

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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**ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
MINUTES**

***Meeting was cancelled from Wednesday February 17, 2020 to Wednesday February 24, 2021 due to inclement weather.***

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Dexter Brown called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Chairman Dexter Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- III. **PRESENT:** 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. Ex Officio Dexter Brown. **ABSENT:** None.
- IV. Condolences:  
***Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:*** Laura Belle Balthazar, Scott Perry Jr.  
***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:*** Yola Ann Fontenot, Peter Pickney Jr. Willie Pickens Sr., Adele D. Pickens, Laura Belle Balthazar, Joseph L. Reed, Clifton “Bro” Lemelle, Clara A. Roberts, Wilfred John Miller.  
***Councilman Easton Shelvin:*** Laura Belle Balthazar, Clifton “Bro” Lemelle.  
***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:*** Juanita Ann Carmouche, Laura Belle Balthazar, Joseph L. Reed, Clifton “Bro” Lemelle, Adele D. Pickens, Willie Pickens Sr. Jessie James Pickney, Leora Mae Vallair Chenier, Brian Keith Colligan, Austin Bias Jr., Peter Pickney Jr. Adria Louise Gauthier, Yola Ann Fontenot, Herman Lee Richard, Dorothy Dalcour, Freddie “Tut Tut” Chenier, Kelly J. “Dogie” Guidry, Mary Jean Arclese, Joseph Ronald “Pup” Thierry, Mary Ann Artigue, Gordon Leblanc.  
***Councilman Harold Taylor:*** Wella Catherine Bihm, Durward McGee.  
***Councilman Gil Savoy:*** Regina Mallet, Herbert Mallet, Oscar Paul Higginbotham.  
***Councilman Alvin Stelly:*** Georgie Guilbeau Kidder, Frederick “Fred” LaPorte  
***Councilman Wayne Ardoin:*** Laura Belle Balthazar, Percy John Wyble, Rita Velma David, Larry Young, James Rickey Doucet, Clifton “Bro” Lemelle, Durward McGee.  
***Councilman Dexter Brown:*** Laura Belle Balthazar, Clifton “Bro” Lemelle  
***Councilman Timmy Lejeune:*** Frances “Granny” Norman Lavergne  
***Councilman Jimmie Edwards:*** Janelle Mire Manuel, Mary Evelda Guillory, Laura Belle Balthazar.  
***Councilman Coby Clavier:*** Harry Shawn Guillory, Kenneth “Keno” Guillory, Jacob Todd Vige’  
***Chairman Dexter Brown called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.***
- V. **PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**  
Lena Charles addressed the council regarding the Opelousas Downtown Development District. A Public Meeting for a Master Plan. “This is the third meeting and Ms. Lena Charles thanked Parish President Jessie Bellard for allowing them to have it at a central location on the courthouse. We will continue to gather information for the master plan. A lot of material have been gathered through charts, maps, and graphs. The information is available to view and add your input of new ideas to the master plan. It will be very sensitive to the CDC guidelines where you can walk to the different stations. This meeting is this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the courthouse grounds.”

Ernest Broussard – HGA Contract

“Thank you to the Parish President and Parish Council for being able to propose on such a signature effort on behalf of the council to recover from the recent storm devastations

and proceed on to a more sustainable and resilient community. HGA is proud to be there, we have quite a pedigree with FEMA, Gohsep, EBG, LED, and Office of community service. Our proposal to you is very comprehensive we will do your assessments, prioritize your projects and we will proceed with funding under this disaster recovery platform. Our fees will come directly from the program. We are very intune to public assistance, housing, infrastructure and HMGP but with the covid stimulus and economic stimulus coming from the Biden administration we feel that we can achieve a common goal in the parish. I stand ready to address any concerns from the parish council at this time.” No questions from the parish council. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This item will also come up in his president report if anyone has any questions at that time.”

