

**AGENDA**  
**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**  
**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. CONDOLENCES:**

**V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Special Meeting: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Regular Meeting: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.
- Update on the Public Works Report.
- Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home
- Cash Sale of property on Bellevue Street between the State of Louisiana and St. Landry Parish Government.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

1. St. Landry Parish Council to serve as the Board of Review for anyone present + wishing to file a protest in reference to their property values.
2. Vote to approve St. Landry Parish Council to Broadcast Facebook Live on the St. Landry Parish Government Website.
3. Vote to re-appoint Leroy Randall Jr. for one appointment for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7. (09-19-2021 – 09-19-2022).
4. Vote to appoint one appointment for the remainder of a three-year term expiring on 02-19-2022 to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. (02-19-2019 – 02-19-2022). Applicants are: Angelia Guillory, Delia Charles, Donna Baltakis, and Alicia Mire.
5. Vote to approve the sale of 39 Adjudicated Properties Parcel numbers are: 8200647600, 8200503500, 8603783000, 8104786250, 0500308500, 0101946500, 8601729350, 8106403790A, 8401936043, 8402373000, 8104274000, 8200647600, 8600031700, 8201119503, 8300960105, 8105318000N, 8200658670, 8105327500, 8600175000, 8601162800A, 87637465798, 8600137000, 8104786250, 8400634500, 8600484900, 8301643600, 8301336500, 8602492456, 8104786250, 8200737900, 8200656700, 8102945100, 8601683000, 8300290300, 8300960100, 8300960105, 8162399071, 8603953500, and 8604062800AD.
6. Authorize the Council Clerk to notify the landowners to show cause as to why these properties (should not) be demolished. The four blighted properties parcel numbers are: 06031206335, 0602253505, 0104323000, and 0105547500.
7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments for a four-year term to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).
8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

**IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

\*Items not passed through committee.

**None.**

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**None.**

**XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-015**

**A TECHNICAL CORRECTION ORDINANCE CORRECTING THE POLLING LOCATION FOR PRECINCTS 36 AND 37 AND PROVIDING FURTHER WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021, the St. Landry Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-008 which set the polling location for Precincts 36 and 37 at the Grand Coteau Fire Hall, and:

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2017, the St. Landry Parish Council had previously adopted Ordinance No. 2017-005 which changed the polling location from the Grand Coteau Fire Station located at 442 MLK Dr. to the Grand Coteau City Hall located at 231 Burleigh Lane in Grand Coteau, and:

WHEREAS, this technical correction ordinance is required to maintain consistency in the established official polling locations in Grand Coteau and the assignment to the appropriate precincts,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the St. Landry Parish Council, that the polling location for Precincts 36 and 37 be corrected to reflect the correct assignment to the Grand Coteau City Hall, located at 231 Burleigh Lane in Grand Coteau.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council and approval by the Parish President in accordance with the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter.

**XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 013 of 2021**

WHEREAS, the Parish Council declares that it is a public purpose to protect the roads of this Parish in order to preserve the safety of the citizens of this Parish, and their automobiles, and preserve the aesthetic and scenic character of this Parish.

WHEREAS, a portion of Grant Road in St. Landry Parish has been significantly damaged by Entergy Corporation, a utility company, and Colonial Pipeline Company may have contributed to the damage to Grant Road.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby directs and authorizes the Parish Attorney to file a lawsuit against Entergy Corporation, a utility company, and Colonial Pipeline Company, to have the Defendants repair the damage to Grant Road in St. Landry Parish, and to recover monetary damages necessary to repair the damage to Grant Road.

**XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**MINUTES**

Problems with recording system

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Dexter Q. Brown.
- II. Chairman Dexter Q. Brown led the Pledge and Invocation.
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier.  
ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
- IV. Items for Discussion:

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2021-014

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021 OPERATING BUDGET FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

Date Introduced: July 22, 2021

WHEREAS, the 2021 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby amended to reflect the detailed amended estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT:

Section 1. The attached, detailed AMENDED estimate of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Revenues for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 2. The attached, detailed AMENDED estimate of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 3. The adoption of the Amended Operating Budget of Expenditures being the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section 4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2021 Budget.

