms. Jennifer Cravins addressed the council regarding adjudicated property in the parish. She stated, "I am here to talk about adjudicated property tonight. I did go over the agenda. I was at the last meeting that you all had where you all did approve property to be sold. I noticed on this particular agenda, there are people again with the adjudicated sale. I have been trying for over a year to buy adjudicated property. No one can tell me the process. I know Mr. Lewis is a new employee that is trying to get something in place but I feel that I should have been on the agenda like the other people with the same process that they had. I spoke Mr. Garrett at the last meeting and I have spoken to Mr. Lewis. Everybody that I have spoken to cannot tell me how these people got on the agenda to purchase property. I don't think that I should have to wait for the process that they are trying to do because these people did not have to. I have been coming here, all I am asking for is how do they get on the agenda? Who fills out their application, who set up their payment amount, no one can tell me. I know Mr. Bellard took over as the Parish President, but somebody sends this stuff in to be put on the agenda for the council to approve this. Nobody can tell me how I can do it. Mr. Floyd did one and it was \$900.00. I see others are trying to be authorized, waiting for Mr. Bellard to sign off. I am not asking for nothing like that. I am willing to pay all the back taxes and pay forward, but nobody can tell me how I can get on this agenda. Why is it good for them and not for me?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The process is in place now....." Ms. Cravins stated, "That is not fair Mr. Bellard, I understand that you all were getting with another attorney to do a process. What about all the time I have asked, they have got the process but not me." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The one tonight, I will ask the council to Table the one on the agenda for Mr. Buller. I want to make sure that one is done properly. The other two were done thru Civic Source. Anyone can go on Civic Source and put in a bid to get property." Ms. Cravins stated, "Which other two are you referring too?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "On the next agenda, Item 6 and Item 7."

Ms. Cravins stated, "On the last meeting, how did those get approved. It did not go thru Civic Source, it did not." If it was okay for the other guy to get on the agenda and purchase the property without having to wait and go thru the process, why am I not good enough?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I did not put it on the agenda ma'am." Ms. Cravins stated, "I just want to be placed on the agenda like them and let the council vote to see if I can be approved." Parish President Jessie Bellard asked Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to add in regarding this matter. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The adjudicated property is sold two ways. One way is Civic Source. There is a Resolution before the council this evening. If the council passes that resolution, we can sell it thru Civic Source without having every single buyer go before the council to be approved. The other way we sell adjudicated property is not thru Civic Source. That is Mr. Buller's property. I think Mr. Buller property, a Non-Warranty Cash Sale, was done correctly and it is legal. All the rules were followed. I do think that it is wise on Mr. Bellard's part to maybe step back and take another look to make sure all of the requirements were done on Mr. Buller's property. Mr. Bellard, how would a buyer go about bidding on property?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Tonight is the night that we will bring the process up to make sure the council is aware of it. We have a process in place but I think what she wants to do is go by the old way." Ms. Cravins stated, "I want to go thru Mr. Buller's process to buy adjudicated property, what was his process?" I have been coming her for a whole year. Why can't I have that process to buy adjudicated property like Mr. Buller? What makes him privileged and not me? I am not here to speak on behalf of no one else but myself. I feel if you are going thru the process, whatever process that it is, why he can be on this agenda to purchase the property, why can't I be on the same agenda? I want to be grandfathered in just like these other people were." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I don't know how Mr. Buller put his bid in, but he did." Ms. Cravins stated, "Who turned it into the clerk for her to place it on