#### Mike Hefner- Reapportionment

Mike Hefner addressed the council regarding reapportionment being required because of the 2020 Census. An update on the timeline as well as any questions on the proposal regarding the timeline because of Covid Congress allowed the Census Bureau to report to the President at the end of April rather than the end of December last year because of delays in both collection and tabulation. My contact at the Census Bureau has stated they are still trying to make deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If they make that deadline than we would probably get our data in late July or early August. That mean we have loss about six months of planning on plan development. Normally we start plan development in March, now we might not be able to start until August. It actually will help in some cases it will allow us to get everything lined up before hand, get all systems pre- programmed so as soon as that data is ready I am able to get it in my system and hit the ground running. First thing I'll be doing as soon as I get that data I will be calculating the 2020 population of each current districts. I call that the determination stage. That will determine if everyone is still equally balanced or we have some districts that have more population or less population than the others. If there is a deviation of 5% or more than we will have to adjust the election district line so that everybody represent the same number of people. The last time we worked with the school board in developing a common plan so it's the same number of members, they have expressed an interest in doing that again. In 2019 the parish adopted a consolidated set of precincts that we are going to use to build our plan that will allow us to split precincts where we need to split precincts and save money every election. The time we have now to adopt a plan is June of next year assuming we don't have Section 5 pre-clearance reinstated. We don't have to do that at this time because the Supreme Court ruled a formula that determined which entities had to do that was unconstitutional so right now there is no Section 5 pre-clearance. That saves 120 days on the schedule but if Congress adopts a new formula and puts it in place in Louisiana then we would have to submit a plan to the Justice Department which means our timeline moves back from June of next year to January of next year. That's when you see the months that we lost and the delay of getting our Census gets incredible with only 4 months to get a plan together. We still have to follow everything in Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The price on the proposal is the same as 2010 except they extended a discount on both entities this time to encourage everybody to work together.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are we alright tonight to give Mr. Hefner the ok to proceed with his plans.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr, “My only question is what is the plan for each district before we vote on it?”

Mike Hefner, “We don't have that yet because we don't have the data, the contractors provide the professional services to development that plan. It will be the plan that is agreed upon by the school board and the council. My job is to help facilitate that and development a plan that gets a consensus on both governing bodies. I will come to you with a starting plan but from that point on it's a matter of us working together interactively we will actually be modeling different scenarios in live session to development a plan.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to approve signing a Resolution entering into a contract for help with Geographic's on Reapportionment.

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 24th, day of February, 2021.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

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

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Mr. Richard Lewis is the new Code Enforcement Officer for the parish, he started last week. We will be meeting with Bruce and Garrett in the future to discuss adjudicated and blighted property cleanups in the parish."
- Update on the Public Works Report  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are having trouble getting the rock in for the limestone gravel. We only have two trucks and Acadiana Shell is trying to get us more trucks so we can get more rocks poured on our roads. We had a couple of extra trucks today so they are in use of picking up. Ditch digging is still happening. We are currently in Broadmoore and Ko-ko-mo Subdivisions this week. We will be in District 2, District 3, District 9, District 5, District 11 and District 10 in the next week or so. I do want to update everyone on our hard freeze we had last week. We were very fortunate we did not have any deaths in our parish. We took the necessary actions to stop that from happening but it did open our eyes. I picked up people at their homes but we have to do better in helping people get the housing that they need. Community Action Agency is working now on that as we speak."  
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, "I wanted to know, because of the hard freeze and a lot of people will be receiving higher utility bills, are there any funding available at Community Action that we can tell the constituents to go apply if their bills have doubled because it's will be anticipated."  
Parish President Jessie Bellard, "Yes they have a program at Community Action. Charisse Staff is working with them as we speak. The bill has to be past due or even shut off, but yes there is funding for that."  
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, "Do you know if FEMA is replacing items in refrigerators that were loss due to the freeze or do you know if it was declared a disaster?"  
Parish President Jessie Bellard, "One of the next agenda items for the next Council meeting will be HGA Contract. They are the people that we will be asking these questions to in order to get us the assistance we need with FEMA."  
Councilman Jerry Red Jr., "Mr. Bellard, the winterizing program that normally be in St. Landry Parish, I believe it's now in Avoyelles Parish. I know you mentioned that several people here are living in homes that are really not protecting them during the cold storm. Is it any way possible that we can get that winterizing program back in St. Landry Parish?"  
Parish President Jessie Bellard, "Mr. Red that's a program that was loss from our parish to their parish after I left back in 2014. We are working to get that program back for that very reason. We have a lot of people in our parish that's not getting any help. We are applying to get the program back. Just because it's in Avoyelles Parish it supposed to be helping us here as well but it's not. We are trying to get it back in our parish. One other thing we are working on something, we haven't received final confirmation yet but the generators at the jail and courthouse are not big enough to supply needed electricity to run an event of an outage. It would cost about \$400,000.00 dollars to replace two generators to take care of both facilities and there is a grant out there we believe we will receive we did get tentative approval already but that will be something we are tackling within the next couple of months to change out both generators. That will allow us to keep our jail operational during storms and no potential of shipping

