

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16th, 2020**

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**ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 20th day of January, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Coby Clavier called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- III. **PRESENT:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ex Officio Coby Clavier. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly.
Councilman Alvin Stelly was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.
- IV. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman Coby Clavier thanked the Council and the Council Clerks for supporting him as Chairman for the year 2020. He then turned the gavel over to Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to become Temporary Chairman so the council can elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the year 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to appoint Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain as Temporary Chairperson.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

“Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time I call the full council meeting to order. Our first order of business is for the council to select a chairman for the year 2021. Do I have any nominations for Chairman for the year 2021?” Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I nominate Dexter Brown.” Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I second it.” Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “Do we have any other nominations for Chairman for the year of 2021? There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to close all nomination.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “The nominations have been closed and now the council will vote on the nomination of Dexter Brown to be Council Chairman for the year 2021.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to nominate Dexter Brown as Council Chairman for the year 2021.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: Dexter Brown. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “The motion is passed. Dexter Brown is now the Parish Council Chairman for the year 2021. Now I will turn the gavel over to Dexter Brown.”

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "I would like to thank God for having us all together on this day. I would also like to thank the councilmembers for selecting me as your Chairman for the year 2021. I want to thank you for having the confidence in me to help you lead the parish forward and for a prosperous St. Landry Parish. Thank you for your vote of confidence. Like always, we are one team, with one mission and one result and that is prosperity for all in St. Landry Parish and beyond. Thank you all very much."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I would like to nominate Mr. Harold Taylor as Assistant Chairman". Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the nomination, I have a lot of things going on, I would like to withdraw, thank you."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I would like to nominate Ms. Vivian." Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I second it." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, I would like to nominate Mr. Wayne Ardoin." Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I thank you very much Ms. Nancy, my plate is full and I will yield to Mrs. Vivian Olivier."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Now we have on the floor for vice chairperson is Mrs. Vivian Olivier, do we have any other nomination at this time?" There were no other nominations.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmied Edwards to nominate Vivian Olivier as Council Vice-Chairwoman for the year 2021.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

Vice Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "Thank you all very much. I look forward to working with our new Chairman and the rest of the council and our President, Mr. Jessie Bellard. Thank you very much."

V. **CONDOLENCES:**

Councilman Jerry Red Jr; Vivian Nimer, Joyce Mae Joseph, Mary Robert Rubin, Howard Walter Williams Sr., Helen Antoine Boutee, Antoine J. Sam Jr., Sabrina Andrus, Mary Wheeler, Elliot Jerome Donato, Harry Andrus, Donovan Fitzgerald Rideaux, Barbara Jean Anderson, Ronald J. Rene.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Theresa Iolia Marks, Lorenia Lazare Guilbeau, Joyce Mae Joseph, Mary Robert Rubin, Verdie Jane Lemon, Norma Jean Singleton, Howard Walter Williams Sr., Antoine J. Sam Jr., Elliot Jerome Donato, Jessie James Taylor.

Councilman Easton Shelvin: Howard W. William Sr., Donovan Fitzgerald Rideaux.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Vivian Nimer, Donovan Fitzgerald Rideaux, Ronald J. Rene, Elliot Jerome Donato, Gregory Pitre, Joseph Jason Lazare, Frederick LeBlanc, Norma Jean Singleton, Herman Smith, Darren J. Miller Sr., Joseph Clyde LaFleur, Joyce Mae Joseph, Mildred Guillory, Mary Robert Rubin, Alice Broussard Greene, James Allen Washington, Darron "Tim" Chambers.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Homer Richard.

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier: Dr. Joseph Robert Barry Jr., Sonny Burdon, Elliot Jerome Donato.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Theresa Pitre Dupre, Mayor Marx Allen "Sonny" Budden, Larry D. Young, Paul "P.R." Rodney Kratz

Councilman Jimmie Edwards: Michael Guillory Jr.

Councilman Coby Clavier: Theresa Marks

Chairman Dexter Brown: Dally Ruth Biagas, Elliot Jerome Donato, Donovan Fitzgerald Rideaux, Homer Richard, Mayor Marx Allen "Sonny" Budden.

Chairman Dexter Brown called for a moment of meditation the families that lost their loved ones.

VI. **PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- Senator Boudreaux
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Senator Gerald Boudreaux could not address the council. He had another engagement. He will address the council at next month's meeting."