the agenda. How did it get to the clerk? You are the parish attorney; you should know what the process is. I spoke to you last week. I came before last year before the pandemic. I spoke to you then. I still have not gotten the process that these people are getting. Tell me the process that Mr. Buller went thru, you should know the process, you are the parish attorney.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Maybe the President could enlighten us on that.” Ms. Cravins stated, “No, not the President, you are the attorney, you looked at the paper work, what format did he use to get on this agenda? That is what I am asking.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I did not set the process up.” Ms. Cravins stated, “What is the process?” Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Ms. Cravins, I want to personally apologize to you for not being able to purchase that land. I know you have been here since last year and you have been very patient with us. On behalf of the council and myself, I want to say Thank you, thank you, thank you. Mr. Duplechain, I would like for you to please assist Ms. Jennifer Cravins with her adjudicated property matter so we can solve this situation in these council chambers during our regular scheduled meeting. Something that I don’t want to happen is Ms. Cravins to get an attorney and we fight fire with fire. That mean, if we don’t have someone in that District Attorney’s Office that can handle this adjudicated property matter; we will have to seek outside legal counsel. If that happens, we will be spending tax payer dollars on a matter that could have been solved a long time ago. All she wants is a fair chance at the property that she is asking to purchase and the step by step process that they went thru to buy these properties. I, Dexter Quinn Brown, am personally asking you to please assist Ms. Jennifer Cravins along with anybody else that may come up, with her adjudicated property matter that she has been after for over one year. Can you please assist Ms. Cravins with her Adjudicate matter?” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.” Mrs. Cravins questioned when can she be assisted. Chairman Dexter Brown questioned if Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain was available tomorrow to start the process with Ms. Cravins? Ms. Cravins stated she can be available to start the process next Wednesday. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I will get her phone number. I am sure it is a simple process to put in a bid on adjudicated property. I will find out what it is.”

5. Public Works Report:

a. Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Richard and I met with Mr. Bruce Gaudin last week. The process is fairly simple to do this. We will set a minimum amount of money that is going to cost the parish to do the process. We are assuming it is about \$500.00. You come in and place your \$500.00 deposit on a piece of property that you want to buy. It starts the process. The next phase, we will send out the notices, we will send it to the Eunice New, whoever our official journal is at the time. A bid will be submitted to the parish. It will be available whatever day we put down for the council meeting. It is open at that point. The highest bid gets the property. Whenever the purchaser agrees to go do all the notices and all the stuff that needs to be done. We are asking the council to sell the piece of property that has been legally posted and the proper billing process has been done and we will issue a Non Warranty Cash Sale on that piece of property. The process is not difficult. They purchaser will also have the option to go to Civic Source. I think it is better to come with us, we will be cheaper, but that is the choice of the purchaser. I am meeting with an attorney tomorrow that will help us with this so we can get that started and get it moving.” Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Can you explain the Non Warranty Cash Sale.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “A Non Warranty Cash Sale is basically saying we are not guaranteeing that the sale of a property will have a clear title because it won’t. They can go to the court system and purchase that property from a private company if they want, but with the Parish, all we have to do is give them a Non Warranty Cash Sale. That \$500.00 deposit is non-refundable and it is charged to the person who gets the property. If a person is not awarded the bid, they get their deposit back. We have some property in Sunset that we cleaned up the other day. It cost us \$4,000.00. That will be our price to try and get our money back on that piece of property. Any type of fees that we have we are trying to get it back on the purchase of that property.” Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The only concern I have is that we have some people in the community that would like to have the opportunity to purchase these properties in a low income area. Some of those people would love to buy it to keep it within that

neighborhood. How can we keep people with ownership of property in their heritage and avoid one person with a lot of money to monopolize all of the available property?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There are certain stipulations in the law. If it is adjourning, they have the first right on that piece of property if they took care of it for a year or so. It has to be public bid." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Hopefully by the council meeting we will have that in writing and we will submit it to the council and it will be the same process for everybody unless they want to go to Civic Source, unless you all choose not to go with Civic Source. Civic Source is just an option."

b. Update on Road Work throughout the Parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are still digging ditches, hopefully that continues. Hopefully with this new Grant Money coming in, we can finish up the Parish Road Side Ditching. I am looking forward for that to happen. I will ask the council to forward to the Regular Meeting to have an Intergovernmental Agreement with each Municipality. We can do work with them and they can do work with us to join forces so to speak?"