Section 5. An intergovernmental agreement between Parish Government and all entities requesting funding through the State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds shall be entered into prior to releasing appropriated funds. The intergovernmental agreements shall include compliance procedures promulgated by the parish administration.

Recording Stopped Recording during meeting. Minutes are from Notes from Council Clerk.

- A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to Amend the 2021-014 Budget.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021.
- A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to Amend the Agenda and Add Broadband.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021.
- A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to Approve the Amendment of Budget #1.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy,

Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021.

- A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Approve the Amendment of Budget #2.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021.
- A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to Adopt Budget 2021-014.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Some constituents were worried about Polling Places. They felt that it was too far to go and vote and we were putting them at a distance to go and vote. We passed this ordinance. In this ordinance it states, Therefore be ordained by the St. Landry Parish Council that the following Voting Precincts are Alphabetically Split in St. Landry Parish and shall share the same Polling location as described in Exhibit A. This week it hit the service. There are people in Park Vista that live two blocks away from Park Vista School, they have been voting there for forty years, now they are getting sent Opelousas High School. They questioned why they are getting sent to OHS. What is happening to OHS? Are you getting rid of some people at OHS? This will cause a crowded situation there. The Legislature just passed a bill to give the people ten days to vote early. I have some people calling from Sunset, they are being sent to the Lodge on the Leonville HWY. It is time for us to look at the situation. I am asking for Mr. Hefner and Ms. Cheryl Milburn to be here to address the council. They are quick to say call you councilmember. That is not what we passed. What we passed would be to make it easier for people to go out and vote. Lets face it, we want people to continue to exercise their voting rights.”

- A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to invite Mr. Mike Hefner and Ms. Cheryl Milburn to address the council at our next meeting held on Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 to discuss Voting Precincts.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021
- V. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to adjourn this Special Meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 12th, day of August 2021.

## **ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**

**OPELOUSAS, LA**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Roll Call: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.

3. Person to address the Committee:  
No one was present to address the Council.

4. Parish President & Finance Reports:

a. July Budget to Actual Report

Finance Director Amanda Cain presented her July Budget to Actual Report to the Council. She stated:

General Fund Revenue: \$3,784,198.20

General Fund Expenses: \$3,674,319.00

Net Income: \$109,879.20

Road and Bridge Fund: \$2,318,399.13

Road and Bridge Expenses: \$2,519,756.22

Net Income Loss: -\$201,357.09

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if the loss is part of the CSLED project that the Parish Government have not been reimbursed on. Finance Director, Amanda Cain stated, "No, that is taken into consideration; this is mainly from the equipment and the vehicle purchases. Councilman Harold Taylor asked the Finance Director if she was comfortable with the net loss figures. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Today we got the check from Evangeline Downs which was supposed to be for July. It will not show on these numbers. The Racino is always one – two months behind." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the amount of the check from the Racino. Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, "It used to be \$200,000.00 but now it is about \$150,000.00." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the Finance Director if she was comfortable with the numbers. Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, "Am I comfortable with the budget, yes because we know that we have some array money that I have not taken into consideration."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned if we will be about \$50,000.00 behind in July after the Racino funds are posted? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, by the end of the year, we will be on point. It is a matter of timing on how the money will start coming in. We also have our Parish Transportation money that did not come in. By the end of the year, it will all be even out."

Health Unit Fund: \$1,615,425.76

Health Unit Expenses: \$1,246,686.89

Net Income: \$368,738.87

Jail Revenue: \$681,145.32

Jail Expenses: \$441,292.18

Net Income: \$239,853.14

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We had a structure engineer come out last week. We thought we had a problem with the foundation but it is sound and we can proceed with our additions whenever the time is right. It is a process and we will have to bid it out. I was holding up until the engineer would come and make sure that we were good and his report stated that we are good to go. I will furnish you all a copy of the engineer's report."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Mr. Bellard, when do you expect this process and the construction to be completed?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We were told one year after we award the bid. On the Jail Annex, we will be able to start next week on that. I have to sign the notice to proceed tomorrow and it will be completed in the next three months."