inmates out at the cost of the tax payers. We are trying hard to get that done and it looks like we will get it done but it will be a couple months out before we start that project.

- **Country Ridge Road Drainage Project**  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That was in District 9 and tabled until a later date. I am asking the council to approve that payment to the drainage board in that area.”  
Councilman Wayne Ardoin, “The drainage district paid their half and I’m asking that the parish pay the other half on the change order that was done on Country Ridge Road, it’s a total of \$21,000.00.”  
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to approve payment of \$21,000.00 for Country Ridge road drainage project.  
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 24th, day of February, 2021
- **RFP-Project Management, Grant Management and Administrative Services Contract**  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “After assessed by three people, HGA was the chosen company. The main thing is all these grants especially with the Cares Act, HGA will be our main go to people to get it because we don’t want to leave anything on the table. They are professionals, and they know what they are doing. I recommend we give the contract to them.”  
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the HGA contract.  
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 24th, day of February, 2021
- **Landmark Consulting**  
Parish President Jessie Bellard, “A Company that came in after the storms of last year. They started the process of getting our FEMA records in order to receive reimbursement from FEMA. We started that within the first 90 days to get paperwork started and brought that contract as a temporary appointment to them and since they started that contract with the two hurricanes we would like to extend the contract until it’s completed. The payment comes from FEMA reimbursement, nothing to do with the parish. Also we have a couple of questions that will be raised with the debris pickup. I spoke with Richard LeBouef this afternoon. My plan is, if we can opt in for debris pickup, not sure which contract will handle it but one of them will handle it. We will start doing debris pickup, we already did the RFP’s for the contractors from last year. We didn’t pick anybody because Solid Waste will still be doing the pickup. We would like to enter into a contract with a company once determine which one it will be if FEMA allows it to finish picking up debris in our parish.  
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the extended contract with Landmark Consulting.  
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 24th, day of February, 2021
- **Permit Fee waiver for Jhonnath Carriere who lost his home in a house fire September 2020 on Babineaux Road Church Point, LA.**  
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the permit fee waiver for Jhonnath Carriere who lost his home in a house fire on September, 2020.  
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 24th, day of February, 2021

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards 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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

\*Items passed through committee.

1. A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to approve Proclamation Honoring and Recognizing the School of Choice Week January 24-30, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

2. A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Parish President to sign a proclamation honoring and recognizing I-49 Riders awarding three seniors Keon Deante-Rashad Coleman (Opelousas Catholic), Alicia Lashawn King (JS Clark) and Jon'Quarius McGhee (Opelousas High School) in St. Landry Parish each a \$500.00 Scholarship on Saturday December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

3. A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to sign a copier contract Novatech.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

4. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Matt Rabalais to the E-911 Board 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.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

5. A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Major Mark Guidry (OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE) to the E-911 Board nominated by: Chief Martin McLendon.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

6. A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to appoint Chief Ervin Menard to the E-911 Board 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.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

7. A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to appoint 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.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

8. Further discuss the speed limit on Country Ridge Road.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Bellard have spoken with Sheriff Guidroz?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard, "No I haven't yet but I can first thing in the morning and get his recommendation."