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign and Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and all Municipalities.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

Parish President Jessie Bellard informed the council that Next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13th, and April 14th, at 11:00 a.m. the Liberty Theater will be open for review. The Mayor and the Opelousas City Council would like for us to join them in a walk-thru. Everyone is welcome to come.

c. Discuss final approval of Country Ridge Estates.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign the Final Approval of Country Ridge Estates.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

6. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (04-19-2021 – 04-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 all application received for two appointments to the Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (04-19-2021 – 04-19-2025).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (05-02-2021 – 05-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (05-02-2021 – 05-02-2025).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

10. Discuss Storm Drains in Royal Garden Subdivision. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin). Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin asked that this item be Tabled until the May Public Works Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to Table the discussion of the Storm Drains in the Royal Garden Subdivision until the next Committee Meeting held on May 5th, 2021.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

11. Discuss the Speed Limit on Country Ridge Road. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin). Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard if he got with the Sheriff Department regarding the speed limit on Country Ridge Road. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We did and I emailed him and told him about our situation. I have not heard back from him. I will contact him again tomorrow. I will have more information by the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021.

12. Discuss missing Road and Street Signs. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry). Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I would like for this to be forwarded to the full council for a discussion. I am sure I am not the only one that has concerns about the missing signs and street names. Just before I left home this afternoon, I recall there were stop signs down and are literally in the ditch. I think we need to come up with a plan or a solution to get this resolved. If someone is not familiar with the area and a road sign is not there, it could cause a casualty.” Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “Normally this is forwarded to Public Works. They would make the signs and go back and put them up.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The issue is, we don’t have enough people working. Normally if the Sheriff’s office has the time they would get with one of our guys and they would go and replace signs. We are still making signs in Public Works and they are stacking them up. On a rainy day the guys can take a Trustee and a Motor Grader to go and replace missing signs.”

No Action Taken.

13. Discuss adding the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development Take 10 Litter Pickup Pledge.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “I believe this is from the Department of Transportation and Development. They are asking that the Parish President take the initiative of getting our workers to take at least ten minutes before they start their daily routine and ten minutes before they get off to possibly pick up trash or litter.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can ask, that is all I can do. Honestly, I wish I had the people. On the

days that they cannot do some things, then they can go out and do the special things like putting out the signs and doing different things. We have trustees that are available to us. I will commit the workers that we have that can go.”

14. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard if there are any roads that are being graded now. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will start back this week. It is supposed to be drying up. They will not grade too many roads unless it is actually needed because we don’t have the material to put on the roads. Joe is taking care of those roads that are really bad. We have requisitions that we are signing every day. In this year’s bid for Shell, I am putting in a clause stating, if the Shells cannot be provided within 24 hours, we have the option to go to the next available bidder.” Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard if the Asphalt from Louisiana Transportation was ever received. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We got the first set of loads. District 5 is getting some now, District 6 is getting some and we will be getting some as well. I talked to Nick last week. We are on track to getting it but District 5 has not gotten any in the first round and they are getting their round right now.” Councilman Coby Clavier questioned the right places where the material will be used. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are trying to build up some roads. We have Collins Road and a few other roads that we have built up in our Parish. We are trying to work with Engineers to see what the best answer is. They are telling us to use the material and mix it with dirt to get a good foundation. If we use too much of this material on these gravel roads, it becomes speed bumps at the end of the road. If it is not graded on frequent bases, it becomes a bunch of bumps.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard on how many Grader Operators does we have employed. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do have two for sure. We have one employee that is sort of a dual purpose employee that we utilize with the Motor Grader and the Excavator.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am asking because we have some gravel roads in our area that we share the Grader between Mr. Stelly, Mrs. Vivian and another councilmember. I have a gentleman in the audience tonight. They have not seen a Grader in two months. We need to get some roads Graded if possible.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That will not be a problem. I spoke to Joe this afternoon and he is on it. Again it goes back to same thing I was saying. We don’t want to go Grade a road and not have the material to put on it. Then we have a mud. There is a process behind it. I trust that Joe is doing what is best.”