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, "What does the Jail Annex involve?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We had to gut it all out because of the mold that was inside. That is what we approved last month to award it to the bidder. Now it is a matter of doing a notice to proceed. The architects have approved everything and they are good to go."

Airport Fund (146): \$308,501.88

Expense: \$355,013.26

Net Income Loss: \$-46,511.38

Finance Director Amanda Cain stated they are awaiting more CARES money to come into for the Airport.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Are the new Hangers successful in bringing funding to the Airport?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have not done anything yet on the new hangers. We would like to but I am hoping that we get money from Capital Outlay. We thought ARA would be able to help us but that will not happen. All of the Hanger Spaces are occupied."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Why is there a loss at the Airport?"

The loss is just a matter of time from money coming in. We have funding coming in from ARA, the CARES Act and there is a lot of fuel in the Tanks to be sold.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “What is the status of that Large Hanger where that Jet was parked, did we receive any money from that company?” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think we were short \$5,000.00 on the actual contract. Nothing was received, the Airplane fueled up and left and did not pay what was owed on the remainder of the contract. I would like to take legal action but it will be a little problem with it. Garrett and I have been discussing it.” Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “As I recall, there was no signed contract. The plane was owned by a law firm from New Orleans. We had no signed contract from the other side. That leaves us empty handed. We could examine it a little closer to see if there is anything else that we can do. Last I recall those were the facts.”

Bobby Ardoin, Editor of the Daily World stated, “A couple of months ago I did a story on that Jet Plane. I talked to the lead attorney for the law firm that Mr. Duplechain had referred. He sent me all of the invoices that were paid to the Parish Government. According to the invoices, he was paid up. Like Mr. Duplechain stated, there was no contract signed between the parish and the owner of the jet. I have a friend who is embedded in the State Federal Aeronautics Board. I gave him the tale number and the registration number of the plane. He said the last he heard it was Hangered in Salt Lake City. Occasionally it made trips back to the state. I just want to make it a little bit clearer. It is up to you all to decide whether there is anything legal to do about it. According to the invoices and the lawyer that I spoke with over the telephone, I don’t think there is anything that you guys can do.”

#### Road District 12 of Ward 2 Fund (26)

Total Income: \$257,923.26

Expenses: \$290,751.82

Net Loss: \$-32,828.56

Cash Balance at the end of June: \$143,894.88

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if more taxes will come in to cover that loss. Finance Director Amanda Cain stated, “We will amend the budget to capture that loss. We have the money, we did not overspend cash, we have it. We are spending some of the reserve that we have in that fund. When I amend the budget, I will amend the expenditure column to reflect what we actually spent.

#### Road District 1 of Ward 3 Fund (27)

Total Income: \$345,389.84

Expenses: \$517,858.35

Net Loss: \$-172,468.51

Cash Balance at the end of July: \$109,190.57

#### Sub Rd District 2 of Rd District 11A Ward 1 (Fund 28) Funding:

Total Income: \$213,892.62

Expenses: \$186,804.98

Net Income: \$27,087.64

Cash Balance at the end of July: \$97,881.87

#### Sub Rd District 1 of Rd District 3 Ward 1 Fund (29) Funding:

Total Income: \$117,419.20

Expenses: \$109,249.02

Net Income: \$8,170.18

Cash Balance at the end of July: \$59,281.13

#### Sub Rd 1 of Rd 11A Fund (42)

Total Income: \$287,766.76

Expense: \$90,501.12

Net Income: \$197,265.64

Cash Balance at the end of July: \$346,876.92

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to accept the Parish President & Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

