

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. APPOINT LEGAL ADVISOR, GARETT DUPLECHAIN, AS TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER TO HOLD THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**
- V. CONDOLENCES**
- VI. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - Regular Meeting: December 21st, 2021
 - Special Meeting: January 5th, 2022
- VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.
 - Update on the Public Works Report
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Items passed through committee.

 1. St. Landry Parish Government Honors and Recognizes I-49 Riders awarding four Seniors Seth Lewis (Northwest High School), Alayla Reed (JS Clark), Amaya L Ifford (Opelousas High School), and Ivory Amos (Opelousas High School) in St. Landry Parish each a \$300 Scholarship on Saturday January 1st, 2022.
 2. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease of Property Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and Christ Church of Acadiana for \$800.00 per month rental for the Delta Grand usage.
 3. Vote to appoint Greg Lafleur for one appointment for the remainder of a two-year term to Fire District No. 3. Expiring 01-01-2024.
 4. Vote to re-appoint Kevin Simoneaux for one appointment for a five-year term to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (01-18-2022- 01-18-2027).
 5. Vote to appoint John Barron for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring on 09-04-2022 to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1.
 6. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2022-02-17-2024).
 7. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).
 8. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign contract for Courthouse Waterproofing Project.

9. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to the Thensted Center and Creole Heritage, Inc for \$5,000.00 each.
10. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. Landry Parish Government and the Municipalities for an 80-20 split when property is annexed into the municipalities.
11. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Mr. Lloyd Ardoin, and/or Laurie Ardoin.
12. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to donate truck No. 799, a Parish Government Vehicle, to Road District #5.
13. Authorize Preliminary and Final approval on 5.746 acres partition of 5 lots located on Desiree Road between Lawtell and Opelousas.
14. Authorize a letter to Mr. Keith Johnson and invite him to come to our next meeting to show cause why we should not pull his Occupational License for his business on Wild Flower Lane.
15. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Agreement with LSU AgCenter and St. Landry Parish Government to Support and Administer Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-002

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 36-12 OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN FARM EQUIPMENT AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN A PERMIT BEFORE OPERATING A SUGAR CANE TRUCK OR LOADER IN ST. LANDRY PARISH.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-003

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE ALL TAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM VIDEO POKER MACHINES LOCATED IN ST. LANDRY PARISH TO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-004

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A SPEED BUMP ON WISDOM ROAD IN ST. LANDRY PARISH AND TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-137 STREETS AND ROADS THAT HAVE SPEED BUMPS INSTALLED TO INCLUDE: Wisdom Road

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 018 Sponsored by Councilman Jerry Red Jr.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE IX, THREE-WAY INTERSECTIONS, SECTION 36-200 so that the intersection of School Road and Summner Road will be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as three-way intersections.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 36, Article IX, Three-way Intersections, Section 36-200 lists the roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as three-way intersections.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance amends St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 36, Article IX, Three-way Intersections, Section 36-200 so that the intersection of School Road and Summner Road, will be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as three-way intersections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that a three-way stop sign shall be placed at the intersection of School Road and Summner Road and Chapter 36, Article IX, Three-way Intersections, Section 36-200 is hereby amended as follows:

The following roads are hereby designated as three-way intersections: (1) The intersection of Fort Hamilton Drive and Meadow Circle; (2) The intersection of Fort Hamilton Drive and Chrysanthemum Drive; (3) The intersection of Fort Hamilton Drive and Leisure Drive; (4) The intersection of Knute Rockne Drive and Kenneth Boagni Sr., Drive;(5) The intersection of Tillou Andrus Drive and Cedar Grove Drive in Linwood East Subdivision; (6) The intersection of Hellen Garland Drive and Garrigue Drive; (7) Greenbriar Subdivision:
a. The intersection of Thelma Drive and Martha Drive;
b. The intersection of Thelma Drive and Edward Drive;
c. The intersection of Thelma Drive and David Drive; (8) The intersection of McNeese and Clover Streets; (9) The intersection of McNeese and Blue Streets;(10) The intersection of McNeese and Leday Streets; (11) The intersection of McNeese and Recard Streets;(12) The intersection of Kenneth Boagni, Sr., and Tillou Andrus Drives; and Shoeshone. (13) The intersection of Goyo Road and Eugene Soileau Road (14) The intersection of Frilot Cove Road and Raiders Road (15) The intersection of Frilot Cove Road and Watson lane (16) The intersection of School Road and Summner Road (17)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-019 Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON ANTOINE LANE IN ST. LANDRY PARISH
WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish government has decided to abandon Antoine Lane in St. Landry Parish because Antoine Lane is no longer needed for public purposes, as per Louisiana Revised Statute 48:701.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Antoine Lane is St. Landry Parish is hereby abandoned.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-022 Sponsored Wayne Ardoin

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

Date Introduced: December 15, 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. All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the St. Landry Parish Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-023 **Sponsored Wayne Ardoine**

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2022 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby adopted to reflect the detailed estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as the 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 estimates of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues for the parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 2. The attached estimates of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 3. The adoption of the 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 2022 Budget.

Section 5. All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the St. Landry Parish Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-001 **Sponsored by Councilman Harold Taylor**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL THAT THE REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR 2022 BE SET ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT SIX O'CLOCK P.M. AND FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEES TO MEET ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

DATES FOR UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2022 ARE LISTED BELOW

**TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2022
(THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M.)**

January 19, 2022
February 16, 2022
March 16, 2022
April 20, 2022
May 18, 2022
June 15, 2022
July 20, 2022
August 17, 2022
September 21, 2022
October 19, 2022
November 16, 2022
December 21, 2022

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2022
(FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M.)

January 5, 2022
February 2, 2022
March 2, 2022 (Ash Wednesday)
April 6, 2022
May 4, 2022
June 1, 2022
July 6, 2022
August 3, 2022
September 7, 2022
October 5, 2022
November 2, 2022
December 7, 2022

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2022

WHEREAS, there are residences on immovable property in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, that are being leased for residential purposes to lessees and these properties have been adjudicated to the St. Landry Parish government for non-payment of ad valorem taxes;

WHEREAS, on some of these adjudicated properties the lessees still reside on the property and are still paying rent to the lessors or landlords;

WHEREAS, it is unlawful for private citizens such as lessors or landlords to derive financial income from leasing property which is now parish government property and is being maintained by public funds;

WHEREAS, the lessees residing on the adjudicated property must be evicted if the owners of the adjudicated rental property do not pay the ad valorem taxes they owe and redeem their property;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that lessees residing on rental property which has been adjudicated to the St. Landry Parish government for non-payment of ad valorem taxes must be evicted from said property if the owners of the adjudicated property do not pay the ad valorem taxes they owe and redeem their property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that all legal action that is necessary to evict the lessees from the rental property that has been adjudicated to the St. Landry Parish government is authorized.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2022
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- 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: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere. Councilwoman Nancy Carriere was late for roll call but later joined the meeting.
- IV. Items for Discussion:

Sale of 38 St. Landry Parish Adjudicated Properties
The properties parcel numbers and addresses are:

No.	Parcel Number	Address
1.	8104274000	144 Avenue of Acadians
2.	8402373000	Self Help Rd
3.	8401936043	Self Help Rd
4.	8601729350	601 Nimitz
5.	0101946500	Anderson St
6.	8603783000	313 Bellard Loop
7.	8200647600	St. Joseph St
8.	8200503500	Market Street
9.	8600031700	230 North St
10.	8200647600	St. Joseph St.
11.	8200737900	MLK (Sunset)
12.	8200656700	210 Burleigh Lane
13.	8102945100	1602 Main Street
14.	8601683000	1220 Duck Av
15.	8301643600	250 Eliza Rd
16.	8301336500	264 Eliza Rd
17.	8602492456	621 Lewis
18.	8105318000N	Tom Schexnayder Rd.
19.	8300960105	718 Seven Arpents Rd
20.	8201119503	MLK Sunset
21.	8200658670	Donna St
22.	8600175000	342 Nash Street
23.	8601162800A	531 Ash St
24.	8637465798	201 Mallet St
25.	8600137000	123 College Rd
26.	8300960105	718 Seven Arpents Rd
27.	8300290300	2903 Hwy 347
28.	8300960100	Seven Arpents Rd
29.	8600484900	151 Corinne St
30.	8400634500	114 Josie St
31.	8106382000	175 Napoleon St
32.	81064303790	Redeemed
33.	8104786250	Redeemed
34.	8104786250	Redeemed
35.	8104786250	Redeemed
36.	8162399071	314 Veterans Dr
37.	8603953500	Mercedes Ave
38.	8604062800Ad	St. Partick Ave

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The first property for sale is Parcel No. 8104274000. We have five bids. The first bid is from Ogden Pete in the amount of \$12,000.00. The second bid is for \$2,500.00 from Dwayne Babineaux. The third bid is for \$1,550.00 from Rachel Ann Thompson. The fourth bid is from Henry Thomas in the amount of \$1,000.00. The fifth bid is from Martell Morris in the amount of \$5,500.00.

The highest bidder is from Ogden Pete in the amount of \$12,000.00. Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, "Mr. Duplechain, do you want to do them one at a time and accept the highest bidder on each one?"

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, "We can do them one at a time and accept the highest bid on each one."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I recommend to the council that we take the highest bid of \$12,000.00 from Ogden Pete for Parcel No. 8104274000."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to accept Mr. Ogden Pete as the highest bidder of \$12,000.00 for Parcel No. 8104274000.

(144 Avenue of Acadians).

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 5th, day of January 2022.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Is it possible we could do them all together and then...."

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, "The council could make a motion and second it and vote to take the highest bid on each one of them and accept that and do them all at once.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Do we have a minimum bid on any of these properties?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Not on this list. They did not have no work done on these properties so there is no minimum bid on them."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to accept the highest bidder on each property and accept them all at once.

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 5th, day of January 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have one bid for Parcel No. 8402373000 from Rene Robertson in the amount of \$300.00."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Mr. Chairman, it don't have to be \$500.00."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, It is \$500.00 to start the process and the bid is whatever, unless we have a minimum bid requirement. If we have work on that property that we had to do, then it goes up."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Number 3, Parcel Number 8401936043. Rene Robertson have a bid in for \$300.00. That is the only bid for that property.

Number 4, Parcel Number 8601729350, one bid, Stephanie Issac in the amount of \$500.00.

Number 5, Parcel Number 0101946500, two bids, Johnny Wilson in the amount of \$1000.00 and David Manuel Jr. in the amount of \$1,125.25.

Number 6, Parcel Number 8603783000, two bids, Jeremy Arceneaux in the amount of \$1001.00 and David Richard \$3,000.00.

Number 7, Parcel Number 8200647600, one bid, Stephanie Murray Stevens in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Number 8, Parcel Number 8200503500, should be removed, it should have been taken off from the last sale.

Number 9, Parcel Number 8600031700, one bid, Darrin Cobb, \$600.00.
Number 10, Parcel Number 8200647600, one bid from Joseph Thomas, \$650.00.
Number 11, Parcel Number 8200737900, Joseph Thomas, \$1,500.00.
Number 12, Parcel Number 8200656700, two bids, David Richard, \$6,000.00, the other bid was \$1,550.00 (no name mentioned).

Number 13, Parcel Number 8102945100 was redeemed today, they paid \$6,665. It will be pulled. The taxes were paid today.

Number 14, 8601683000, one bid in the amount of \$650.00 from Margie Shaw and one bid from Mr. Henry Thomas in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Councilman Wayne Ardooin stated, “Mr. Chairman, if I am in order, can we move this sale until after the meeting. We have some people here and they have a schedule that they have to follow. I have a lady that is a nurse and she would like to speak first. She is the lady that had the truck to burn in the subdivision.”

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “The meeting can be closed and taken up again after.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to pause the sale of the Adjudicated Properties until after the Committee Meeting.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 5th, day of January 2022.

V. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to adjourn this Special Meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 5th, day of January 2022.

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “We will reconvene and go back into our special meeting.”

VI. Roll Call: PRESENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardooin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None.

Item Number 15, Parcel Number 8301643600, one bid, Mr. Henry Thomas for \$700.00. Item Number 16, Parcel Number 8301336500, two bids, Kayla Gives, \$500.00, Henry Thomas, \$500.00. Garett, what do we do if I have two bids for the same piece of property, the same amount of money?” Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “They will have to bid again. I don’t see any other way around it. Item Number 16 will be rebidded.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This one lady put it in on the same piece of paper for two separate bids. Margo Shaw put in two bids on one piece of paper for two separate properties. I will not take that one because I can’t have one person putting bids on two separate properties. It needs to be individually.”

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “That is correct. Rules have to be followed according to the law. The will have to rebid on Item #16.

Item Number 17, Parcel Number 8602492456 will be rebidded because Ms. Margo Shaw put two bids in for the same property.

Item Number 18, Parcel Number 8105318000N, one bid, Alex Lavergne, \$8,400.00.

Item Number 19, Parcel Number 8300960105, two bids, Jamia Broussard, \$1,500.00 and Henry Thomas, \$1,000.00.

Item Number 20, Parcel Number 8201119503, one bid, Mr. Derrick Charles Sr., \$1,000.00.

Item Number 21, Parcel Number 8200658670, one bid, Mr. David Richard, \$3,000.00.

Item Number 22, Parcel Number 8600175000, one bid, Mr. Brandon Alfred, \$25.00.

Councilman Alvin questioned, “Can we accept that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t have a minimum. Brandon Alfred in the amount of \$25.00 cash.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Can we not accept a minimum bid of \$25.00. Can we not accept that bid because it is cash? Do we have a stipulation cash vs check?”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., “I asked that question earlier and he said there were no minimum bid. \$25.00, that is his property.”

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “We may have to take notes with this process right now. Then we can basically revisit and tweek this and set a minimum bid for next time.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “On this one, there is no minimum bid. We have to take what we get on this one. On the next round, I will set a minimum bid so we don’t have this kind of problem.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “In the future a minimum bid can be set.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next cycle we will put a minimum bid in the advertisement. We have an option in the ordinance to do minimum bids.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I taught you had to come up with \$500.00.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The \$500.00 is coming in on the initial deposit to start the process. They pay the \$500.00, it pays for the legal advice, the legal part of it and the advertisement. We still have that \$500.00. The \$25.00 that we have here is for the actual sale of the property. The next time we will put a minimum bid of \$500.00”

Item Number 23, Parcel Number 8601162800A, same person, same amount of cash.

Mr. Brandon Alfred \$25.00.

Item Number 24, Parcel Number 8637465798, same person, same amount of cash. Mr. Brandon Alfred \$25.00.

Item number 25, Parcel Number 8600137000, two bids, Brandon Alfred, \$50.00 and Robert Vidrine, \$10,100.00.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned the deadline for bidding.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The deadline is today’s meeting at 5:45 p.m.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, Can anyone check to see how many people have bided.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, it comes in, it is sealed and it is put in his office. Whenever it comes here, it comes here.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Looks like they have a cat in the sac somewhere.”