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7th, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. Roll Call: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.

3. Person to address the Committee:
There was no one to address the Administrative/Finance Committee.

4. Parish President & Finance Report:
a. February Budget to Actual Report:

Finance Director Amanda Cain presented her February Budget to Actual Report to the Council. She stated:

General Fund Revenue at the end of February: \$2,094,545.74.

General Fund Expenses: \$641,049.12.

Net Income: \$1,453,496.62

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated that they are within budget.

Road and Bridge Fund at the end of February: \$313,717.73.

Road and Bridge Expenses: \$367,930.21

Net Loss of: -\$54,212.485

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated they are still within budget even with this month's loss

Health Unit at the end of February: \$1,357,671.94

Health Unit Expenses: \$363,499.85

Net Income: \$994,222.09

Jail Revenue at the end of February: \$624,326.20

Jail Expenses: \$103,079.81

Net Income: \$521,246.39

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the budget process on the Jail Fund

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, "As far as the Expenses for 2020 we ended up better. The Elevator Repair that was purchased for 2020 is coming in on 2021. We do have that cash from 2020. The inmate cost comes from the General Fund. The housing off campus is the issue in General Fund." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the funding that was received from COVID-19 to pay for the cost of cleaning supplies.

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, "Funds were received until September 30, 2020. Then the American Rescue Act started issuing funding on March 3, 2021.

Road District 12 of Ward 2 Fund (26) Funding: \$223,637.48

Expenses: \$66,157.94

Net Income: \$157,479.54

Cash Balance at the end of February: \$299,792.69

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned if receipts could be issued to councilmembers with the amount of funding available from the Road District for each councilmembers district.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he can furnish the council with a copy of the General Ledger from the Road District Fund.

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated she will run a ledger every month and present it to the council.

Road District 1 of Ward 3 Fund (27) Funding: \$306,579.66

Expenses: \$46,499.64

Net Income: \$260,080.02

Cash Balance at the end of February: \$492,579.56

Sub Rd District 2 of Rd District 11A Ward 1 (Fund 28) Funding: \$196,626.07

Expenses: \$25,689.21

Net Income: \$170,939.86

Cash Balance at the end of February: \$248,158.11

Sub Rd District 1 of Rd District 3 Ward 1 Fund (29) Funding: \$105,572.76

Expenses: \$78,807.11

Net Income: \$26,765.65

Cash Balance at the end of February: \$136,481.39

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated the bulk of the Ad Valorem Tax comes in January.

Sub Rd 1 of Rd 11A Fund (42) Funding: \$255,000.50

Expense: \$18,435.51

Net Income: \$236,564.99

Cash Balance at the end of February: \$406,736.21

Airport Fund (146) Funding: \$89,782.61

Expenses: \$95,499.47

Net Income: \$-5,716.86

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the three employees that are at the airport. He questioned if a new Airport Manager has been hired.

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated we have not hired a Director at the Airport. We have someone there answering the phones and we have Linemen.

b. Broadband Discussion:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The big issue is Broad Band. We are trying to make sure that we get everything that we can out of the system. We had a meeting with Senator Cassidy a couple of weeks ago. I had a meeting yesterday with the Acadian Parent Commission regarding Broadband. I had a meeting this morning in Baton Rouge with representatives dealing with a bill that is supposed to be passed in session dealing with broadband. One of the things we are going to do is establish an advisory board strictly for broadband. We will put six or seven people on an advisory board. I am not going to assign a councilmember because the council will be aware of each meeting and can come whenever they want to come. The advisory Board consists of people from the Hospital Board and the School Board because these places will furnish us funding for Broadband. A \$180 million dollar funding is on the table from the state for Unsold Areas and we are pushing for the Unsold Areas of our parish. After our meeting with Senator Cassidy's office, Charter Communication contacted me to set up a meeting next week. They would like to be the key point on this establishment. I did inform them that it will be competition for Good Service and a Cheaper Price. LUS would like to come into our parish and help us. We will have more information as time goes on and I will inform the council when meetings are set up so you all can attend."