5. Forward all applications received for one appointment for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7. (09-19-2021 – 09-19-2022).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 all applications received for one appointment for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7. (09-19-2021 – 09-19-2022).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a three-year term expiring on 02-19-2022 to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. (02-19-2019 – 02-19-2022).  
Councilman Jerry Jed Jr. asked Council Clerk Sherell Jordan, “How many applications do you currently have.” Council Clerk Sherell Jordan responded, “I have received four applications.”  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 all applications received for one appointments for the remainder of a three-year term expiring on 02-19-2022 to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. (02-19-2019 – 02-19-2022).  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
Motion forwarded.
7. Discuss the repair cost for Grant Road. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).  
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time I would like to ask the committee to allow Mr. Duplechain to contact two service contractors that performed some work on Grant Road without any permit, they went in put some matting and some towers but destroyed part of that road. One of the companies have stated they are willing to pay a portion of the cost to fix the road. We going to ask Mr. Duplechain without naming the companies that he pursue these people give them the cost estimate and try to retrieve our money to repair that road.” Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “I will contact the two entities that damage the road, a lawsuit may be required, so a resolution will be provided at the full council meeting for the council to pass two weeks from now.”  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 a resolution authorizing a lawsuit to be filed against two companies that damaged Grant Road.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
Motion forwarded.
8. Is it possible to have a Phase Six of the Smooth Ride Home, since we received more money from taxes. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).  
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard I remember you stated you would meet with us in certain little groups and for us to come up with roads that we feel that need some attention in our areas.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Phase 6 won’t happen until next year if we do a Phase 6 next year just depends on how much money comes in, I would like to finish with Phase 5 and Phase 5 should be over bidded by \$300,000 but I don’t want to commit to anything until we know for sure. We can plan for it but I would like to have a number set a side on what we will look at. Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin asked Amanda Cain for a fund balance. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “She left but the fund balance is about \$400,000 over and above what needs to be done in Phase 5 right now.”
9. Discuss a Resolution proposing supporting the flood mitigation team for the Teche/Vermilion/Courtableau Watershed. (Councilman Harold Taylor).  
Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “It will not require a resolution at this time. Seven of the Parish Presidents throughout the watershed signed on to ask the Colonel Murphy with US Corps of Engineers to lower the basin prior to the storm. In addition to that, we had Congressman Higgins and Congressman Letlow that signed a letter asking to do it and denied the letter although they turned the pumps off in the Teche-Vermillion fresh water district and lowered it a foot and a half. We were asking for two and a half feet but as it turned out, we missed the bullet on this storm. The next step is to get the Corp of Engineers to update the operation and maintenance manual that have not been updated in 70 years. Mr. Bellard has agreed to host the meeting of these Parish Presidents to get everyone up to date on the plan and have dealt with several over the past week and they admit they don’t understand the system. We will meet in the upcoming weeks to explain. Councilman Harold Taylor withdrew his motion of a Resolution for support for the Teche/Vermillion/Courtableau Watershed at this time.
10. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.  
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “After a road is done in a phase who goes back and inspect the road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “Our engineering firm does the inspection and test. They take a core sample to make sure it meets the requirements.

11. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Wayne Ardoin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.  
Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None
4. Persons to Address the Committee.
  - Mr. Nathan Carriere addressed the council. He thanked the Parish President for the grading work that he has done on St. Amand Road. He stated St. Amand Road has no ditches and he would like ditches on that road. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated she has sent many request to have ditching work done on St. Amand Road.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Today we put out a RFP. We will dig the ditches down that road. The RFP will be due October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Shortly after we will issue the work order to get it done. We will be doing approximately 50 miles of roads by the end of this year. We have already spent over one million dollars this year on ditch digging thru out the entire parish. With the ARA money, we have about two million dollars to do more ditching. We will be digging ditches down your road, and that RFP went out today.” Mr. Nathan Carriere questioned if we had any drainage boards in the St. Amand Road Area. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not in your area, our engineers will be the ones doing the study.”
  - Ms. Alicia Mire addressed the council regarding her application for the Tourist Commission Board.
  - Mr. Herman Fuselier addressed the council regarding the applicants for the Tourist Commission Board. He ask that the council keep Eunice Applicants in mind when selecting a person to fill that position.
5. Public Works Report:
  - a. Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In you packet you should have a list of Adjudicated Property to sell. We have 39 properties to sell. I am asking the council to approve the sale of those properties. Also in your packet, you will have a list of four Blighted Properties, I am asking the council to take action.”  
No Action was taken to forward to regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to approve selling 39 Adjudicated Properties and four Blighted Properties.
  - b. Update on Road Work throughout the Parish.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Roadwork is being done every day.” Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is there any way that we can get more information on these properties besides the Parcel Numbers. When a Bid is open we will have an idea of the value of the property.” Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will present a copy of the Tax Assessor’s Sheet to the council at the next meeting. A deposit is placed on each property that is being sold to begin the process.”
  - c. Update Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Phase 5 of the Smooth Ride Home is still ongoing. The rain did stop them but they are planning to finish next month. Chairman Dexter Brown has an item on the agenda regarding Facebook Live. I have sent a letter to each of you to consider going Facebook Live. This will let the people



