

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 21st, day of April, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Dexter Brown 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, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. **Ex Officio** Dexter Brown. **ABSENT:** None.
 - A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Colby Clavier to Amend the Agenda to add one additional line item to invite Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer to address the council with updates regarding the Reapportionment Plan.
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 21st, day of April, 2021.
- IV. **Condolences:**
 - Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:** Ben Jones Jr., Velma Lee Milburn-Carriere, Phyllis Richard, Kori Monet Gauthier, John Charles "JC" Beverly, Jean Lois Harrison, Aaron Brown, Preston Charles Sr., Ron Gerold Haynes, Eleanor Bocard, Chad Roberts, Felton Hopkins, Dwayne Charles "Moo" "Snoop" Washington.
 - Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:** Jose Antonio Higareda-Ramirez, Phyllis Richard, Velma Lee Milburn-Carriere, John Charles "JC" Beverly, Joseph Evon "T-Roe" Thomas Sr., Kori Monet Gauthier, Jean Lois Harrison, James Thompson, Preston Charles Sr., Carmen Wayne Barnaba, Chad Roberts, Ron Gerold Haynes, Herman Dale Hebert, Avery Charles Hudson, Walter Major.
 - Councilman Easton Shelvin:** Kori Monet Gauthier, Jean Lois Harrison, Ben Jones Jr., John Charles "JC" Beverly, Preston Charles Sr., Steve Young.
 - Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:** Caleb Alexander Doucet, Shane Henry Smith, Willie Mae Fontenot Dupre, Preston Charles Sr., Wallace Splane, Steve Young, Hazel Jefferson, Gary Dean Blood Sr., Aaron Brown, Kori Monet Gauthier, Chad Roberts, Ron Haynes, Ellis Simon Fontenot, Alvin O. Auzenne Jr., John Charles, "JC" Beverly, Jean Lois Harrison, Paul Green Jr., Ben Jones Jr., Richard "Iron II" Rideaux Jr., Melton James Jr., Theresa Minor.
 - Councilman Harold Taylor:** Stanley Buller Jr.
 - Councilman Gil Savoy:** Harold Stansbury, Avery Charles Hudson, David Lee Hutchins, Versie Guidroz, Mrs. Troy Hanchett Slocum, Rita Marie Jenkins, Versie Lee Levier Auzenne, Loyce Harmon.
 - Councilman Alvin Stelly:** Christopher Jude "Pork Chop" Callandrent.
 - Councilwoman Vivian Olivier:** Lucille McMillan Simon, Scurdy Joseph Menard.
 - Councilman Wayne Ardoin:** Jean Lois Harrison, Kori Monet Gauthier, Avery Charles Hudson, John Charles "JC" Beverly, Ellis Simon Fontenot, Carmen Wayne Barnaba.
 - Chairman Dexter Brown:** John Charles "JC" Beverly, Shane Henry Smith, Kori Monet Gauthier, Jean Lois Harrison.
 - Councilman Coby Clavier:** Debbie Courville DeRouen.

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

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- Ms. Zoey Savoy addressed the council regarding the need for Speed Bumps on Charles Burr Lane. She stated constituents are speeding down Charles Burr Lane.
- Mr. Robert Thibodeaux addressed the council regarding the need for Speed Bumps on Charles Burr Lane. He feels Acadian Ambulance Service should take an alternate route off of HWY 190 if Speed Bumps are an issue on Charles Burr Lane. The speed limit is 30 mph and constituents are going 90 mph.
- Mr. Robert Thibodeaux informed the council about poor drainage on Charles Burr Lane. He stated there are trees and leaves that are blocking the culverts.
- Chairman Dexter Brown requested Parish President Jessie Bellard to contact the Drainage Board in that area for assistance.
- Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated the Marshall’s Office will assist the Sheriff’s Department with extra patrol on Charles Burr Lane until something can be done.
- Byron LaLone addressed the council regarding the need for Speed Bumps on Charles Burr Lane. He stated he has an abandon lot that the Sheriff’s Office can utilize to set up a patrol to catch the speeding vehicles that are traveling down Charles Burr Lane.
- Chairman Dexter Brown informed Mr. Lalone to get with the Marshall’s office to give the address of the abandon lot where the Marshall’s Office and the Sheriff’s Office can place a patrol car to catch the speeding vehicles.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17th, 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- **Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish**
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would like to bring up something else in your packet. It is a contract from the Louisiana Work Force Commission. This Grant came in on Monday of this week. We have two weeks to approve the Grant. It is a grant for \$800,000.00. Mr. Billy Francis is here to explain the contract and why it came in like it did.” Mr. Billy Francis addressed the council. He stated, “We have a wonderful opportunity that is presented to us. We have an opportunity to apply for a National Dislocated Worker Grant. We were granted that award of \$800,000.00. This will allow us to put individuals back to work that have been affected by the recent disasters in our area. This Grant differs from the WIOA Grant because it allow us to put 100% of individual salaries for up to six months and we can pay them up to \$20.00 per hour. We will focus on our Veterans that have been effected and try to put them back to work. We will serve a lot of people in this town and we would like the approval from this council to accept this funding.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract with the Louisiana Workforce Commission (WIOA) Covid-19 Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Agreement.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

