

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 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 19th, day of May, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

I. Chairman Dexter Brown called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

- Councilman Wayne Ardoin asked to amend the agenda to add an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District and St. Landry Parish Government. Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned why this item was not discussed at the last Committee Meeting. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated this item does not have to be voted on tonight but it have to be passed to establish drainage regulations for that area. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated this item was discussed at the last meeting and all we need is the approval to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to amend the agenda to add a line item approving the Parish President to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District and St. Landry Parish Government.

On roll call vote: NAYS: Jerry Red Jr.,

Motion Failed due to a 'NO' vote to amend the agenda.

II. Councilman Harold Taylor 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.: Alexander Joseph Green, Cynthia Cunningham Cudges, Elijah Joseph Jr., Aaron "Perry" Comeaux Jr., Brandy Nicole Robicheaux, Davis Guillory, Trudy Rideau.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Albirda Morgan Tillman, Cynthia Cunningham Cudges, Keenon James Garrette.

Councilman Easton Shelvin: Keenon James Garrette, Cynthia Cunningham Cudges

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: John Clayton Jolivette, Cynthia Cunningham Cudges, Elijah Joseph Jr., Rose Lee Ledet, Clarence Edwards, Wanda Roberie Brignac, Letha Mae Stagg Eggins, Virgie P. Jolivette, Annie L. Braden, Vera Bell Leday, Brandy Nicole Robicheaux, Charles Richard.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Floyd "Gene" Courvelle, Chris Lastrapes, Robert "Bob" Schoeffler, Rosa Lee Ledet, Alvin O. Auzenne Jr., Lawrence Paul Ardoin, Robbie Royer, Merrick John Lanclos, Frank James "Frankie" Diesi II, Adeline Grace Disotell, Charles "Chuck" Maurice Guidry, Ledie Wyble Marks, Rita Mae Marks, Lenora Dupre Warden, Frank Stafford Polotzola.

Councilman Jimmie Edwards: Elijah Joseph Jr.

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

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- **Mr. John Trahan** addressed the council and questioned if it is legal to use washed out gravel from the roads and the ditches to fill holes in his driveway. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated it is not a problem.
- **Mr. Carl Fontenot** addressed the council regarding blocked roads in the Shawnee Hills Subdivision. He presented a Plat and documents to Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain for his review. He would like assistance to unblock the roads in the Subdivision.

- Ms. Jennifer Cravins** addressed the council regarding dilapidated property on HWY 190. She stated the property is not Adjudicated, it is owned by someone. She questioned the cleaned up on that property. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The process of this is ongoing. The next step after sending a certified letter is to bring it before the council and have the council to approve the demolition and cleanup of that property. It is tough because someone owns that property. It is hard to take their rights away, however we do have an Ordinance in place saying what you can and cannot do with your property. There is no way of salvaging that house. I don’t think it would be an issue as far as getting the council to approve to tear the house down. That is our next step and I am hoping to do that in June.” Ms. Cravins stated, “You all did an updated on Adjudicated Property. I did get a call from Mr. Garrett. I did come in on April 15th, and brought my \$500.00 deposit for an Adjudicated Property. Nothing has been posted in the paper regarding the sale. I have noticed that you all have cleaned up two properties and it was stated that whatever it cost that would be the minimum bid that the Parish Government is requesting to get your money back. I am not asking anyone to clean it. I have been asking to get a bid on this property for 32 years. When I brought the check in, they said the check would be there until whoever gets the property. If I get the property, then the check would be cashed and deducted from whatever I am paying. My check was cashed on April 27th.” Parish President Jessie Bellard Stated, “Whenever you bring the check in, the check is deposited into the Adjudicated Property Fund. You will be given a receipt.” Ms. Cravins stated she did not get a receipt nor an application. All she has is her check statement.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “First thing tomorrow morning, I will reach out to you and we will get that taken care of. The next step is, we will advertise in the Eunice News, then it will come to the Council in June and the council will say we want to sell that piece of property. It is bided out and the highest bidder gets the property. If that is not you, you will get your money back. Whoever gets the property pays the \$500.00 for the notifications and everything. It is a lengthy process to get it done. Once the property is awarded, that starts the next process to get the purchaser to go further and acquire a title, which is up to them. I will get with Mr. Lewis and reach out to you on tomorrow morning.”
- Ms. Lena Charles**, Opelousas Downtown Development District addressed the council regarding an invitation that she will be forwarding to the council to view the Complete Exposed Draft of the beautification of the grounds of the court house.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 21st, 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish**
 Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The process is still happening. Every week we get somebody to come in. One thing that is a little different, yesterday we found out that we have some adjudicated property in the parish that people are not paying their taxes. It is adjudicated to the parish. They are still using the property as rental property. After consulting with our attorney, we are possibly liable for things, today we put out a news release letting people know, if they have property, and you are renting it out, and it is adjudicated to the parish, we will take the necessary steps to fix that problem. We are asking that they come and pay their taxes. If they don’t pay their taxes, and they are still collecting rent on some adjudicated property, we will get with Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain and we will figure the next steps. We just want to make sure the people understand you can’t use parish property as rental property. We will address that issue. I just wanted you all to know what was going on, so if you all see a press release out, that is what it is about.”
- Update on the Public Works Report”**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are still digging ditches all over the parish. It is like we are not making any headway, but we are. Hopefully next month I will come to the council with the budget on the American Rescue Money and that will entail about \$2.8 Million Dollars to fix what we can with the funds."