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16th, 2020 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

VIII. **PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- **Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.**

Parish President stated, "There is not much of an update on Adjudicated Property other than we are getting together with attorneys to come up with another plan for the sale of Adjudicated Property. Whenever that meeting is going to happen, I will get some councilmembers involved ahead of time so we can come up with a solution."

- **Update on the Public Works Report.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are still digging ditches thru-out the whole Parish. We did hire a couple of operators in the past couple of weeks. We had a meeting yesterday with a few councilmembers. Mr. Red, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Ardoin and Ms. Nancy were present. We had a presentation given to us about drainage grants. There is a grant available and we are in the process of getting some surveying done with the drainage board thru-out our parish to get their needs and come up with a master plan on drainage. The Grant will be paying for it and it needs to be submitted by the end of 2021 for next year. We are encouraged and getting that started."

Chairman Dexter Brown commended the Parish President and the Public Works Department for a job well done.

- **Acadiana Crime Lab (ACL).**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Acadian Crime Lab submitted their Amended 2020 Budget and ask for a legislation each jurisdiction or each municipality or each parish shall I say have to approve their amended budget. A copy has been attached with your packet and they would like to have it approved. Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Bellard, is there a reason why that comes in after we have adopted our budget?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is their budget for Acadiana Crime Lab. We don't do anything with it, it is not part of ours at all. It is just part of the protocol for them to have it come thru us for approval along with the other seven Parishes. Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if they are asking for any funding from St. Landry Parish? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No Sir, usually the Sheriff puts up the portion for St. Landry Parish."

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the Amended 2020 Budget for the Acadian Crime Lab (ACL).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

- **Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Washington and Melville for use of equipment.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In the past, the town of Washington have been cutting the grass by the sewer pond. I just want to make sure that we have some kind of Intergovernmental Agreement with the town. Melville is the same thing, they want to be able to utilize some equipment and want us to help them with their streets over there. I informed them to bring it to the council for their approval. Basically, I would be in favor of any municipality who would want to use the equipment with our people working it at the same rate that we have been charging people. We should do that and just have a blanket Intergovernmental Agreement so we won't have to come to the council every time.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Washington and the Town of Melville for use of equipment.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

A motion was made by was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Parish President's Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Items passed through committee.

1. Authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between Christ Church and S.L.P.G, for Delta Usage. Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned the amount of the electric bill per month to lease the facility to Christ Church. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The time that is in their contract is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The bill runs from \$900.00 to \$1,500.00 per month depending on the time of the year." Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned if the temperature at the Delta Grand remains the same 24 hours per day. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, it does not, Christ Church uses it as if it is theirs from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Then it goes back to the temperature that was set previously going in." Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "My concerns are; are we getting enough from this lease beings that tax payer money is being used to pay for the utilities, the insurance and everything else in that time frame?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I feel comfortable with that price but if the council choses to do otherwise, it is up to you all." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if Christ Church have their own insurance and she also question how much are they paying towards the utility bill from their monthly fee of \$800.00. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They are providing Liability Insurance on their behalf. We still pay the insurance on the building and the utilities." Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned if the monthly rental fee from Christ Church in the amount of \$800.00 is enough to cover the cost of the utilities. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is only five hours per week that they are using the facility. Whatever the council wishes, we can put it into play." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the expiration date on the contract. Parish President Jessie Ballard stated, "The contract expires at the end of January. Councilman Harold Taylor suggested referring this matter back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021** and requested the Parish President to recalculate the utility usage and present the findings on the amount of the five hour weekly usage from Christ Church to the council.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward the contract between Christ Church and the S.L.P.G for the Delta Usage back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021** in order that the Parish President can recalculate the monthly fees for the Utility usage for Christ Church and present the finds to the council.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

- *After the discussion of New Business on the agenda, Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In reference to item #1 on the agenda, the calculation for Christ Church usage is \$2.08 per hour for the cost of utilities at the Delta Grand and that is based on the highest bill in 2020." Motion to forward back to February Committee Meeting has been cancelled*

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between Christ Church and S.L.P.G. for the use of the Delta Grand.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

2. Authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to contact the State Program Manager regarding a contract of interest between the St. Landry Parish Airport and the Profession Service Contract with Lloyd Ardoin and present the finds to the council. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I contacted Danielle Galor with DOTD Aviation Section which over sees Parish Government Airports. She stated there is no conflict of interest and there is no problem with Parish Government having a contract with Lloyd Ardoin for him to be a Consultant to the Airport. As long as Lloyd Ardoin pays his rent and we pay him for his

consulting services according to the contract we have with him. There is no conflict of interest or problem with that.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract for Professional Services between the St. Landry Parish Government and Ardoin Architecture, LLC; regarding the St. Landry Parish Airport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

3. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President to sign the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government/Airport and Far Horizon and All Bid Inc.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
4. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President to sign the Contract between “Karen Zeringue” and the St. Landry Parish Government for Nutrition Services at the St. Landry Parish WIC Clinics (Sunset, Eunice and Melville) for compliance with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie E. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
5. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President to sign a revised contract with Acadian Aircraft Interiors LLC. from Lot 2 to Lot B-4 and B-5 at the Airport.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
6. A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Luke Leger as Constable Justice of the Peace District 11 (Precinct 5-3) (Precinct 5-5) (Precinct 5-6) (Precinct 5-8) from January until Election Day March 20, 2021.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
7. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint Reginald Wayne Pitcher as Constable Justice of the Peace District 9, (Precinct 4-4), (Precinct 4-6) and (Precinct 4-11) from January until Election Day March 20th, 2021.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
8. Discuss any nominations for Constable Justice of the Peace District 13 (Precinct 5-2).
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “That is in District 4 of the Grand Prairie area. We do have a person that went and qualify at 9:28 a.m. this morning. Her name is Brenda Manuel and her application is in your packets. In order for her to serve until Election Day, we will need to appoint her by this council. Chairman Dexter Brown questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain if there are any legalities with the timing that her application arrived. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If her application meets the requirements and she is the only one who applied then the council can choose to make her the Interim Constable until and election can be had. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated Ms. Benda Manuel did forward here a picture that she did get qualified this morning. Councilman Jerry Red Jr. asked that we verify

and make sure that no one else qualified for that position because we would not want to appoint someone and more than one person have applied for that position. Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “As per the Secretary of the State, we have to appoint someone this meeting. This person shall remain in this position until March 2021. If we wait until February, the next person would have to wait until fall election to be appointed. This position has been vacant since December, 2020. The person that you appoint now will only be in that position until the election in March, 2021, then whomever wins the election in March will carry on the term. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Brenda Manuel to serve as interim Constable Justice of the Peace District 13 (Precinct 5-2).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

9. A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to appoint Lachana Malone to the Fire District No. 3 Board for a four year term. (01-01-2021 to 01-01-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

The votes were as follows:

Jerry Red Jr.	John Doga II
Nancy Carriere	Lachana Malone
Easton Shelvin	Lachana Malone
Mildred Thierry	Lachana Malone
Harold Taylor	Lachana Malone
Gil Savoy	John Doga II
Alvin Stelly	Lachana Malone
Vivian Olivier	John Doga II
Wayne Ardoin	Lachana Malone
Timmy Lejeune	Armand Declouette
Jimmie Edwards	Armand Declouette
Coby Clavier	Lachana Malone

10. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Ryan Dupre and Blake Davis to the Fire District No. 5 Board for a two year term. (01-01-2021 to 01-01-2023).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

The votes were as follows:

Jerry Red Jr.	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Nancy Carriere	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Easton Shelvin	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Mildred Thierry	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Harold Taylor	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Gil Savoy	Wade Ray	Blake Davis
Alvin Stelly	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Vivian Olivier	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Wayne Ardoin	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Timmy Lejeune	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Jimmie Edwards	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis
Coby Clavier	Ryan Dupre	Blake Davis

11. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to re-appoint Rodges Richard, Gilbert Guillory and Joseph Popillion to Fire District No. 6 for a two year term. (01-01-2021 to 01-01-2023).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
12. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to re-appoint Francis X. Henry to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four year term. (01-01-2021 to 01-01-2025).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
13. A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a four year term to the Public Works Commission District 6. (02-19-2021 to 02-19-2025).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
14. A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a four year term to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20. (02-15-2021 to 02-15-2025).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
15. A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to form a Committee to look into a Land Use Ordinance.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.
16. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to authorize the final approval of the Gardner Farms Estates-Phase II.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Wayne Ardoin. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

X. **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

*Items not passed through committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to forward all six items that are listed under Special Business to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