c. Land Lease with Ryan Lagrange:

Ryan Lagrange would like to purchase Wayne Doucet's hanger at the Airport. We would like to transfer the Land Lease from Wayne Doucet to Ryan Lagrange.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if Wayne Doucet's Hanger is the one that is currently housing cars? Parish President Jessie Ballard stated, "Yes, it will now house an Airplane for Mr. Ryan Lagrange."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign and approve the transfer of the Land Lease Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Wayne Doucet to the St. Landry Parish Government and Ryan Lagrange.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

d. Land Lease with Michael Brent Cross:

Parish President Jessie Bellard asked the council to authorize him to sign and approve the Land Lease Agreement for Mr. Michael Brent Cross.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign and approve the Land Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Mr. Michael Brent Cross.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

e. Intergovernmental Agreement with Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1 of Ward 3:

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, "We needed to have an Intergovernmental Agreement because there is a Standing Agreement with this Drainage Board that we pay for material and they reimburse us. We really need to have an agreement ahead of time and we want it done the right way." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned the agreement that was made by both parties. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This was done before I came here. They do the work and we do the work on a piece of drainage project.

We supplied some stuff and they supplied some stuff. They are just paying us back for the work that we did. We have to send them a bill to get our money back.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1 of Ward 3

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and

Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

f. Civic Source Professional Agreement updating New Parish President Jessie Bellard's Name:

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned the length of the contract with Civic Source. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Contract is open and the Council can cancel the contract at any time.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated he would like Civic Source to present the council with a statement on each piece of property that is sold. He also would like a statement showing how much funding the Parish Government is receiving from the sale of all properties in the Parish. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The council will vote to pass the Civic Source Professional Agreement to the full council. There are two parts to the contract, the Contract and the Resolution. The Resolution passed by the council authorizes Mr. Bellard to execute the cash sale thru Civic Source. It is a blanket Resolution authorization. As Civic Sources sells the property, Mr. Bellard can sign for it. All these sales have to be authorized by the council before the President signs on it. I have read the Resolution and it is ready to go.” Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Civic Source does the background and all the paperwork and comes up with the fee. Let's say on an average property of \$5,000.00, the \$5,000.00 goes to Civic Source. The Parish does not get the Ad Valorem Tax and we get nothing out of the deal” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If there is money left over from the price the Parish gets it, if there is nothing left over the Parish does not get it. They are taking these properties off the hands of the Parish. I think the Parish has about 1000 adjudicated properties. Some of these properties are going back into Commerce by being sold by Civic Source.” Councilman Harold Taylor questioned Finance Director Amanda Cain on where does the Parish stand the average cost on the sale of a property from Civic Source. Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, “Very rarely the Parish Government sees cash. We do have some money in Adjudicated that has built up over the years but we are using it now to handle some of the properties. We don't see a whole lot of money in a year's time. I can provide a quarterly report.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Resolution stated that it will give me a Blanket Resolution to sign but I placed this on the agenda because I want to make sure that you all see what I see when we are selling property. I am not putting this out just for you all to sign off on it; I will bring it before the council every time it comes up.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is on the right tract there. If there is any kind of money that we are getting, we want to know. If we are not getting anything, we still want to know that a property was sold.” Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “Selling thru the Parish rather than going thru Civic Source, I am only saying this because we have two things that came up and it could have been a problem. Ms. Cravins came in and she is trying to purchase property and yet we have people purchasing thru Civic Source, I think if we could go thru one vain, it would be a whole lot easier and we won't have to worry about people going another route and you still have to check it to sign off to make sure that it is good before it goes before the council.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated that is the council's decision, whatever you all want to do.” Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “I would like to make a motion to start the process of going thru the Parish and the Parish only.” Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Let us take our time on whatever process that we will use so we don't constantly change. We will constantly meet new challenges with this. I taught we would get a committee going so we could all discuss this process. In the past we had some adjudicated property that was sold to people from out of the state. I had the biggest mess to contact them and get them to maintain that property. That is why I am asking to think this thoroughly and cautiously because I had the biggest problem to track down the people from California because their property became blighted.” Councilman Harold Taylor questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard and Legal Counsel's Garrett Duplechains' opinion about going