- **Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The agreement is enclosed in your packet for your approval of Phase 5."

- **Quarterly Report on Adjudicated Property Funds**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Finance Director Amanda Cain is not available tonight to give the quarterly report on the Adjudicated Property Fund. I will get the report e-mailed to you all tomorrow."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are in talks with LSUE to have a Tri-Parish Shelter in case of a Hurricane. We can have a shelter in place over there in Eunice as well as here in Opelousas. We will meet with them tomorrow and it will be a joint operation between St. Landry, Evangeline and Acadian Parishes. This is just to have a secondary location for shelter."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Service Agreement with Tyler's Technology Software, as you all are aware, we have been bidding out and getting RFP's on Accounting Software. They did all the scoring last week and Tyler Technologies, Inc. meets the requirements. I am asking the council to allow me to sign the Service Agreement for that software. The initial cost of the software is \$139,000.00 and the annual fee is \$38,000.00 per year. The initial cost of \$139,000.00 will be paid from the American Rescue Funds because it is COVID related." This software is more up today and it is strictly finance and payroll. Amanda, Leslie and Vance scored it with the RFP that it puts out. This software will get us out of Quick books and get us into the Software that is needed to manage our accounts. Quick Books is not set up to take care all of our needs." Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned if the Parish Government can afford to pay \$38,000.00 per year and the years after for this software. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, the funds will be place in the budget each year. We don't have much choice when it comes to software. Amanda, Leslie and Candace have been working on Audits since January, we are hoping that this new software will cut back our time and not have to do so much manual work."

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to authorize the Parish President to sign the Service Agreement between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and the St. Landry Parish Government.

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 19th, day of May, 2021.

- **Preliminary Approval of Teche-Ridge Subdivision**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the Preliminary Approval of Teche-Ridge Subdivision.

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 19th, day of May, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Parish Presidents 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

1. Authorize the research of an Ordinance for Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane. Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the information that is being researched.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Seminole Lane went to court and it was decided that the road stays closed. From what I am understanding, after talking to Mr. Duplechain, they had a window of opportunity do an appeal and it was not done. Wichita Lane is fenced, to my knowledge there is no Ordinance or action of the council to close that road. That is what we are asking the attorney to research if there is anything that says to close it."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "In doing research, will this research go from the time the decision was made from court or will you go back to 2005."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Seminole Lane is the one that went to court, only that one. Wichita Lane, to my knowledge did not go to court." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned the time frame. He stated we never got a ruling from the Judge's decision of what the decision was from the courts." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "There are two barriers. One barrier is on Seminole Lane, it was the subject matter of the lawsuit that is finished and the ruling by the court was the road stays closed. The second barrier is on Wichita Lane, it was not the subject matter of any lawsuits and that barrier is fair game. The Council or the Parish President, who is the Chief Executive can do what they want, maybe you all need an ordinance. A research for an Ordinance will be done on that barrier on Wichita Lane which was not the subject matter of a lawsuit because the court never ruled on it. So that is what the research will be." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The Judge made a ruling that the road stays closed and the barriers stay up." Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The judge made a ruling on one barrier, he did not make a ruling on the second barrier. We will look into the second barrier."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the research of an Ordinance for Seminole Lane and Wichita Lane.