see what we do in a meeting so they don't have any issues that may come up later on. Like the voting precincts, if we would have had live video of that, people would have been able to see it. With people not coming to meetings, it is hard for them to file an objection when they don't know what is going on. With COVID, we are not really advocating for them to come to a meeting, but if we do Facebook Live, they can see it and participate." Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned the cost to place the meetings live on Facebook. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It does not cost anything to have a meeting live on Facebook." A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

6. Discuss Broadcasting Facebook Live on the St. Landry Parish Government Website. (Councilman Dexter Q. Brown).

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "I placed this on the agenda due to our COVID Pandemic situation. We have some people with multiple handicapped condition and the elderly who have underlying medical conditions who may not be able to get around and I thought it would be a good idea to Broadcast on Facebook Live. It can go out to anyone that can log on to our Facebook Page. We have surroundings parishes that advertise and broadcast their meetings live. We are Public Officials, this is a Public Meeting and I think this would be a very good idea to broadcast Facebook Live." Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "It is a good idea. Just keep in mind to get ready for the ugly comments. When you know you are doing your best some of the comments can be very rude. You will have to be prepared and have big backs when comments come across that are not positive and let the negative comments roll over." Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "There is always something negative and positive with everything. I think with this, there is more positive than negative. You cannot help the comments, the comments will come. Some people cannot physically attend the meetings and this will allow them to follow what is going on in their local government where their tax dollars are being spent. I think it is a positive thing that we really need to start. You can watch any other parish. I think we are a little behind and we need to move forward."

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to approve the St. Landry Parish Council to Broadcast Facebook Live on the St. Landry Parish Government Website.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments for a four-year term to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments for a four-year term to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a four-year term to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parish. (10-02-2021 – 10-02-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

10. What is the possibility of having a Cul-de-sac on Wichita Lane? (Councilman Timmy Lejeune).  
Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard, I don't know if there is enough property, but could you at least look at Wichita Lane and see if they could make a Cul-de-sac there. They have some people that have purchased some property there and they have small children, my concern is for the bus that passes down that road, it cannot turn around. Could you look at it and see the possibilities." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I can get with William Gerald and have him go look at it. I will also get with Garret to see if we can come up with something. I am assuming that we can, it is just a matter of enough property."
11. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.  
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding the sandbag distribution at the Yambilee Building. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We were prepared. We gave out an estimated 15-20 thousand sand bags. We did the entire parish. We shipped to Municipalities because it was closer for our people to go and pick up sandbags at those locations. It went well, our plan was in place and we were ready for what we thought was coming to us. We were very fortunate we missed it. We had five or six trees that went down. Overall we were very much spared. The Sheriff helped us out with his Trustees, Chief McLendon helped with the traffic on HWY 190. It was really a good effort among everyone"  
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding the status of the Debris pick up in the Parish. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We finally got an approval. The landfilled permit is effective today. The monitoring firm is from New Orleans and they have to come and begin the monitoring part. They estimated an additional \$200,000.00 to do the job and complete everything. We will begin as soon as the monitoring firm get here. I have your list that you have provided to me."  
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if we will assist New Orleans with any support due to Hurricane Ida. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is nothing with the government, I am helping on the side with some other organizations. We have not committed our Government Resources and we were never asked for our Government Resources. We were requested for shelter on Sunday night, we did what we had to do to get them ready. We did not have to place anyone in our shelter but we are able. We have Shelter at the Yambilee. I have contacted the Pastor in Eunice, Word Ministries at the old Walmart, we have those building available also. In Melville, the gym was offered but I am not sure how many people it can hold. Plenty of people have called and wanting to help."
12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

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

#### **XIV. ADJOURN**