Civic Source.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If we have two sources of selling adjudicated property, would it sell faster in comparison to just having one avenue for the property to be sold which is going thru the parish and getting rid of Civic Source.” Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “We have two types of sales here, one with on warranty and another type that has warranty.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I don’t think any of them have warranty and they can’t have warranty because it won’t pass a bank title search.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “As far as the outside, Civic Source does it faster than what we can do it basically but it is at a cost. I want to see how we can do it and I think Richard will be taking care of this on a speedy basis. I like the idea of us controlling it. We will follow the process and bring it to the council and open the bids right here and award the non-warranted cash sale at that time.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Eunice News is the Legal Journal. How many properties do we have here in Ward 1 that are adjudicated? The people may not see the Eunice News Official Journal. Why don’t we look at the possibility of the Daily World Newspaper so the people here locally will see adjudicated property up for sale, or up for bid?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have not looked at it, but it goes by whoever our official journal is going to be. It also goes back to how our Ordinance is going to read.” A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to discontinue the services with Civic Source Professional Services for the sale of Adjudicated Property in the parish after the next six months, ending the contract on October 21, 2021. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

g. Updated Animal Control Ordinance:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated I will submit an update on the Animal Control Ordinance at the next regular meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021. Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if it would be possible to do some public hearings around the parish on this matter. He continued to state that it took months to put together this Ordinance together and there are a lot of changes from the previous ordinance. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes we can do that, we can set it up and invite people. After we get all the info from the Public I can come back to the council with final draft.”

h. QTPOD Subscription Service Agreement:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is an updated model for the credit card machine at the Airport. The old machine has been there since 2003. It is no cost to the parish. A fee will be charged to the constituent when they swipe their card.” A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and the QTPOD Subscription Service Agreement for an updated model of a Credit Card machine at the Airport. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

i. US Bank Gateway Agreement for Government Entities:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated that US Bank Gateway is the credit card company that will be handling all the transactions on the QTPOD Credit Card machine at the Airport. A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 authorizing the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and US Bank Gateway Agreement for Government Entities. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

j. Amend the contract with City Marshall to add a \$2.00 per hour pay increase. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Our City Marshall that handles the security at the courthouse is having an issue with people come to work. They want to increase the pay for these employees by \$2.00 per hour. We need to amend our contract with them to allow for that increase in pay. We never had this before but we are beginning to have fights in the hallways of the courthouse and fights in the courtrooms. We need that extra help at the courthouse to take care of those issues. The \$2.00 increase will be amended to add

\$8,440.64 per hear." Finance Director Amanda Cain stated she will present the amended budget in two weeks.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to amend the Budget with the City Marshall's Office to add \$8,440.64 to give the Security Officers for the Courthouse a \$2.00 pay increase.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: Easton Shelvin. Motion forwarded.

k. Contract with Med Pro:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have an agreement with Medical Waste Disposal for the Jail. They are charging us \$394.00 per month to dispose of Medical Waste. We have a new provider called Med Pro. They will charge us \$105.33 per month.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to regular meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract with Med Pro, a Medical Waste Disposal Company for the Jail at the monthly rate of \$105.33.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the Parish President and Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion carried.