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 19th, day of May, 2021.

2. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the contract between St. Landry Parish Government and Prairie Contractors, LLC for Phase 5 Road Improvements to Beverly Road, Moreau Road and Dry Bayou Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the contract between St. Landry Parish Government and Prairie Contractors, LLC for Phase 5 Road Improvements to Beverly Road, Moreau Road and Dry Bayou 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

3. Authorize the Engineer to place a note in the Teche-Ridge Subdivision Contract that informs the Buyer to beware of a pipeline that crosses their property and a structure could not be built on it.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the engineer to place a note in the Teche-Ridge Subdivision Contract that informs the Buyer to beware of a pipeline that crosses their property and a structure could not be built on it

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 19th, day of May, 2021.

4. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Agreement for Disaster Recovery Debris Management and Removal Services between the St. Landry Parish Government and Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Agreement for Disaster Recovery Debris Management and Removal Services between the St. Landry Parish Government and Morgan and Morgan Land Preparation, LLC.

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 19th, day of May, 2021.

5. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Debris Monitoring Contract between the St. Landry Parish Government and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC.
A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish President to sign the Debris Monitoring Contract between the St. Landry Parish Government and Thompson Consulting Services, LLC.
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 19th, day of May, 2021.

6. Vote to re-appoint Mickey Mills, Charles Miniex and Barney Johnson 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 Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to re-appoint Mickey Mills, Charles Miniex and Barney Johnson 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

7. Vote to re-appoint Robert Duplechain and Barry Hardy 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 Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to re-appoint Robert Duplechain and Barry Hardy 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

8. Vote to re-appoint Rita Rene Kaiser-Aymond 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 Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to re-appoint Rita Rene Kaiser-Aymond 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

9. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Conveyance of ownership for the land from Parish Government to Fire District No. 7.
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Conveyance of ownership for the land from Parish Government to Fire District No. 7.
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 19th, day of May, 2021.

10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four year term. (06-21-2021- 06-21-2025).
A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for a four year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).
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 19th, day of May, 2021.

11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2024).
 A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2024).
 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. Authorize Morgan Goudeau & Associates, Inc. to do a Survey on the Storm Drains in the Royal Garden Subdivision.
 A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune., seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize Morgan Goudeau & Associates, Inc. to do a Survey on the Storm Drains in the Royal Garden Subdivision.
 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 19th, day of May, 2021.
13. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to replace the Culverts under the Roadway on Tillou Andrus Drive and split the cost. Funding for the St. Landry Parish Government cost will come from Road District Fund 42.
 A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 to replace the Culvers under the Roadway on Tillou Andrus Drive and split the cost. Funding for the St. Landry Parish Government will come from Road District Fund 42.
 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 19th, day of May, 2021.
14. Authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to create an Ordinance that will Fine anyone that damage the Parish Roads.
 Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have ordinance on the books now that will hold people responsible if they damage parish roads with farm equipment. Over the last couple of decades it has been quite a challenge enforcing that law, do we have law enforcement issue a citation or do you make it criminal and sue them with parish government. The council needs to be more specific as to what they are looking at with this new ordinance.” Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned the amount of the Fine that is currently in the Ordinance. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It is a fine in the amount of \$200.00 to \$500.00. It is an Ordinance that will hold people responsible if they are caught damaging the parish roads with farm equipment. There has always been a question in the past, do we make it criminal and have law enforcement issue a citation or do we make it civil and have parish government sue them. I have actually represented the parish government in lawsuits in the past holding people responsible for damaging parish roads with farm equipment. It is quite a challenge to enforce that in court. You will have to decide if you want to make it a misdemeanor or a civil fine.” Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I don’t think that was the purpose of us looking into this fine. I think the purpose of us looking into this fine, we have people who come from outside of the parish to do service inside the parish and they do not acquire a permit.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “That is a completely different matter. I have actually drawn up an Ordinance already to address that. I have submitted a copy to the Parish President. I have not put it before the council yet, but I have drawn up an Ordinance to enforce that in regards to Utility Companies having to pay a fine if they don’t get a permit. Councilman Harold Taylor stated this item should be referred back to the next Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2021.
 A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward the further discussion of fining anyone that damage the Parish Roads back the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, June 2nd, 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

15. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program Grant Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Airport Coronavirus Relief Grant Program 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

16. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire District No. 7 for ownership of property.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fire District No. 7 for ownership of property.

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 19th, day of May, 2021.

IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

*Items not passed through committee.

None.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

• **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-003- Sponsor Councilman Jerry Red Jr.**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-135 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

Whereas, the St. Landry Parish Council has determined it is in the best interest of traffic regulation in St. Landry Parish to repeal Ordinance section 36-135 in Chapter 36 which requires the consent of emergency agencies within in the parish before a speed bump can be installed;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-135 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

• **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-004-Sponsor Councilman Jerry Red Jr.**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-136 WHICH IS AN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-136 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Before placing a speed bump on any parish roadway, the council member for the district in which the speed bump will be installed shall be notified. In addition, all registered voters residing on the

parish roadway where the traffic control device is to be placed shall be notified in writing regarding the date, time, and location of the public hearing that will take place before the parish council votes on whether or not to pass the ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-005-Sponsor Councilman Jerry Red Jr.**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-132 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-132 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Upon request of the parish government to install speed bumps on a specific parish roadway, a survey will be conducted by mailing such survey to each household registered with the registrar of voters on that specific parish roadway. The survey shall request that each household state if they are "for" or "against" the installation of the speed bumps on that specific roadway. The survey is to be returned to the council clerk of the parish government in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope within ten days upon receipt. After 15 days have lapsed from the time the surveys were forwarded to the households, the clerk will tally the returned surveys. The clerk will refer the installation of the speed bumps to the public works director for a feasibility study in accordance with _section 36-133 only if 75 percent of the households surveyed are in favor of installing the speed bumps.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-006- Sponsor Councilman Alvin Stelly**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 28-11 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 28 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 28-11 in Article I of Chapter 28 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 28-11 – Idle-no wake zone.

(a) No person shall operate a motorboat, motor vessel, or recreational watercraft on waterways of the parish in excess of the posted "IDLE-NO WAKE ZONE" at that location when appropriate official parish government signs giving notice thereof are erected, and they shall be effective at all times or at such specific times as may be determined by the parish government. Any location where a sign has been erected reading "IDLE-NO WAKE" or "NO WAKE ZONE" or language with the same or similar meaning the maximum speed shall be an "idle-no wake speed." The "no wake zones," in addition to other areas which may be posted, are as follows:

(1) Two O'clock Bayou: for a distance from old Hwy. 190 South to landing (weir).

(2) Dubisson Lake: for a distance of 200 feet from the boat ramp.

(3) Bada's Landing: extending a distance of 300 feet in an easterly and westerly direction of boat ramp on Bayou Courtableau waterway.

(4) Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge and Courtableau Road Wooden Bridge-Beginning at a point 150 feet north of the intersection of Bayou Courtableau and Bayou Darbonne and extending for a distance of 2,000 feet east of the Courtableau Road wooden bridge on Bayou Darbonne and extending 300 feet south of the Hwy. 190 Courtableau Bridge and Bayou Courtableau.

(b) The parish president may declare a flood event in the parish and impose a "no wake zone" on any waterway in the parish by executive order. The "no wake zone" shall remain in effect until cancelled by the parish president, unless the duration of the "no wake zone" is stated in the executive order.

(c) The parish sheriff, the state department of public safety and corrections, and the state department of wildlife and fisheries are hereby specifically authorized and requested to assist in the enforcement of the provisions of this section and R.S. 34:851.27.