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward this item back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021** further discuss the speed limit on Country Ridge Road.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

9. A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to appoint Charles Lafleur to the Public Works Commission District 6 for a four year term. (02-19-2021- 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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

10. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to re-appoint Randy Richard to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (02-15-2021- 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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

11. A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a five year term to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority.

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 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

12. Discuss Mud-Riding on Parish Roads.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I placed this item on the agenda because several of my constituents have been contacting me concerned of roads being destroyed from mud riding on parish roads. They were stating maybe if we had an Ordinance in place to address the mud riding maybe take their vehicle for 30 days it would stop some of the mud riding messing up parish roads. I told them I wasn't sure if it would solve the problem but I definitely would bring it before the Council. I know that District 4 isn't the only district with this problem. I would like to hear yall input and what suggestions to get this problem

addressed. Rolton Road and Tower Road every time we try to fix it they go back out and tear it up again.”

Chairman Dexter Brown, “Yes Mrs. Mildred we feel your frustration because we have that problem in our district as well.”

Councilman Harold Taylor, “We probably need to research and see what Ordinance we have in place about mud-riding on parish roads but we probably need to send this to committee to do this.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain, “Laws on the book against damaging public property, private property, and roads law enforcement can enforce it. No matter how many Ordinances, Laws, and Legislation you pass at some point you still will need law enforcement to issue a citation for violating these laws. We do have laws on the book that prohibit damaging roads and private property. At this point we need law enforcement to issue a citation if they catch someone damaging the roads. It is my understanding that the Sheriff department will increase patrol in St. Landry Parish to try to stop the mud-riding from damaging the roads.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., “I’m in favor with Mr. Taylor we can forward it back to the committee and we can make our decision there.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly, “I had this problem for the last four years with mud-riding four wheeler trucks but as long as the Sheriff don’t catch them it’s nothing we can do. Even if they do catch them and we have caught some but it’s nothing we can do about it. The Sheriff can write the citation but if the District Attorney or somebody doesn’t push it then there’s nothing being done. We need to pass some sort of law saying if we catch someone tearing up our roads give them a 30 day jail term or something to punish them. That’s the only way we going to stop it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to forward this item back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021** further discuss mud-riding on parish roads.

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 24th, day of February, 2021.

13. A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Councilman Harold Taylor to the Sales Tax Commission.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 24th, day of February, 2021.

14. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the repair of the voicemail system in the Council Clerk Office.

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 24th, day of February, 2021.

15. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to include in the Condolences List the funeral home that is conducting services.

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 24th, day of February, 2021.

16. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize Council Clerk to write a letter for the attendance record, minutes, and by-laws of Acadiana St. Landry Hospital Service District.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, “I would like to send that letter. We received some information from the Acadiana St. Landry Hospital District and the guy that was in question did not miss any meetings, his attendance record is nearly perfect. I would like Mr. Aj and Mr. Pat as well as the rest of the board members and the Acadiana Police

Jurors to know that the information we received from them indicates that Mr. Bellard is doing what we expect of him and I would like for him to stay in that position.”  
Councilman Jimmie Edwards, “Was there an Ethics Violation in his present.”  
Chairman Dexter Brown, “No Mr. Jimmie the information received looks like he attended basically all of the meetings that were scheduled.”  
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 24th, day of February, 2021.

**IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

\*Items not passed through committee.

1. A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to forward this item back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021** for further discussion authorizing the Parish President to sign agreement to accept a Grant from Bissell Pet Foundation for St. Landry Parish Animal Shelter. A \$31,000.00 Grant for infrastructure of the animal shelter.  
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: Alvin Stelly None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 24th, day of February, 2021.
2. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward this item back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021** for further discussion authorizing Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Non Warranty Cash Sale to sell a Parcel of adjudicated property to Floyd Ford.  
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: Alvin Stelly. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 24th, day of February, 2021.

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**  
**None.**

**XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**  
**None.**

**XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**  
**None.**

**XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to accept the **Administrative/Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 as transcribed.

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: Alvin Stelly. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 as transcribed.

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: Alvin Stelly. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.



**XIV. ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 24<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE  
SHERELL JORDAN, COUNCIL CLERK**