5. Did we as St. Landry Parish Council Members violate any Louisiana Revised Statue or any Louisiana Public Bidding Laws by entering into a Contractual Agreement with (Mike Hefner) Geographic Planning and Demographic Services regarding reapportionment Services? (Chairman Dexter Brown).

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Duplechain, by us awarding Mr. Mike Hefner with this company a contract for the Geographic Service, I don't believe that we put it out on bid or did we?" Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It is for professional services and I don't think that we had to put it out for bid." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Professional Services does not have to go out for bid. It would be a good policy if we would have put it out for bid, but it is not required by state law. We are good with this contract. The city elected Mr. Mike Hefner and he also does the School Board and ours every ten years. It was brought up before the council and the council approved it and I have signed the contract. Basically it is a done deal. I can assure you, I would have not signed it and Amanda would have not let me sign it if it was not done properly."

6. Authorize Adjudicated Property Sale with Jessica Henry-Parcel Number 8400169505.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "All contracts have to be voted on by the full council for us to complete the sale. I have reviewed all of the Non Warranty Cash Sales. They are done thru Civic Source. The laws and regulations were followed. It will be signed by the parties after the council approves it." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the cost of the properties and how did the Parish Government come to those prices. Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "The prices are in your

packet. One price is \$4,700.00 and the other price is \$5,500.00. They are located in Melville on LaFleur Street.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor To forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to approve the Adjudicated Property Sale with Jessica Henry-Parcel Number 8400169505

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

7. Authorize Adjudicated Property Sale with Jessica Henry – Parcel Number 8400169000.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to approve the Adjudicated Property Sale with Jessica Henry-Parcel Number 8400169000.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and

Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

8. Discuss Phase 5 of Smooth Ride Home. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I think Phase 5 have of the Smooth Ride Home has passed. I will ask, on the following Phases that we will have, are you planning on meeting with the Councilmember in small groups like you did before so we can discuss our areas?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, right now we are bidding out Beverly Road, Dry Bayou Road and Moreau Road. Those are the issues that came up while I was here. Once that process is completed I will come back before the council. Amanda can give us some figures at the next council. I do plan on meeting with you all in small groups.”

9. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Non-Warranty Cash Sale of Adjudicated Property to David Buller in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Parish President Jessie Bellard ask that we table this item. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If Mr. Buller did not go thru the bidding process, it is a wise thing to pull this item until we check in the matter.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to Table authorizing the Parish President to sign a Non Warranty Cash Sale of Adjudicated Property to Mr. David Buller in the amount of \$1,000.00 until we review if Mr. Buller went thru a bidding process for a Non Warranty Cash Sale of Adjudicated Property.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

10. Discuss and approve dates of work for our Assistant Council Clerk. (Chairman Dexter Brown).

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin ask that this item be moved to Executive Session after the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 to discuss a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward the discussion of the work dates for the Assistant Council Clerk to Executive Session after the next Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and

Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

11. Discuss Approval of a credit card for the St. Landry Parish Council under St. Landry Parish Government, regarding booking reservations, conferences registration fees and hotel booking reservations. (Chairman Dexter Brown).

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “I just taught that it would be a little easier if, under St. Landry Parish Government, that we have a credit card for St. Landry Parish Council Members. We ran into a problem with reservations. The Conference is in May at the

Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge. We did not have approval from your office and the rooms got booked up. Some of the Councilmembers have to go across the street to the Holiday Inn. If we would have had a credit card, Ms. Sherell could have just booked everything and we would have all been at the Crown Plaza where the Conference is being held. It is just an inconvenience if the weather is bad for the councilmembers to get to and from this meeting by being in different hotels.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Council approves the budget and this side of the Government spends the budget. Even if you all had a credit card, you will still have to get approval from our Purchasing department to get it done. I will ask that no credit card be given to the council because you all don’t spend the money.” Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, I think before you came here, that credit card that you are talking about was available at any time that our council clerk needed it. She would check with our Finance Director. That card is available. She can pick it up and use it if we had the funds available.” Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “I just wanted to get some clarity. Ms. Sherell, if you ever come to that situation again like booking rooms or whatever, you have the credit card available at hand so that way we can book everything at one time and we can all stay at the same place where the conference is being held at.” Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “As a backup plan, I am sure we all have a credit card that we can use and get reimbursed. I don’t want to change what we have. We have a system working.” Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “That is what I did, I just booked it under my credit card and it would be reimbursed.”