Item Number 26, Parcel Number 8300960105, Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, Item Number 26 and number 19 are the same piece. So there is nothing on item No. 26.

Item Number 27, Parcel Number 8300290300, one bid, Mr. Henry Thomas, \$600.00.

Item Number 28, Parcel Number 8300960100, one bid, Mr. Henry Thomas, \$500.00.

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Bellard, it says Seven Arpents Road, do they have a numerical address on that property.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What we have is off of the Tax Assessor’s Website. Whatever the Parcel Number is. Sometimes they don’t have a physical address.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “Mr. Bellard, how many pieces of property can you bid on?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You can bid on as many as you want.”

Item Number 29, Parcel Number 8600484900, two bids, Marion Oglesby, \$500.00 and Brandon Alfred, \$50.00.

Item Number 30, Parcel Number 8400634500, two bids, Debra Baham, \$2,005.00 and Jeremy Peters, \$2,000.00.

Item Number 31, Parcel Number 8106382000, one bid, Harles Stewart Jr., \$500.00

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next four pieces of property have been Redeemed.

Item Number 32, Parcel Number 81064303790 - Redeemed

Item Number 33, Parcel Number 8104786250 - Redeemed

Item Number 34, Parcel Number 8104786250 - Redeemed

Item Number 35, Parcel Number 8104786250 – Redeemed, No that is the same number. That was duplicated. So you will have No. 32, No. 33, No. 34 have been redeemed.

Item Number 36, Parcel Number 8162399071, one bid, Mr. Anthony McCray in the amount of \$500.01.

Item Number 37, Parcel Number 8603953500, one bid, Mark Collins, \$500.00

Item Number 38, Parcel Number 8604062800Ad, one bid, Danielle Richard, \$500.00 Councilman Wayne Ardoine requested a total at the next meeting.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will total everything up. We will have a tabulation sheet.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the highest bidder from the sale of the 38 Adjudicated Properties.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 5th, day of January 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoine, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to adjourn this Special Meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 5th, day of January 2022.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2022
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. Roll Call:

Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.

3. Person to address the Committee:

Mr. Herman Fuselier addressed the council. He stated, "I would like to address you all tonight about the Tourist Commission Term Appointments that are coming up. I sent a letter to Chairman Dexter Brown about this and I think he shared it with you. I will read it just for the record.

The 3-year term for all St. Landry Parish Tourist Commissioners officially expire on February 19th, 2022. The Parish Council is scheduled to make appointments at next month meeting.

In the past, appointment were chosen from applicants to public notices in the journal of record, the Eunice News. But I want to bring to your attention that this process doesn't align with state law. According to La. Statue RS 33:4574 (44) (F) (b) (i), which covers "Tourist Commissions; creation; purpose; directors; power," Commission appointments shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the governing authority or authorities by private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry.

Example of these authorities and groups can include Mayors, Main Street and Tourism Directors, Chambers of Commerce, Historical Districts, Museums, lodging and attractions. These nominees would already have knowledge and experience with tourism, thereby enhancing the industry in the parish. A copy of this State's Tourist Commission Law, with appointment text highlighted is with this letter. It can also be found at the Louisiana State Legislature Web site, legis.la.gov.

I ask you the council and your attorney, review this state law and align the council's selection process with these mandated guidelines.

Retired Director Celest Gomez sent a letter outlining some of the same things that I have mentioned with the state law. She also mentioned some of the Non Profit groups that could help make these selections. It would include Hospital Associations, Merchant Associations, Restaurant Owners, Lodging Partners and Event Organizers. St. Landry Parish citizens who are affiliated with these groups have professional experience in the areas of marketing and promotions such as Graphic Art, Social Media, Advertising, Photography, Journalism, Historic Preservation and would qualify and be submitted as nominees."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Thank you for coming Mr. Fuselier. I did forward a copy to the council members and they received a copy of the revised statue from the state. We will do the best job that we can do regarding our Tourism Industry and the selection process. I wanted all the members with a copy so that they can read it.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "You are the Director right?"

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "Yes Sir."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "That is all I need to know, you are the Director."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In regards to this matter, will you all take any action? It is on the agenda for tonight. I am just asking, when we get to that line item on the agenda, are you all going to make a motion to go thru this or follow the guidelines."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Item No. 10 on the agenda is for us to authorize to advertise for several appointment to the Tourist Commission."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "All I am say is that when it gets to that item, are you all going to make the motion to follow what the state law recommend at that time?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "What has changed with the appointments?"

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We did not pick who they wanted."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "We did not follow the proper guidelines for appointing the right people. We picked who we wanted to pick instead of picking qualified people. We are just trying to get back to the statue on how it is written to pick the right people. That is why this is brought up."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Are we still going to pick the people that we choose or fit for that?"

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "Yes, nothing have changed other then we need to follow the right guidelines for picking the right qualified person."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Whenever you are going to pick the person you have to get recommendations as per the law. That is the only thing that will be different. If you all follow what the Statue calls far, you need to get recommendations from these individual entities and make a decision based off of that. Not just for whomever applies. That is the only thing that is different."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "We really need to balance this with folks from Eunice and Opelousas and the rest of the Parish. We kind of got carried away and got it lop-sided right now. Herman, would you like to talk on that? I am from the other side of the parish. I don't have nothing to do with Eunice or Opelousas so I am neutral in this."

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "That is coming from the past before because traditionally we had at least two representatives from the two largest municipalities in the parish, Eunice and Opelousas. Those numbers sort of got off in recent years but it was just sort of a tradition, nothing labeled out specifically."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Even doing it this way does not necessarily mean that it will come from either place if you go by what the law recommends. This is not

being done only to make sure that we are picking in certain areas of the parish, it needs to come from these recommendations, a private non-profit group.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordon questioned, “Based on the recommendations, are they going to be writing us a letter or am I supposed to write them a letter asking for their recommendations?”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “They should be writing us a recommendation on who they suggest.”

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “Madam Clerk, do we usually get recommendations from Mayors and Tourism Commissions and Museums as to who they want us to nominate?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No Sir.”

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “So that means that we should send notices to those Non-Profit, Un-Profit, Private Groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the Tourism Commission and invite their nominations because that is how we are going to get nominations submitted to the parish government from private non-profit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects. The clerk is going to advertise for seven appoints to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission and perhaps we need to notify the non-profit private groups with interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry to get their nominations or nominees. Otherwise we may not get any.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you look at the law where it says, it shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the Governing Authority or Authorities by Private Non-Profit. I think the council have a choice here to make. It will be either a nomination submitted to the council like they have been doing or the private sector. I don’t think it says that it has to be done that way, it just says, it shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the governing authority. I think they can do it the same way they been doing it by having a list of nominees. It don’t say where the list comes from but then the ‘or’ part comes into play. I think it is a decision that the council has to make at the full council meeting.”