Parish President Jessie Bellard addressed the Adjudicated Property in the Parish. He stated, “We have torn down two Adjudicated Properties in Sunset and one property in Port Barre this weeks. Mr. Lewis is taking care of these issues as they come available.” The Process have started where a person who is interested in Adjudicated Property should come in and put down a check to start the process of the sale. We have had one person to come in last week and started the new process of purchasing Adjudicated Property.”

- **Update on the Public Works Report**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are waiting for the bid to come in for Debris Pick Up. We are waiting for Solid Waste to continue their process and finish up but they don’t have

enough people to complete the work. We are putting out a bid for 100% of service from FEMA to have our Debris picked up. I will come to the council for approval and we will begin picking up what is left from the storm.” Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned if this will cover the limbs in the ditches. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated yes it will.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if the Public Works Department needs a list from the council of areas where debris needs to be picked up. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have a list at Public Works to start off, but if anyone have an area that needs to be cleaned up, please call it into the Public Works Department to be logged in. On a separate contract we will pick up other items. I met with Mr. LeBouef, Manager of Waste Management last Friday. He stated within the next month or so he wants to donate us the equipment that is shared between The Parish Government and Waste Management. That equipment will be under the Parish Government name and we will have full access to the equipment.” Councilman Coby Clavier questioned the kind of equipment. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is the same equipment that we been having and using. Most of our dump trucks and most of our equipment on the yard. Most were bought in 2004 and in 2009. It was bought and paid for mostly with Solid Waste Money. Solid Waste have the titles. We paid the insurance for use of the equipment and now they will switch ownership to the Parish Government. We will only keep the equipment that we can use and we will sell unused equipment as junk. We already have operators to operate this equipment.” Councilman Timmy Lejeune asked the Parish President to present the council with a list of the equipment and the condition of the equipment.

- **Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I should have the bids next week for the Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home, once I get them, I will present them to the council for approval. We have Beverly Road, Dry Bayou Road and Moreau Road that needs to be bided out because they need reconstruction done to that road.” Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked for the list for the Phase 5 of the Smooth Ride Home.

- **Quarterly Report on Adjudicated Property Funds**

Parish President Jessie Bellard presented the council with the Quarterly Report on Adjudicated Property Funds. He stated Mr. Mike Hefner is running a few minutes late and he would like for Mr. Hefner to address the council regarding this matter later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and all Municipalities.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President, Jessie Bellard to sign and Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish government and all Municipalities.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

2. Authorize the Final Approval of the Country Ridge Estates.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly authorize the Final Approval of the Country Ridge Estates.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

3. Vote to re-appoint Peter Smith Jr., and Joseph Darrell Burleigh to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (04-19-2021 – 04-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to re-appoint Peter Smith Jr., and Joseph Darrell Burleigh to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (04-19-2021 – to 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term. (05-02-2021 – 05-02-2025).
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four year term.
(05-02-2021 – 05-02-2025).
On roll call vote: 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 21st, day of April, 2021.
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Fire District No. 2 for a two year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023.)
A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Fire District No. 2 for a two year term. (05-15-2021 – 05-15-2023).
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 21st, day of April, 2021.
6. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).
On roll call vote: 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 21st, day of April, 2021.
7. Discuss the Speed Limit on Country Ridge Road.
Councilman Wayne Ardoin suggested this item should be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting held on **Wednesday, May 5th, 2021.**
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward the discussion of the Speed Limit on Country Ridge Road at the next Committee Meeting Held on Wednesday, May 5th, 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 21st, day of April, 2021.
 - Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned the renewal/continuation of an Ad Valorem Tax for Public Works Commission District 6. Council Clerk Sherell Jordan informed the Parish President that a copy of the announcement of the Public Meeting for Public Works District 6 has been place on the Councilmembers desk. Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated a Resolution will be needed from Public Works Commission District 6.
8. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign and approve the transfer of the Land Lease Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Wayne Doucet to the St. Landry Parish Government and Ryan Lagrange.
A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign and approve the transfer of the