12. Discuss Assistance for St. Landry Parish School Tutoring Program.
(Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I know that we are all aware that due to the pandemic there is a large percentage of our St. Landry Parish Students who are behind. I do know that St. Landry Parish Board is going to be offering some type of summer program. They will also have after school tutoring. I would hope that we could come together as the council and bring this to the full council and have Ms. Cassimere and Mr. Jenkins come and let us know what they plan to do. If at all possible that we would partake in some way to help assist. In the past, learning how the tutoring program worked, many of the students who really needed the service were not able to take advantage of it because a mom was working, especially in those rural areas. They did not have anyone to pick them up after tutoring, so they just did not attend the tutoring. I would hope that we could bring this before the full council, decide if we want Mr. Jenkins or Ms. Cassimere to come before us to let us know exactly what it is that they are doing and then we can decide if we would help provide some transportation or with the snacks or an extra tutor at each site. It is just a taught. I would like for this to go before the full council for a discussion and we will move forward from there.” Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Is this one area or will you do the whole parish and what would it cost? Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “That is the purpose of us coming together at the full council and having them come forth with what they are offering and we will possibly see how we could assist.” Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if this would be a partnership with the School Board. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “No, I was just asking if it would be some way. In the past, if you will remember, we has a tutoring program that the parish had at Community Action for a couple of years. They ran out of funds. I met with Kirsten a couple of years ago and I was trying to get some service to help with the after school program. I think they had focused they attention to the Students at SLCC instead of with the tutoring program. I was just thinking, instead of us trying to start our own tutoring program, we could just find out what they are doing and offer some type of support or whatever.” Councilman Jerry Red Jr. sated, “I think it is a good gesture but at the same time I believe the school board have millions of dollars where they can assist the kids. We as parents are fighting and striving to make ends meet. I think at the same time, I don’t think we have the funds for it. When we did do it at Community Action, we used a Grant.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will get with Cherise in the morning and see what is available with the Community Action Program to bring something to our Parish if it is available. Maybe we can work together on that.” Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I know about two years ago they received funds from Federal Dollars that came to the Parish. I believe they asked us what they wanted to use the funds for. We had offered to try to use them for Grants. A Grant Fund to help the kids for tutoring. They chose to use it for something else. I think that it is a

good idea that the school board is paying for it. I think they should be able to fund it if they have the dollars to do it. Because right now, the Parish does not have it.”

13. Authorize the Council Clerk to purchase Minute Books to store Council Meeting Minutes. Corrected Pricing is \$783.50 provided by Spectra Associates for the next 4 years of minute books.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday April 21st, 2021 authoring the Council Clerk to purchase Minute Books from Spectra Associates to store the Council Meeting Minutes.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and

Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

14. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “I am unable to go to the convention. How much does each council member gets to go to the convention? Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, “We just have a total, I don’t know if it gets split up by council member or not.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, there is lump sum in the budget for council travel.” Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “How much is given per council member.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated he is not sure. Councilman Alvin Stelly Stated he thinks everyone should pay their own convention.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If items comes thru the agenda and it is not brought forth by the Parish President’s Office, please don’t place the item on the agenda unless we are ok with it. I just found out who put item 9 on the agenda. If I had known it, I would have not put it on the agenda. If it does not come from our office, I don’t want to put things.

15. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and

Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE
KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK

XIV. ADJOURN