4. Public Works Report:

a. Contract for Courthouse Waterproofing Project.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Courthouse Waterproofing Project, we placed this on the agenda anticipating we would be getting it from the Architect but we did not receive it as of right now. We did put it out on bid and we did get some bids but I do not have the contract for tonight. I should have it for the full council meeting but is has not been given to us yet. I will defer it to the full council meeting.”

b. Recommendation from the Public Works Department whether Speed Bumps should be installed on Wisdom Road.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have a recommendation from Public Works whether Speed Bumps should be installed on Wisdom Road. I think that it was Mr. Brown that have been asking for that. If it is a recommendation from Public Works, we are in favor of it if the council so chooses to do it.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I have requested the Parish Government look into Speed Bumps. Could you give me any answers tonight as to what is going on with that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Actually I cannot give you an answer on that one that we are looking for. That one speed bump that we are looking for that is really a speed bump. Precious is getting with Evangeline Specialties to get the one that is raised. Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I see at Consolidated Government, they have them around the Hospital. There is a Traffic Circle. They have them at the Traffic Circle and they are really speed bumps. They are not those little yellow strips, they are Speed Humps.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “On Perry Drive, Didn’t they have speed bumps on it before they over laid the road? And what about Charles Burr Lane?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we have to put the speed bumps back on Perry Drive and on Charles Burr Lane, they did do some. I don’t know if they went all the way down to the end.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “It was supposed to go from 6th street to Wisdom and they put four of them from Wisdom.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not sure how the Ordinance reads on spacing them, I know there is a procedure. I will check on that to see what was done, but they will be putting back on Perry Drive."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "On Charles Burr Lane, does the whole road belongs to the parish?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Part of the road belongs to the city."

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

5. Forward all applications received for one seat for the remainder of a two-year term to Fire District No. 3. Expiring 01-01-2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday January 19th, 2022 all applications received for one seat for the remainder of a two-year term to Fire District No. 3.

Expiring 01-01-2024.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment for a five-year term to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (01-18-2022- 01-18-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 all applications received for one appointment for a five-year term to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority. (01-18-2022- 01-18-2027).

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring on 09-04-2022 to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring on 09-04-2022 to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Public Notice for Crestview: The project is a New Construction family-oriented development with a Community facility and supportive services. There will be 40 new construction townhomes. Crestview will have 4 – One bedroom/one-bathroom, 20- Two bedroom/ two bathroom, and 16 – Three- bedroom/two-bathroom units. The owner is competing for 9% tax credits provided by Louisiana Housing Corporation.

Mr. Bill Rodier addressed the council. He stated, "Jessie asked me to come and try to address what I knew about this. To be honest with you, I did not know almost nothing about it until late today, about 5 p.m. today with this project. I will tell you what I know. There is a company called Rowanoak Development that is out of Mississippi that is looking to do a housing complex that you have listed up there. I have not seen the sight plan. I don't know what this project looks like. It has never been presented to me. I know there have been several questions about the area that they have been looking to place this. One of the areas was on a dead end street over by North East Elementary. In a discussion today with one of the principals, that is not a sight that they will probably be considering. The sight that they are considering for this, and if there is no contract, this is very tentative with this, the gentlemen said they would be considering a sight next to the Yambilee. That is where they would be looking to put this project. Which as I

understand, I have not done the tile research, but I believe that that is parish property and I believe that this project would have to be annexed into the city in order to get water and sewer services for the project over there. As I understand this, if a project is going to be funded by Louisiana in part LHC (Louisiana Housing Corporation) there is a requirement by the developer to give notice that there is a notice of interest to have a project in the area. That notice of interest have to go State Elected Officials. Senator Boudreaux, Senator Miller, you as the Parish Council with the property that they are looking at, my understand is that this serves as notice that they have got interest in putting up property here. There is nothing beyond according to the gentlemen from Rowanoak, there is nothing beyond his interest in putting it here. I don't know all the details. We don't work intimately with these housing projects but to the best I know, if a project gets funded in part thru LHC, it does not mean that it is either a workforce or a completely subsidized voucher housing project. I think it can be a portion of both. It can be workforce housing which means that the residence have to be at work and they can have a subsidized rent to live in that complex or it could be completely vouched where the individuals would qualify for rental assistance and not have to have a job. I think it could fall somewhere in between that. As I understand it, as they submit an application to the LHC for funding they score competitively on those types of factors with that. The gentleman that I spoke with today said that they had a national training session this week. They apologize for not being able to be here. Again, I did not know anything about this project, this was just trying to do research to help to keep you guys informed as a council of what this is. This is what I know about it, I will answer any other questions that you might have with it just based on what I know and the little time I had to do some research."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Is this considered low income? Where is this company from? And what area around the Yambilee they would like to utilize?" Mr. Bill Rodier stated, "My understanding that the property that they are interested in is the property directly adjacent to the west of the Yambilee Building. It runs parallel. I don't know if it is still there or not but there was a big old house far back. I am not sure if the house is still there or it got torn down or not. The way is has been described to me, again, it is in part low income. If it is through LHC, it is in part. It can be a difference of work force housing, means the residence have to be working in order to be living there. If they don't have any job, then they can't. It can also be a complete voucher, low income housing project where the people wouldn't have to work. I have no idea what they intend to do or how they applications intend to balance on that. It can be a combination of both or it could be all of one or the other."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Mr. Bellard, did someone contact you about this?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well, we already got the letter in the mail obviously, but I also had an e-mail from them over the weekend or the latter part of last week. They were asking me to give some kind of approval process thru the council. I am against low income housing. We have enough of that in our parish. If they want to come and give us some housing that will help people get out of the low income status and get into buying a house and helping them, I am all for it. I made that clear in my e-mail to them. I am not against having housing, but it needs to be housing to get people to the next level and this is not it according to the e-mail I received from him. The next thing is, right next to the Yambilee, where there is concerts, rodeo and everything else, that is not a place to put housing. You think we have trouble now, we will have more trouble about people complaining about all the noise next door. It is just rent, low income and I am not trying to stop anybody from coming to our parish but I think we need to be more of an advocate for the next level of care for our people, not just to place them in low income."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the name Rowanoak and Crestview. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It says the development of Crestview Apartments. Honestly that is all we have."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned "Are they related to the Crestview apartments that are really established?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not sure if there are any relations to this."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Mr. Rodier, this is in my District, District 1. Can you give me more clarity on this company when you get more information before they attempt to do anything."

Mr. Bill Rodier stated, "Absolutely, like I said, the first conversation that I had with this guy is 5:15 this afternoon. I have not seen the sight plan and I have not seen any details yet. I am assuming that at some point their application to the LHC Group is going to have to be made public because that is a public body that approves those funding. Soon as I know something, I will be happy to forward it to you."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "What happened to the other location they had?" Mr. Bill Rodier stated, "I don't know. He did not give any specifics as to why the other location by North East Elementary on that Dead End Street was not considered a sight anymore. I know there are specific requirement in the Census Block Track. I think in order to be eligible for the LHC Funding both of them meet that requirement but he did not elaborate on why they were looking at the one sight over the other. I can try and find that out for you but he did not say anything specific today."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "That property just west of the Yambilee building that they are talking about, they have two property owners. When you go down that lane where that Trailer House is, that lady there owns from HWY 190 all the way down that lane and the Trailer House back to Birds Lane. She owns the east side of the property. The other side is owned by here Fiancé that passed away. Is that within the city limits? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That pieces is not. The Yambilee Grounds up to that fence is in the city all the way to the trees in the back. That piece of property that we discussing is not in the city at this time."

Mr. Bill Rodier stated, "When this first got brought up to me, I think it was the perception that this was a project that they are looking to do a work force apartment complex on Laurent Street around the greenspace and Lowes but not on the Frontage Road. This is not the same project, this is totally different. It is also my understating that LHC is running behind in their review and approval. Now that I am involved, I will try and stay in point with it and as soon as something becomes available, I will forward it to you all. Either to Jessie or to you all, whichever you would like, whatever would be best."

9. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2022-02-17-2024).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2022-02-17-2024).