(d) Any violations of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine in an amount as established by the parish council from time to time plus court costs, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adopt **Resolution No. 004 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 004 of 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Landry Parish Council:

2021 MILLAGES

General Alimony	3.780mills
Exempted Municipalities	1.890 mills
Health Units	2.170 mills
Jail Parish Wide	1.000 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 1	9.260 mills
Road District No 11A Sub 2	8.430 mills
Road District No 1 Ward 3	10.260 mills
Road District No 3 Ward 1 Sub 1	9.650 mills
Road District No 12 Ward 2	4.800 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 005 of 2021

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt **Resolution No. 005 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

**AUTHORIZING CIVICSOURCE TO ADMINISTER
AN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES SALE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, each year immovable property is adjudicated for non-payment of taxes, and **WHEREAS**, adjudicated properties remain on the tax roll until redeemed or are either sold or transferred, and

WHEREAS, the resources to satisfy the legal requirements for adjudicated property sales are substantial, and

WHEREAS, there are currently no assurances of title insurance for adjudicated properties available for purchase, and

WHEREAS, many adjudicated properties are blighted and abandoned, and
WHEREAS, a sale program encourages redemptions and returns adjudicated properties to commerce, and
WHEREAS, title insurance provides investors the protection needed to redevelop adjudicated properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. We hereby authorize the execution of a professional services agreement with CivicSource® to sell eligible adjudicated properties through online, market-driven public auctions and through an adjoining landowner program, and to perform all due diligence needed to both comply with applicable laws and to ensure purchasers the availability of title insurance.

Section 2. The Parish President, on behalf of the St. Landry Parish Government, is hereby authorized to execute an act of non-warranty cash sales in which the St. Landry Parish Government conveys unto the high bidder at public auction or to eligible adjoining landowner all right, title, and interest in and to a property adjudicated to the St. Landry Parish Government and to execute any and all other documents needed in connection therewith.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 006 of 2021**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “On this Resolution, I just want to make sure that everybody is aware that the Parish Government owns the items listed on this Resolution by default. We did not buy none of this stuff. It was bought thru District 5 Road Commission years ago. We own it technically, but we did not buy it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to adopt **Resolution 006 of 2021**.

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: Nancy Carriere. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of May, 2021.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish government owns the immovable property and buildings that Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana is using as a fire station;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government owns a fire truck which is being used by Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, it would be mutually beneficial to St. Landry Parish Government and Fire District 7, for maintenance purposes, insurance purposes, and liability which may arise out of Fire District 7’s use and occupancy of the immovable property and fire truck to fire District 7;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolved to convey to Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, through an Act of Donation,

the following immovable property:

A certain tract or parcel of land containing 0.500 of an acre situated in Section 15, Township 3 South (T-3-S), Range 4 East (R-4-E), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, including all buildings and improvements thereon, being bounded, now or formerly, on the North by U.S. Highway 71; on the South by Sammy Guy Sutton or assigns; on the East by St. Marks Baptiste Church or assigns; and on the West by Sammy Guy Sutton or assigns, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the property line common to St. Marks Baptiste Church and the said 0.500 of an acre tract and the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 71; thence S01 degrees 02 minutes, 22 seconds East, a distance of 263.86 feet; thence N 44 degrees 30 minutes, 00 seconds West, a distance of 120.00 feet; thence N 01 degrees 02 minutes, 22 seconds West, a distance of 263.86 feet; thence S 44 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 120.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract of land is more clearly shown on a plat of survey by Robert L. Wolfe, Jr., P. L. S., dated October 30, 1995, attached hereto and made a part hereof. Being a portion of the same property which the St. Landry Police Jury acquired in a Cash Sale recorded on November 30, 1995, and bearing Act number 797841 in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolved to convey to Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, the 1985 GMC Fire Truck bearing vehicle identification number 1GDT9E4J8FV630939;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolve to authorized St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute said Act of Donations to convey to Fire District 7 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana the

immovable property, including all buildings and facilities, described above, and the 1985 GMC Fire Truck bearing vehicle identification number 1GDT9E4J8FV630939.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 as transcribed.

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: Nancy Carriere. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of May, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, May 5th, 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

XIV. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy 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 19th, day of May, 2021.

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