Land Lease Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Wayne Doucet to the St. Landry Parish Government and Ryan Lagrange.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

9. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign and approve the Land Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Michael Brent Cross.
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign and approve the Land Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Michael Brent Cross.
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 21st, day of April, 2021.
10. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1 of Ward 3.
A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District 1 of Ward 3.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., 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 21st, day of April, 2021.
11. Authorize the change of Parish President Jessie Bellard name on Civic Source Professional Agreement.
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the change of President Jessie Bellard name on Civic Source Professional Agreement.
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 21st, day of April, 2021.
12. Discuss discontinuing services with Civic Source Professional Service for the sale of Adjudicated Property in the Parish after the next six months.
A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to discontinue the services with Civic Source Professional Service for the sale of Adjudicated Property in the Parish after the next six months.
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 21st, day of April, 2021.
13. Update on the Animal Control Ordinance.
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will have updated information on the Animal Control Ordinance at the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 5th, 2021**. Ms. Ryan is still out on maternity leave and she was working on the final draft. There is a difference in the Ordinance regarding Bee Hives and I think there maybe a couple of changes that she may have place in herself but nothing drastic from what the Ordinance was before.
 - *Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Mr. Chairman, Going back to Item No. 12 on the Agenda, Discontinuation of Civic Source Professional Services, the contract that we will sign allows the Parish to discontinue services with Civic Source upon a 60 day written notice or 60 days before the six months is up. We will need to send a letter to Civic Source announcing that we will be pulling out 60 day later if we want to discontinue services with them according to the*

contract with Civic Source. They will have to be notified 60 before the 6 months is up. That is our Clause in the Contract which lets St. Landry Parish leave the contract. We have to notify Civic Source 60 days before we leave. That is what we will have to do 60 days before the 6 months is up. I will take care of this matter.”

- 14.** Authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and the QTPOD Subscription Service Agreement for an updated Model of a Credit Card Machine at the Airport.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and the QTPOD Subscription Service Agreement for an updated Model of a Credit Card Machine at the Airport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

- 15.** Authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and the US Bank Gateway Agreement for Government Entities.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract between the St. Landry Parish Airport and the US Bank Gateway Agreement for Government Entities.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

- 16.** Authorize the Parish President to amend the budget regarding a \$2.00 pay increase for Security at the Courthouse that will add up to \$8,440.64 with the City Marshall's Office.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Table amending the Budget to increase the pay for Security at the Courthouse.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Table this agenda item indefinitely.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: Easton Shelvin. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of April, 2021.

- 17.** Authorize the Parish President to sign the contract with Med Pro, a Medical Waste Disposal Company for the Jail at the monthly rate of \$105.33.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President to sign the contract with Med Pro, A Medical Waste Disposal Company for the Jail at the monthly rate of \$105.33

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

- 18.** Authorize the approval of the Adjudicated Property sale with Jessica Henry Parcel Number 8400169505.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the approval of the Adjudicated Property sale with Jessica Henry Parcel Number 8400169505 in the amount of \$4,779.00.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., 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: Nancy Carriere. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of April, 2021.