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. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

11. Update on debris pickup, drainage, and Broadband. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Mr. Bellard would you mind giving us an update on each of those three items. I have gotten several call about these.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Debris pick up is still in the same stage as last meeting with DEQ giving final approval for the burn site. The Drainage work is just about complete from the ARA Funding. We should be finish with that by the end of January, also on the drainage, we applied for a Brick Grant thru the Federal Government to do a study with UL and HGA from the North all the way to the South on a Parish Wide Drainage. That includes the canal, the bayous and everything else. We should hear back from them. If they approve it there is \$260,000.00 for the study. Once that is done, they will do the implementation of the study. That will be a parish wide drainage project including the bayous. We are pushing real hard for that. On the Broadband, we submitted letters to the state last week for the GUMBO Act thru the state with LUS,

Allen Cable, Starr Communications. They have a plan in place. The company have to submit thru the GUMBO Plan. That will cover the holes in our parish that does not have broadband. We should get word this month on the first round of money from the National Tela-Communications Grant, as well and that is the first phase with LUS and Allen Cable.”

12. Discuss water leaks when streets have been repaired in District 9 by the City. (Councilman Wayne Ardooin).

Councilman Wayne Ardooin stated, “You see Julius left and I know their hands are tied. What they are doing is, they are coming in, repairing their leaks and they put some Limestone then we have an automatic speedbumps. Then it goes a year before the street is repair. Mr. Bellard, I will ask that your Public Works person, whom ever that you have, can watch over them things and maybe push them to maybe remove the limestone and put us some asphalt. We have some good asphalt street but what they are doing is repairing the leaks and they are leaving us some limestone.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I know we talked about this a couple of month ago. I am not sure about the legal side of it Garrett. If the city is bussing the street to fix the water leaks, what kind of a normal time frame shall we give them to repair the road back to where it was before?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I don’t know how long it would take to repair the road if the city is doing the work on it. I could call the city attorney for Opelousas and try to coordinate with him. I don’t know how long it takes to fix a street but we could inquire about it. They could give us a timeline.

Councilman Wayne Ardooin stated, “I have two of them Mr. Bellard. If you want to make a note of them. 198 Marigold in Royal Gardens and 202 Wisteria. The one at 202 Wisteria has been like that for about a year. Mr. Alsandor, we are talking about the automatic speed bumps that the city is making for us when you the water repairs. We are just asking that you maybe expedite putting some asphalt down instead on limestone.

Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated, “Good evening to each of you. Thank you for the work that you do in each of your positions. To respond to Mr. Ardooin’s question, we are working expeditiously and fast as we can in putting products down on the road. You and I have talked about this and several other streets in the city of Opelousas. We are doing the best that we can. Right now presently, we have five people working in that department. That is to take care of 485 streets. Ms. Carriere, you and I have spoken many times about streets.

Councilman Wayne Ardooin stated, “All of us have streets that you serve. We have issues. All of us have streets that water is being served under the streets, when we have a leak, it takes forever for the streets to get repaired after you all do your work.”

Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated, “Again, I am not trying to give excuses. I am giving the reality of what we are confronting now. We have that many streets. You talked about the work earlier about inheritance. I have taken it on and I have not backed away from it. The employees that we have, we are doing the best that we can with the employees, the equipment and the resources that we have.”

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Hopefully none of them come down with COVID.”

Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated, “We have three that are home with it now.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have asked Mr. Bellard if there is any way that he could assist you. I understand your position, you only have 5 employees. Mr. Bellard, is there still a way that you can help to assist to get some of this work done?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do have an agreement with the city and all the municipalities to assist in any way possible. That extends on everything. The Mayor and I have been in discussion about this.”

Honorable Mayor, Julius Alsandor stated, “We have had some very indebt conversations about this. A couple of years ago we came to you and the partnership that we have developed with our gravel roads, there is a big plus there. We still periodically have to contract some of this work out to, but we are limited to that. All of us are constricted when it comes to finance. We are working diligently and as hard as we can with the people that we have and presently trying to hire others to bring it in. It is hard to find the skills set that we need to be able to address that.

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, “When they changed the culvert on Soileau Road where that bad hole was, the lime stone is still there, how much longer does the limestone have to stay before they go back and black top it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will check with Barry in the morning. I am pretty sure they wanted it to pack real good. I will get him to put some Asphalt back."

13. Discuss speed limit signs on parish roads. (Councilman Wayne Ardoine). Councilman Wayne Ardoine stated, "I have spoken to Mr. Barry Solieau about this matter so I don't need to discuss it."

14. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have an issue that involve annexation of properties in the parish. The mayor and I have discussed some issue and I think at this time I am ready to ask the council to start with a CEA with all of the Municipalities in our parish whenever a piece of property is annexed into the municipalities, we do an 80-20 split with them until the tax is off the books. I am talking about the smooth ride home tax that is on the books until 2029. I want that to move forward and get talks going. I don't want it to just sit. We wanted to make sure that the truck stops is a go as far as we know and now is a proper time to address that issue. The Smooth Ride Home has that tax in an unincorporated area of the parish. Anything that is Annexed by any municipality, we would like to make a deal with them that 80-20 split with 20% coming to the Parish Government of the Sales Tax and 80% goes to the Municipalities because they are going to have the expense of putting it in place."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "An Intergovernmental Agreement between the municipalities and Parish Government, the 80% is for the City and the 20% is for the Parish."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard, was there a tax passed that the parish would collect the entire tax until it expired. Is that State Law. That is what I am trying to find out."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We had an opinion issued by Eric LaFleur. His opinion came back rendered to us, the city and the SLED Board. It said that there are two other parishes that have the same situation. There is no court case that reference this. The other two parishes did the same thing we are doing to come up with a deal with the municipalities in the parish and split the tax. The burden of cost is on the municipalities to do all the infrastructure in that area. We are going to ask that 20% of that tax money come to Parish."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Can you give us an update on the Blighted property in the parish.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They are all taken care of. Especially the one over here on 190. Everyone is showing progress but the one on HWY 190 is completely done."

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 authorizing the Parish President to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish Government and the Municipalities for an 80-20 split when property is annexed into the municipalities.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

15. Adjourn.

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

On roll call vote: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Coby Clavier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2022
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoин called the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said earlier in the meeting.

3. Roll Call: Jerry Red Jr., Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None.

4. Person to address the Committee:

Ms. Alexis Thomas addressed the council regarding the Barricade in Shawnee Hills Subdivision. She stated, "Good evening my name is Alexis Thomas. My family purchased a home in Shawnee Hills about three years ago. I am here today to speak to you about the event that happened at my home on the night of New Year's Eve and to seek a resolution to this matter. After working the night shift as a nurse, I was awoken by the scream of my daughter and my husband. They were frantic because my husband's truck was in flames in our driveway. I walked out to see my neighbor, who is a disabled veteran with a garden hose frantically trying to stop the fire from spreading to his home and our home as well. By that time my husband had already contacted the fire department. I could hear the sirens but the response was delayed because of a certain structure in the road. I was then told by the Sheriff Deputy on scene who would have to leave out of our neighborhood to go to the neighboring neighborhood to escort the fire department to my home. This took more than ten minutes for them to leave out of my neighborhood to go to the neighboring neighborhood to get the fire truck. Please try to put yourself in my position, just imagine your home or your neighbor's home at risk for burning down and a public road to get access to your home is barricaded. I don't know which emotion has more control, fear or anger. Fear that my neighbor and I would lose everything that we have worked so hard for and anger that is absolutely insane for someone to barricade a public road. My question is, why a private citizen is allowed to do this? Don't we elect officials to protect us from rogue citizens? There have been a lot of talk about the barricade actually going there. When the subdivision were created, tax payers money was used to fund the public road for that subdivision. Now they have put a barricade on a public road essentially making it a private road. The barricade poses a threat to public safety. I feel that there is a resolution to this problem. The parish has the power to buy back part of the road that is claimed to be private to protect the health and safety of residence of the Shawnee Hills Subdivision."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Ms. Thomas, we have been trying to resolve that matter for many years regarding that barricade that is across the road. Unfortunately our prayers go out to you and your family regarding the truck. Thankfully nothing else drastically happened. Mr. Bellard, our Parish President has been adamantly working on trying to resolve that matter."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I am sorry for the loss of your vehicle and you had to have that experience. I am glad to see that everyone is o.k."

