

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
DELTA GRAND THEATRE, 120 SOUTH MARKET ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 17th day of March, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Dexter Brown called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilman Easton Shelvin 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. **ABSENT:** None.
- IV. Condolences:
 - Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:*** Lawrence Joseph ‘Big Red’ Red.
 - Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:*** Goldie Ann Auzenne Broussard, Joseph A. Brown Jr. Lawrence Joseph ‘Big Red’ Red, Wesley Comeaux Sr., Raphael Jones Jr.
 - Councilman Easton Shelvin:*** Homer Williams.
 - Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:*** Mary Yvette Lynn Clay Darby, Goldie Ann Auzenne Broussard, Homer Williams, Henry Lee Grimes Jr., Wesley Comeaux Sr., Janette Pitre, Larry Edwards.
 - Councilman Alvin Stelly:*** Rodney Joseph Mire, Norma Mary Knott Stelly.
 - Councilman Wayne Ardoin:*** Charles Vernon Duplechain, Troy Hanchett Slocum, Gregory ‘Joey’ Stelly Jr., Megan Elizabeth Briley, Wilfred John Miller, Dale Anthony Stanford.
 - Councilman Jimmie Edwards:*** Devon James Ned, Wilma Marie Johnwell Dupre.
 - Councilman Coby Clavier:*** Wilma Marie Johnwell Dupre, Clement Ted Matt.
 - Chairman Dexter Brown called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.***
- V. **PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**
 - Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Tre Lanclos will not be available to address the council. He is in the preliminary of getting a platform. I have advised him that he still has to go before the Engineering Firm that he chooses so they can bring it too our Planning Commission.
 - Mr. Allen Guillory addressed the council regarding his candidacy for Congressman.
 - Mr. Rodney Richard, Building Code Inspection Service addressed the council regarding dilapidated properties at 336 Budd Street and 236 E. Martin Luther King Dr. in Sunset, LA.
 - Cedric Floyd, President Data Center LLC addressed the council regarding Reapportionment and Redistricting Plan for the St. Landry Parish Council Districts.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24th, 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 17th, day of March, 2021.
- VII. **PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
 - Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Richard Lewis is our new Code Enforcement Officer. He is setting up the new protocol and making sure that everyone follows the same procedures when it comes to Adjudicated Property. He has removed several Cores off the Roadway on Wildflower Lane. He is also working with the Municipalities for Blighted Property.”
 - Update on the Public Works Report

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are still digging ditches and doing what we can to take care of the drainage problems in the parish. Nothing new has come up in the last couple of weeks since our last meeting." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned the Ball Park Property in Lawtell. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They cut the grass last week. There were some spots that the crew could not get to because it was wet."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Non Warranty Cash Sale to sell a Parcel of Adjudicated Property to Floyd Ford.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to approve Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the 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, 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

2. Vote to appoint Lonnie Carriere to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five year term. (03-16-2021- 03-16-2026).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to appoint Lonnie Carriere to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five year term. (03-16-2021- 03-16-2026).

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 17th, day of March, 2021.

3. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (04-19-2021 – 04-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (04-19-2021 – 04-19-2025).

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 17th, day of March, 2021.

4. Authorize the Finance Department to provide the council with the Road District Tax Money Fund Balance at every meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Finance Department to provide the council with the Road District Tax Money Fund Balance at every 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

5. Vote to invite Former Senator Long to address the council in April to speak about bringing Broadband Services to the Parish.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to invite Former Senator Long to address the council in April to speak about bringing Broadband Services to the Parish.

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 17th, day of March, 2021.

6. Discuss the possibility of having in house meetings again.
Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "We will follow all CDC and LDH Guidelines. I am very happy to be in person now. My intentions for the next meeting is to resume our monthly meetings it in the Council Chambers, Old City Market.
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to resume the monthly Council Meetings in the Council Chambers at Old City Market. Next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 7th, 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

7. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an agreement to accept a \$31,000.00 Grant from the Bissel Pet Foundation for the Infrastructure of a Cat Sanctuary to the outside of the St. Landry Parish Animal Shelter.
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "According to our Director, the Bissel Pet Foundation Grant was pulled. I have not spoken to the Lady from the Foundation. She wanted a couple of things that I could not provide. She wanted us to do a CVI three days in advance before an animal is transported. Everything is still the same without the Bissel Pet Foundation Grant. We still have the same people that are picking up at the Shelter. We have turned the old Kiln Room into a Cat Sanctuary. The Grant would have added an outside building so the cats could go outside, but this is not detrimental to the Animal Shelter."

IX. **SPECIAL BUSINESS:**
*Items not passed through committee.
None.

X. **ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

Ordinance No. 2021-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-0009 (Sponsored by Councilman Jerry Red Jr.)

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**

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor To Adopt **Resolution No. 003-2021**.

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 17th, day of March, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2021

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish government will sell immovable property that was adjudicated to St. Landry Parish Government to Floyd Ford;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish government has executed an affidavit verifying that all legal procedures and requirements for selling adjudicated property, as per LA R.S. 47: 2205, LA R.S. 47:2206, LA R.S. 47:2207, and all other Louisiana statutes, have been met;

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby authorized St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute the Non-Warranty Cash Sale to sell to Floyd Ford a certain lot or parcel of immovable property described as Lot 86 in the Planters subdivision in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, and said property is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by Planters Street; South by LeDay and Chavis; East by Guillory and West by LeDay;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolved to sell to Floyd Ford, by a Non-Warranty Cash Sale, for Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), a certain lot or parcel of immovable property described as Lot 86 in the Planters subdivision in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, and said property is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by Planters Street; South by LeDay and Chavis; East by Guillory and West by LeDay;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolve to authorized St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute said Non-Warranty Cash Sale to sell to Floyd Ford, a certain lot or parcel of immovable property described as Lot 86 in the Planters subdivision in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, and said property is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by Planters Street; South by LeDay and Chavis; East by Guillory and West by LeDay.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE 17th, DAY OF MARCH, 2021

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to accept the **Administrative/Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, March 3rd, 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmy Edwards, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, March 3rd, 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

Chairman Dexter Brown asked the Council to keep in their prayers all whom have died from COVID19, all the Shut-In's, All the Sick and Suffering and all whom are hospitalized.

XIV. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier 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 17th, day of March, 2021.

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