- 19.** Authorize the approval of the Adjudicated Property sale with Jessica Henry Parcel Number 8400169000.
 A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to authorize the approval of the Adjudicated Property sale with Jessica Henry Parcel Number 8400169000 in the amount of \$5,468.00.
 On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., 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: Nancy Carriere.
 WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of April, 2021.
- 20.** Authorize the Council Clerk to purchase Minute Books from Spectra Associates to store the Council Meeting Minutes.
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to purchase Minute Books from Spectra Associates to store the Council Meeting Minutes.
 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 21st, day of April, 2021.
- Parish President Jessie Bellard ask the council to allow a Representative from the Liberty Theatre to address the council after Mr. Hefner, before the council goes into Executive Session.
- 21.** Discuss the work dates for the Assistant Council Clerk to Executive Session.
 Discussion for the work dates for the Assistant Council Clerk has been moved to Executive Session after the Regular Meeting.
- 22.** A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to move item 21 of the agenda, Discussion of the Assistant Clerk’s work dates to item 22 to allow Mr. Mike Hefner to address 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

Mr. Mike Hefner addressed the council regarding the 2021 Prospective Precincts that the council adopted back in December 2019. He stated, “I appreciate the opportunity to come and clarify some things with the council. The state Legislature in 2018 offered us the first opportunity that I can recall to allow us to create a set of clean precincts prospectively, which means in the future, to be used for Reapportionment after the 2020 Census comes out. This gave us the opportunity to eliminate a lot of these real small Precincts, some having as few as 50 people, as well as get some clean boundaries on some of our Precincts. We did have some that had boundaries that are no longer valid boundaries under State Statue. We are able to make those corrections. We are able to reduce the number of Precincts by combining Precincts together. The Secretary of the State position on this was that 2021 was going to be an off year election for parish wide election because school board comes up first in 2022. The Council comes up in 2023. 2021 is a year of reapportionment, we redistrict. We will be getting the Census Data and we will be looking at your district boundaries and making those adjustment so that each of you represent the same number of people. By using these large Precincts to start with, it is going to be better to be able to carve your district out using those to come up with clean district boundaries. I know there are concerns with regards to the number of precincts right now because we have reduced it considerably because you had something like 16 or 17 really small precincts thru the parish. This is first step in the three step process. As I have explained back in 2019, these will go into effect only for reapportionment. Normally we would have the data right now, I would be working with you on the determination and we would start our planning process. We won’t be getting that data until August that is the latest, as of last week, from the Census Bureau. We will take that data and we will start working with your Districts. One of the things when we have to do when we redistrict is that we have maintain a voting strength. That alone usually ends up creating a

number of new precincts. We have to be able to divide a precinct to put in a minority district to maintain or get their representation to the level it needs to be at. A whole precinct sometimes won't fit in a district so you have to cut it. With the 2021 set of precincts, we now have more of a choice on which precinct to choose and how we divide it. Instead of trying to work around of all these little legacy small precincts that we can never seem to get rid of, we now have a clean set. What you have before you right now is just the starting point. When we start working thru reapportionment, we will end up creating an additional 15-20 precincts. We are starting at 39 now and we may be adding 15 to 20 more, but we are uncertain until we get the data. The objective is to try to save the tax payers money in the long run by reducing the number of precincts in the parish and the cost of holding an election in the parish. Now we have 92 or 93 precincts. I know there are concerns now, but that will all change, these are not your final precincts. Once we do your reapportionment plan, and we take all of those split precincts, those become new precincts and added to the 2021. They become the 2022 precincts and get locked in. They are locked in with the School Board election and with your election in 2023. The first opportunity we have to maybe tweak that will be in 2024 when they allow us look at the under 300 active voter precincts and see if we can merge. It was supposed to be a Non parish wide election this year, let's get our reapportionment done and we will get a new set of precincts in. Part of that process describing those precincts and assigning polling places. All of that will be coming to you in a form of an Ordinance. Hopefully everything will be settled and we would have taken care of some of the issues that I am hearing and some of the issues that you are hearing and you will have a nice clean set of precincts that will have a definitive boundaries so the registrar can put people in their proper precinct and not have ambiguity as where a line is and also you will have very distinct election district boundaries." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if the small population of voters are located in Rural Areas. Mr. Hefner stated, most areas with small voter population are located in Opelousas and Eunice due to previous reapportionments. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned if there will be ample time before an election is held and the public is educated on this reapportionment. Mr. Hefner stated we do all our redistricting in public. Since we are working with the board, in the past, what we have done is obtain a large room, like LSU-E with a big screen and the public is encouraged to come and we will explain district by district and they can put their input and suggestions. Just keep in mind, this is a starting point on your precincts. These are not your final precincts. You will have a new set of precincts coming out in 2022 after we finish all of the reapportionments. If we have some issues with some particular districts, I will ask the council to work with those numbers that are affected. Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned the timing of the reapportionment. Mr. Hefner stated it should be around August or September. Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "We do have a choice and this is not finalized. I think we have a few weeks before we can change things." Mr. Hefner stated, "That four week period is only if you want to create an Alpha Precinct. You take one of these precincts and you divide it by alphabetical. Instead of having one set of commissioners, you say all of the voters in that precinct, 'A – M' goes to that table and 'N – Z' goes to that table. That is what we call an Alpha Precinct. You are not allowed, and I got this confirmation from the Secretary of the State this afternoon, the geographical boundaries of the precincts are not allowed to be changed because those are locked in. The Census Bureau collects the data and tabulates it on those precinct boundaries. We can change the inside of these precincts as we do reapportionment with that outside boundary that you have right now you cannot and you certainly cannot do it right now. It is in the Revises Statue 18532.1. You can create an Alpha but you cannot change the geographical boundaries and I will be happy to work with you all on an Alpha Precinct." Councilman Wayne Ardoin mentioned that every precinct cost \$3,300.00 to have an election and we have had 92 precincts.

IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

*Items not passed through committee.

1. Attorney General Opinion on paying for Elections.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The council requested an opinion by the Attorney General's office and passed a resolution requesting the opinion on who has to pay for Parish Wide Office Elections, the Judges Elections, The Assessor's Election, The Clerk of Court Elections, The District Attorney's Elections and The Sheriff's Election. The Attorney General rendered an opinion on that and I think there is a copy of it for all of the council if they want to read it. The Attorney

General's Opinion is that these offices, the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Judges and District Attorney do not have the power to call special elections to fill vacancies. The council does that. They do not have the power to call regularly scheduled elections the constitution of the state of Louisiana does that and so they do not have the obligation to pay for these elections. For these elections, the state pays one half and the remaining one half shall be prorated between the state and all local and municipal entities participating in such elections. There is also an issue of Parish Government having to pay for mandated expenses. Reasonable people can discuss and disagree as to what is and is not a mandated expense. When the Constitution of the State of Louisiana states that these elections must take place every four years for the Sheriff, every four years for the Clerk of Court and every six years for the District Attorney. That is the ultimate mandated expense.

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

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "On this Ordinance, rather than adopting it, we would like to introduce allowing the Parish to come up with their own decision. We can do our own speed bumps so we won't have to go thru emergency services. We will take that portion out." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We are dealing with two Ordinances. One Ordinance states the requirements that have to be met before a speed bump can be put in. One of the requirements is that the first responders have to consent to it. That Ordinance has to be amended. We are going to amend it so that the requirements are easier. We won't have to get the consent of the first responders to do that. Once that is taken care of, it would then be possible for us to pass the Ordinance to place speed bumps on Charles Burr Lane. We are dealing two ordinance. We are dealing with the Ordinance that requires that we get the consent of First Responders and we can amend that Ordinance to make it easier. The second Ordinance is the one that we want to introduce and pass now, which is to install speed bumps Charles Burr Lane. We can take care of that." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We will not take action on placing the speed bumps on Charles Burr Lane right now. What we are going to do is introduce a new Ordinance. We don't have to vote on the Ordinance that we have before us now." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That is correct, the Ordinance that requires consent from the first responders, that ordinance can be introduced in May or we can have a special council meeting so we can introduce it sooner. It then can be passed three weeks later and roughly the same time it will be possible for us to pass the ordinance installing the speed bumps on Charles Burr Lane." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated he sponsored this Ordinance and he would like to withdraw it to submit a new ordinance. We will introduce a new Ordinance in May, 2021.

Ordinance No. 2021-002

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

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

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

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

Streets and Roads to have Speed Bumps Installed:

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

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

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, April 7th, 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the **Administrative Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, April 7th, 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

- *Ms. Patricia Dossman of Eunice addressed the council regarding the Association for the Liberty Theatre. She extended an invitation to the council to come to Eunice on Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to tour the Historic Liberty Theatre Renovation and Restoration. She also thanked the council for job that they are doing for the parish.*

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to enter into **Executive Session** to discuss item 22 on the Agenda, Discuss the work dates for the Assistant Council Clerk.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to enter back into **Regular Session**.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to allow Assistant Council Clerk, Karen Barlow to continue the same hours and the same dates that she was working before.

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 21st, day of April, 2021.

XIV. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin 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 21st, day of April, 2021.

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