Ms. Alexis Thomas stated, "I understand that but so much more can happen. Every day I put my life at risk taking care of the public and who is helping me. That is not fair, it is really not fair. It has been so much talk around this piece of property that was given away by a Judge. How was a Judge allowed to give away public property that is owned by the Parish? Can anyone explain how a judge can just give away anything? That means he can give away our homes, our jobs and he has the right to do that."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The issue the council is dealing with now has been dealt with in the past. I have copies that were made today on the history from the start to where we are at now. I come from the fire service and I know what a minute is and I know what a minute can do to save somebody's life. I am not doubting that at all. At the end of the day, this council acted in 2017 to get a declaratory on this very issue to get it resolved. The Judge heard all of the matters in place and the Judge ruled that that piece of property is considered a common property that is owned by the Ranch Subdivision. Parish Government does not own that road. Unless a judge tells us anything different, we have to stick and honor what the judge has ruled."

Ms. Alexis Thomas stated, "I get what you are saying but, when all this happened, the court hearing and stuff, my neighbors were not even allowed to go into the courtroom to defend themselves. How is that right?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not sure about all of those particular issues. Ms. Alexis Thomas stated, "It happened, everybody knows it happened." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So the issue that was done, the Parish Council asked the Parish President at that time who was Mr. Bill Fontenot to get a declaratory judgement. At that time the attorney on record was Chad Pitre. He went in front of a judge along with the lawyers from the Ranch Subdivision. A decision was made in that room because two parties were present, the Parish and the owners of the Ranch Subdivision. Everything that is on record here has been given to the judge at that hearing. He made a decision based off the information. I sympathize with you all about that but it is out of our hands, it is out of the Parish President's hands and out to the Parish Council's hand when a Judge rules. If the parish council makes a motion and does something and no court rules on it then the parish council can come back and charge that motion. This is a judge."

Ms. Alexis Thomas stated, "I understand what you are saying, what does it have to take for someone to lose their life. Obviously emergency personnel was led to that barricade, why is that? Seconds matter when a life is in danger, I know you understand that."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I agree with that but this is what we are doing and this is what we are doing today. We are going to send letters to every emergency vehicle that responds in that area to make sure that they are aware of this barricade. They should have been aware of this already but we will make sure of it. We will make sure and put some signs up to make sure that everybody knows so they don't run into the barricade."

Ms. Alex Thomas stated, "So it takes for this to happen for something to be done?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I was advised by our attorney, maybe Garett can step in, the parties that are in the subdivision can file a suit like they want but we are out of it cause of council asked for a declaratory judgement. The council received the declaratory judgement and it was ruled on. Unless Garret has something further to add." Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, "Do you have a question for me? Let me just state, one thing that can and will be done is the Parish Government will send letters to all the first responders to let them know how to get to your house very quickly. That is one thing that can and will be done. If there is anything that this council can do, anything to help you, they will do it. They can't do anything about a judgement signed by a district court judge which decided that the road is to be closed. If this council can do anything to help you, I assure you they will.

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Ms. Thomas, it would be a good idea for you as a homeowner and all the other homeowners in that subdivision, both subdivisions, to contact the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Jeff Landry and see if they can bring this matter into light. See if they can help you out in that situation."

Mr. Carl Fontenot addressed the council regarding Seminole Lane. He stated, "I said I was going to stay out of this because I fought this since 2009. I understand what everybody is saying. I understand the Judge Caswell thing that Jessie got. I got the original transcript from that court hearing. What he is showing us now was not on that transcript. O.K. this came up, not saying it is not right, but it came up, but getting back to this road and who owns that 29-30'. Our attorney right here has a plat from 2005 which it was September when this council at the time accepted the roads of Shawnee Farms Phase 2 and Phase 3. Seminole Lane goes all the way to River Birch. In 2006 when they built Shawnee Hills, where I live, that plat show it stopping at that 5' x 50' line that the Parish owns, owns by the Parish Government. Everybody is telling me that they don't own that, well it is in the notes. Mr. Garrett read it to me today. In 2007 the Ranch came along. They renamed Seminole Lane and Rodeo Drive. They named them those names. That is still fine, call it what you want, if you measure from where Lamar Lane starts according to the 2007 Plat to that 5' mark, that is it. There is no 29 point whatever feet that is owned that is so said a horse trail. Robert Wolf, I can't get the man to talk to me now, but Robert Wolf told me he told Larry Leger and Don Menard, they were concerned, o.k., there is a horse trail, we make to make that private because the horses are passing. Robert Wolf said, in joking, you all better put a stop sign for those horses because that is a parish road. The Parish Road, Seminole Lane was developed and accepted by the council before Shawnee Hills or the Ranch was developed. Now we are just going to give 30 feet to somebody else. I know you all are tired of hearing me say it or you all had a meeting that you all don't want to hear this anymore but this is a serious matter, very serious. The first Deputy that came went there because it was not his district but it was New Year's Eve and they were so busy. There were two Deputies like she said, one had to leave to go escort five truck back around twice, a 25 minute delay. Last

night somewhere here in Opelousas, an 11 or 12 year old child burned and died. Do you all want that on your conscience? I understand and it has been said, we don't want that road open because 'rift-rafts' will be coming in thru here. You may be pay a little more taxes dollars than me because I don't make the money that you all make, but I still pay for that road. That is just my taught on it. This gentlemen have a plat, and I am the one that brought that plat, that nobody in the parish could not find it. I dug around and dug around today and I found it at Morgan Goudeau and Associates. I called Mr. Garett and he said, yes, I have it right here. That is showing that you all as Parish Government just decided, well we don't want that 30' anymore, let's give it away. That Plat was not brought to Judge Caswell. If I am trying to do something in my favor and I want to be crooked about it, I will bring him what I want him to see. That is exactly what happened. It is on you all. You all make the decisions. Evidently some of you all, the ones that have been here the longest, knows that is wrong. Twice for sure, you all voted the majority to remove that barricade, twice the parish president shot it down. The last one told me that it is just a suggestion, I make the final answer. So we are wasting 13 salaries. I am glad that you all are getting paid, I know that it is not a lot for what you all have to deal with, but still, that is 13 salaries we are wasting if your word does not count. Twice, it is in record, I have it in my truck that you all voted to remove that barricade. The barricade is not even for the parish. Do any of you all know if St. Landry Parish owns concrete barricades that is along the state highways? That is what is there. I know a few of you all have been there to see it. That barricade is not even for the parish. The Attorney General's office was contacted. Those barricades were brought up, a lot of things were brought up. There is an attorney that is supposed to be calling about this situation. I am not blaming this man, he inherited a bad problem. This man inherited a lot. I know you all tried to do what is right, twice for sure. You got your hands slapped if that is how it operates, that is how it is. I just know if you want to be truthful, 2005, I think it was September 17, when Bob Sullivan came to the council and asked for the Roads for Phase 2 and 3, can you accept them. The council said, we accept them. That man has the plat, I wish you all would look at it, because I was told that is no such plat. Today I asked him, I know Seminole Lane starts on the south end at Wichita which is where I live. Where does it shows that it goes? He followed it and said it goes to River Birch which comes off of Nap Lane. That part there, I rest my case, if you all can't see that, I know Ray Charles can see that.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I do understand that you are questioning about those concrete barricades. Does anybody know where they came from? I mean you all live right next door."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "That is what I wanted to ask you. My neighbor that lives next to it said at 4:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning they heard beep-beep alarms. They looked outside and there were some equipment that St. Landry Parish Government does not own. They were setting concrete barrier down at 4:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Was there a logo or something with indications?" Mr. Carl Fontenot sated, "I cannot say because I did not see it. I have asked you to find out. Somebody knows who put it down. Bill Fontenot, I aggravated him for two month. I have text messages printed. He denied for two months saying I don't know where it is at but I will be sure to find out. I even got a text message saying that we will be removing that fence, until you see it gone or wait until next Tuesday, don't say anything to anyone. I got that in a text message. He was going to go and consult with the other side first then come back and say maybe it is o.k. From May to July, I aggravated him so much, he admitted, I authorized them barricades. That holds the parish liable. I think so, but I am not an attorney, I am just a poor old working man."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Carl, you know I have been on you all side for 16 years. I want the right thing. It is a safety hazard having that barricade there. Just like I told Ms. Thomas about the Attorney General. You said that someone from the Attorney General's Office will contact us, we just want the situation resolved.