1. Authorize the ratification of Matt Rabalais to the E-911 Board being nominated by: Fire Chief of SLFPD #3 Charles Watson, Chief Roy Hardy of St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District No. 2 in Port Barre, Fire Chief Charles Mason of Opelousas Fire Department and Chief Michael Arnold of Eunice Fire Department. *Forwarded to February 3rd, Committee Meeting.*

2. Authorize the ratification of Major Mark Guidry (Opelousas Police Department Representative) to the E-911 Board nominated by: Chief Martin McLendon. ***Forwarded to February 3rd, Committee Meeting.***
3. Authorize the ratification of Chief Ervin Menard nominated himself to the E-911 Board, also Chief Ervin Menard was nominated by Riley Grisham, Grand Coteau Fire Chief, Mayonce Franks Jr., St. Landry Parish Fire Protection District 7, Fire Chief Johnny Meche, Leonville Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Chief Kevin Smith of the Sunset Volunteer Fire Department. ***Forwarded to February 3rd, Committee Meeting.***
4. Authorize the ratification of Lieutenant Tony Kennedy to the E-911 Board nominated by Chief of Police Randy Fontenot of Eunice Police Department to replace Chief Richard Daigle upcoming retirement. ***Forwarded to February 3rd, Committee Meeting.***
5. Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing the School of Choice Week, January 24-30, 2021. ***Forwarded to February 3rd, Committee Meeting.***
6. St. Landry Parish government Honors and recognizes I-49 Riders awarding three seniors, Keon Deante-Rashad Coleman (Opelousas Catholic), Alicia Lashawn King (JS Clark), and Jon'Quarius McGee (Opelousas High School) in St. Landry Parish each a \$500.00 Scholarship on Saturday December 26th, 2020. ***Forwarded to February 3rd, Committee Meeting.***

XI. **ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

None.

XII. **ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-001

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt **Ordinance No. 2021-001.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL THAT THE REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2021 BE SET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT SIX O'CLOCK P.M. AND FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES TO MEET ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT SIX O'CLOCK P.M. DATES FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2021 ARE LISTED BELOW

TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2021
(THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M.)

January 20, 2021 (Inauguration Day)
February 17, 2021
March 17, 2021 (St. Patrick's Day)
April 21, 2021
May 19, 2021
June 16, 2021
July 21, 2021
August 18, 2021
September 15, 2021
October 20, 2021
November 17, 2021
December 15, 2021

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2021
(FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M.)

January 6, 2021
February 3, 2021
March 3, 2021
April 7, 2021
May 5, 2021 (Cinco de Mayo)
June 2, 2021
July 7, 2021
August 4, 2021
September 1, 2021
October 6, 2021
November 3, 2021
December 1, 2021

XIII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adopt **Resolution No. 001 OF 2021.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 001 OF 2021

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 5, 2020, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)**

Shall the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of one (1) mill on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$671,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, for the purpose of operating and maintaining a jail facility in the Parish? This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **2,933** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **2,450** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **483** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A Procès Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Landry, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

RESOLUTION NO. 002 of 2021
Rural Broadband Resolution

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain, “Mr. Duplechain, do we have to wait until this passes thru the Legislature for someone to be able to try to get involved with offering St. Landry Parish internet service to people in the rural area. Is that the way this reads? Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I don’t think we have to wait for the Legislature to take action for St. Landry Parish to consider a franchise to facilitate High Speed Internet in the rural areas of St. Landry Parish. The Legislature can be helpful in that, which I think it is why we are passing the resolution. We don’t have to wait for the legislature to receive the resolution. If the resolution passes it will be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and sent off to our Representatives in both the Senate and the House.” Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Is it possible that someone can come on board and offer to have service in the rural areas?” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It will certainly help. The Legislature could help and the Parish Government could seek out and find a company that would be granted a monopoly in these areas. It would be one company covering a certain area to provide high speed internet in the rural areas of St. Landry Parish.”