I want to thank you for your time and effort and we will try our best to get this matter resolved."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Garett, Mr. Fontenot state you read Mr. Fontenot something from 2005, is that correct?"

Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, "We have a plat here from 2005."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "That is what I am asking, did you read it to him today?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I just gave it to him today. I could not read it to him, it was during the meeting."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "On the phone I told you that it started on the south end, where does it show that it goes. You stated it goes to River Birch which comes off of Nap Lane was your words, am I lying?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Right, that is the track that I took in my car yesterday to go there. Nap Lane, River Birch Road, I got to Seminole Lane and drove to the Barrier. Right on the side of the barrier is the right of way for the Parish Government on this plat and on this plat is the Judges Judgement. On the other side of the barrier is a private strip owned by the private company."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "But, does that Plat shows it was owned by a private company in 2005. I wish you all would look at this plat if you all have never seen it. That is the original."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The first thing to do is file a lawsuit to go to court which was done and the judge has the authority to render a judgement."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "That was my reason for asking you that question. I asked the question because this council did everything within our power to make it right for the people in Shawnee Farms as well as the Ranch. We voted unanimously for it to go to court and get a declaratory judgement, 12-0 and the judge came back with a ruling and anything else that has to be done it would have to be done by the people. I am not saying anything that the council is trying to stop you all from doing anything, but anything that has to be done, it would have to be done by the people. That is all I am saying. We are going to do everything within our power to make it right for you as well as everyone else."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "Can I ask you a question Mr. Red? Were you here in 2005. Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "No I was not."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "Have you ever seen this plat which is the original plat?"

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "I did not see that plat."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "The Judge did not see it either."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "That is why I asked the question. I am asking the question from what you said Mr. Duplechain had given you."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "His words were, it goes all the way to River Birch which ties into Nap Lane."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "The problem I have with this whole situation is a road that was declared closed with no Cul-De-Sac. Any road that is closed should have a Cul-De-Sac. That is where the problem lies."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "The problem I see is that we are giving away 29 feet of property." I have a question for Mr. Bellard. I am asking you, we all know in here that Judge Caswell never saw this plat. He was brought stuff from 2006 on up. This is the original from the night of the meeting with the minutes matching this plat. Did you look at it? Did you see Seminole Lane going to River Birch?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I did see it. It is stamped and approved by the council in September of 2005. According to the records on here, I don't believe that map was the one that was given to the judge."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "Could you give this map to Judge Caswell?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can, yes, I want to make sure that we understand that the judge ruled from what was presented in front of him. If there is new evidence to bring to light that is a whole different ball game."

Mr. Carl Fontenot stated, "Before the Parish President told me that they have the final say, so it did not matter what they said. I am asking you, with the authority that you have, you can stop this from happening because that is your authority. Get this stuff to judge Caswell or that 5 x 50' reserve strip that is for the parish, I am not going to say that word right but I think it is expropriation. All you all have to do is vote and take that back and that barricade needs to go to start with. You move that and vote to re-open that 5' and everybody goes on about their way. If not, it is fixing to cost you all three Cul-De-Sac." Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "In light of the information that has been brought to our attention about the road, can you advise Mr. Fontenot and Ms. Thomas on what is the next step that they need to take to have this resolved."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I will say two things and I hope that it is helpful. These property matters are not simple and easy. That is why it ended up in court in front of a judge where it was suppose end up. I would advise that they consult their own attorney, their attorney who could advise them. The second thing that I will say is

that, in the beginning the developer owns all the land. After it is developed, they sell it off one piece at a time. When it gets to the end, the developer can keep some of it, this lot, that lot, 29' strip or whatever it is. When the developer keeps it, they are the owner, they keep it. It happens with Town Houses all the time. They will keep a common ground. It is called the Common Ground. In this case the ruling was that this developer kept the 29.5' strip. It was not taken and given to the developer, they kept it, which happens. The developer will keep something for themselves so they can use it for the common good of whatever they want to use it for. That is how the judge ruled in this case that this 29' strip remained with the developer, St. Landry Investments. That is how it happened. That is how they ended up with it."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "What is the next step for these citizens?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The only way to get a ruling from a judge is to file a lawsuit. If you file a lawsuit on this barricading strip, it is *Race Judicata*. It will be thrown out of court because it has already been decided and no appeal was taken."

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Duplechain, when we took all those roads into the parish system, all those roads are public. When they tried to put a gate in the front of the Ranch Subdivision, we advised them, if they were going to make that a private subdivision those roads could be no longer public. Basically the gates were taken down. In that sense, all those old roads in Shawnee Farms, Shawnee Hills and the Ranch were all public and everybody had thru traffic."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Mr. Garrett, the only way you could bring something back to court is if you have new evidence, is that correct?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "You can ask for a new trial seven days after the judge renders judgement in Civil Court. If you talk about Criminal Court, that is a different story when new evidence comes back, you can go back to criminal court and have the person released from incarceration. This is Civil Court, this is a civil matter." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "My point that I am making, if this 2005 information that they have was not presented to the judge, this becomes new evidence and that road can be open, is that correct?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If the judge did not see it, then it is something that the judge did not see. I can not....."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Is that something that they could bring in their case?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Certainly, they can hire a lawyer to do that. The only problem is, I cannot determine that that will change the judges' mind. That would be very misleading if I was to say that."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "I am just asking if there is new evidence that the judge did not see that it could have the road open and the barricade would have to be removed. I think this is grounds for them to go for that."