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Adopt **Resolution No. 002 OF 2021.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 002 of 2021
Rural Broadband Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA COUNCIL TO THE LOUISIANA SENATE AND THE LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the ST. LANDRY Parish Council strives to enhance the quality of life of its residents, both personally and economically, and

WHEREAS, high-speed internet service has become a necessary component to participating in the modern economy, healthcare and education, but this service is unavailable or of an inadequate quality for many residents, and

WHEREAS residents of ST. LANDRY Parish deserve the same educational, medical and economic opportunities as citizens in parishes served by high speed internet,

WHEREAS, neighboring states of our region have invested in the development of broadband infrastructure at varying levels, while Louisiana has made no financial investment thus far,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed over the past year to allow opportunities for installation by private providers using the infrastructure of the Rural Electric Cooperative and the Cooperatives themselves have been given permission to expand into broadband from the Public Service Commission recently,

WHEREAS, legislation has been passed this year to establish a Louisiana Office of Broadband that will allow a designated state office to seek funds and distribute in order to promote broadband installation in Louisiana,

WHEREAS, various departments of the Federal Government have made funds available for expansion of broadband targeted to rural areas. These funds provide an initial step toward bridging the digital divide,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL urges the Louisiana Legislature to pass legislation which will invest in the installation of high speed internet for rural Louisiana.

XIV. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the Public Works Committee Minutes from January 6th, 2021 meeting as transcribed. On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from January 6th, 2021 meeting as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain, "Mr. Duplechain, are we legal by having these zoom meetings? How much longer can we continue going like this? Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That is a good question, there are legalities that have to be met. I believe we are meeting the requirement. The notice of the meeting, how to participate in the meeting, the agenda and the certification that we have to have the zoom meeting distributed to all media that publishes and broadcast inside of St. Landry Parish. I believe Sherell is doing that and these requirements are being met as best as we can. I don't know how much longer we can do that. Hopefully we will have enough people vaccinated where we can go back to our normal meetings. We are meeting the requirements to have Zoom Meetings and we are having legal meetings. I don't know how long we can keep it up because there are certain requirements that have to be met. It will probably be more comfortable legal ground when we can go back to our normal meetings." Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "People go to church all of the time during this pandemic, Law Officers and Firemen have to serve the people every day. I just feel as an elected official of St. Landry Parish, we need to look at the situation and possibly have our meetings again in our council room and separate ourselves and get back to the normal business of having meetings. This is fun and games where you can lay down at your house and have your meeting. Are we being justified by doing this to the public, where people cannot come into the meeting room and have some input from the public? We are not getting any input from the public the way we are handling our meetings at this time. I am just asking that we look at this situation."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated we will get with Mr. Duplechain so he can look deeper into that matter. We have more room at the Delta Grand than our Council Chambers. Maybe we can set something up in our Delta Grand and make it reachable to the public. But Mr. Duplechain maybe you can look into this a little but more and get back to us. Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "We spent tax payers' money for special microphones to have our meeting in the Delta Grand. Let's try to have our meetings in the Delta Grand and use these special microphones that we bought so we can have our meetings and be separated."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Due to the pandemic, the COVID situation and having to go back to Phase 2, we have seen the results from Thanksgiving but we have not seen all the results from Christmas, and due to that nature and that fact, I think it behooves us to be virtual. I understand we are elected officials, but yet at the same time we have to do what is best to protect ourselves. We've had council members that have gotten the virus. We have people with underlying conditions and we don't want anyone to lose their life for just going to a meeting. If

you can do the meeting and do it virtual, I don't see a problem. When we can take the shot or when this turn around gets better, we can go and meet together as one. I think we need to be more protective than just worrying about coming together to hold a meeting.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I agree with both of our members. We need to follow the CDC Guidelines and we need to adhere to wearing a mask.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “One of our members, Councilman Easton Shelvin have COVID now. I want us to take a moment and pray for him.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “Thank you all for the prayers. This is not anything you should take lightly. If we would have met in person, this is one meeting that I would not have been able to attend. I have no idea how I contracted this virus. I do work with the public. People are not being honest with us. It is not just by way of airborne, it is by touch as well. All it takes is one person to spread it to the whole council and we kill everything about the council. It is important that we come together, but is it that important that we lose everybody to just rush into coming back together. It is more important that we use wisdom. If this is working for us, why fix what is not broken. I hate the way I am feeling and I would not wish this on no one.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly also thanked the council for all their prayers for his take with the virus. He ask that we all take this virus serious.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked President Jessie Bellard if they have receive additional Black Gold. She stated she has place a work order and she is asking that he give immediate attention to Rachal Lane and Chevis Road. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he will look into the matter tomorrow.

XV. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of January, 2021.

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