Mr. Albert Gros addressed the council regarding the Barricades in the Ranch Subdivision. He stated, "Thank you for hearing this yet again. We find ourselves after a decision re-discussing a re-discussed re-issue once again. I want to be here for clarification. I find myself probably one of the most educated because I have made it a personal issue. I think Mr. Carl Fontenot is probably maybe a little more educated on some of the issues than I am because he has been there longer. I purchased my property in 2009. Was very privy to a lot of the issues because I was one of the first land owners in the Ranch. In being so, I was interested at one point purchasing the subdivision so it made it a personal interest of mine to know the details laid into the development. I just want to give my personal opinion. Some of this I probably speak for the subdivision but most of this I am speaking from my own point of view. That plat from 2005 is right here. I have been having it for a long time. I had it available and presentable to the council the last time we had this meeting. In it as Mr. Fontenot spoke, there is a road, continuous that goes from River Birch all the way down to Wichita. It is called Seminole Lane. This plat was done on June 8, 2005. This was presented initially as a plan. Mr. Calvin Leger's name is on here. It is a multi-stage development for Shawnee, Shawnee Farms and Shawnee Hills. At this point Christian Point was part of a future endeavor including and so was the area that is now the Ranch. Everybody wants to go back and revert to this original plat. In doing so, I warned Mr. Fontenot that there are property line changes that occur in Shawnee Hills when you do that. There were property lines that are different on this plat then the current property lines that exist in Shawnee Hills now. In going back to this original plat, he will have to argue with some of his neighbors about giving up some of their property. That is not very realistic. I think this issue is irrelevant about the plat from 2005 because here, what was also presented at the meeting, ACT-961423, I quoted

it in the last meeting. Those revision in this plat was also presented in the notes and have documentation from the parish and the letter to Mr. Calvin Leger. So before we get angry at the council, before we get angry at owners of the Ranch, before we get angry at residence of the Ranch, this issue should be taken up with Mr. Calvin Leger who was the developer of Shawnee Hills. He is the one that made the request and made the revision. Not anybody from our side, it was from their side. The notes read, note number nine, 5 x 50' reserve strips shown are owned by St. Landry Parish Government for the purpose of intentionally prohibiting thru traffic. This is available again if you guys need copies. In this letter also presented from Aucoin and Associates to Ms. Linda LaFleur, St. Landry Parish Government regarding Mr. Calvin Leger's request for the modifications that appear in this plat. Number 2, the plat indicates a 5' x 50' reserve strip on the west end of Wichita Lane and North end of Seminole Lane. We have discussed the Wichita Road as well. Mr. Robert Wolf indicated the purpose of the privately reserved strips was to prevent connection of the subject lane with roadways and the adjoining Ranch Subdivision. Recommends a note be made on the plat ownership and intention 5' x 50 reserve strips presented on the plat accepted and voted by this council. This is not an issue of blocking a public roadway. We well know developers put roadways in place and then subsequently those roads are taken over by Parish Government. They are Parish Roads and that parish road continues to intentionally prohibit thru traffic as passed by acceptance of the plat with the notes accepted and voted on by the council. These barricades, they are not evil. They were set as a distinct marker between two subdivisions to allow Shawnee Farms and Shawnee Hills to be distinctly separate from a new subdivision project which was the Ranch. This new subdivision project was intentionally separate from the other two as per the land owner, the developer that brought the land. I sympathize incredibly, I am a medical provider myself and I sympathize with Ms. Thomas and her family. When it was recognized from our subdivision as we were trying to celebrate the New Year coming that there was a fire, my neighbors can attest, I personally left the fence, ran to the location of the fire to ask if everyone was okay. Does it make me a hero? Does it make me anything but a concerned neighbor? Because that is what we are, we are neighbors. I have concern for everyone in my immediate subdivision, my immediate next door subdivision and the people that live on the next road because that is what we are, we are all neighbors. This is not about a barricade. This is about educating our emergency response teams to be available and provide services in the quickest safest manner. Thank you."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I have some people that brought it to my attention that they tried to file an appeal with the court and are going to have to deal with the Attorney General's Office on that. They tried to file an appeal at the time and within due time and they were refused that right. I asked them to turn it over to the Attorney General's Office. I don't know how all of that will come out but I was asked to present this to everyone tonight. I am just spreading the information that was provided to me." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardooin stated, "Mr. Gros, could you please give our clerk a copy of what you brought up tonight."

5. Parish President & Finance Report:

- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I have a lot of stuff on the Parish President's Report that I want to bring up. It is in you all packet. First is the Airport Lease for Mr. Lloyd Ardooin. He is buying the hangar that was owned by Mr. Lewis Vivianna Family. They had a hangar at the airport. Since he passed away the family wants to sell it. Lloyd is buying the hangar from the Vivianna Properties. He wants to lease that hangar as per the lease agreement in the Hangar Rentals. That will be on Lot 3 of Plat 3 North of Hangar Road."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to sign the Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Mr. Lloyd Ardooin, and/or Laurie Ardooin.

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.

- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Road District #5 is asking for another truck.

We have one truck that is not running. It needs parts. It is truck No. 799. They are asking us to donate it to them like we did the other one. It is a Surplus.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to donate truck No. 799, a Parish Government Vehicle, to Road District #5.

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.

- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next item that I have is related to Adjudicated Properties in the Parish of St. Landry. It is dealing with people who actually rent the property that is adjudicated. I am asking that the council give us some kind of guidance on that thru legal advice or however. We send a letter to anyone that have property in the parish that is adjudicated to the parish and still having renters in their houses, we give them 30 days to either pay their taxes or evict them.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Would we do that by Ordinance Mr. Duplechain?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We would either do that by a Resolution or a vote by the council to pass it to full council meeting. Rental property that has been adjudicated to the parish, is that what we are talking about?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “They have renters still living there and they are still paying rent to the landlord.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The landlord need to get right with it. You need to pass it to the full council and you can pass a Resolution at that time calling for action and our Chief Executive will take action. I will draw up the Resolution.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to submit a Resolution authorizing the Parish President to evict Adjudicated Property Owners that have not paid their taxes but still have renters in their homes.

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.

- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We also have a preliminary and Final Approval on 5.746 acres partition of 5 lots located on Desiree Road between Lawtell and Opelousas.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardooin request that Mr. Jarrell be present. A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Preliminary and Final approval on 5.746 acres partition of 5 lots located on Desiree Road between Lawtell and Opelousas. Mr. William Jarrell will be contacted to address this matter.

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.

- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Sugar Cane Trucks. We have a major issue

in our Parish with Sugar Cane Trucks tearing up our roads. I am suggesting that we write or re-write our ordinance when it is dealing with heavy loads to include Sugar Cane Trucks to come and get permits. Not to only get permits but if there is an out on a state right of way or state road to take that route, not take a parish road. It is breaking up our roads and they are not getting any permits from us. They are getting state permits and we don’t get anything. Most of the Sugar Cane trucks are not even coming from local farmers. I spoke with a couple of them. Pretty much, they don’t really care. If a Sugar Cane trucks will come into our parish with a one hundred-thousand pound load because the state allows them to do that, then they will pay. I am

asking the council if we can submit an ordinance to the full council and possibly amending our ordinance dealing with weight limits. We have it for Logging Trucks." Councilman Jerry Red Jr. will Sponsor the revised Ordinance for weight limits in the Parish.

No Action Taken.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Wild Flower Lane, there is a Junk Yard on Wild Flower Land. The owners of the property received three registered letters saying that they need to clean up their property. It has gotten worst. The owner of the property is Keith Johnson. 117 Wild Flower Lane, Opelousas, La. He goes by Johnson Auto by occupational, the purpose is retail service. Our Ordinance calls for Occupational Licenses for Junk Yards, Salvage Yards and Mechanic Shop. The Occupational License Office at the Sheriff's Office was supposed to contact me to give approval. This was never approved by anyone in Parish Government. He is going by a Retail Service so he can get around the actual ordinance. I am asking the council for the full council meeting to give a registered letter to come to the full council meeting on this month to show cause why we should not pull his occupational license and close down this place. He is not listening to anything we do and it has been going on since before me.

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, is that about one quarter of a mile away from my house, around the corner. It is an iron sore 100%. A couple of months ago, he put a couple of pieces of tin headed east and west but it is not considered a fence. We need to do everything in our power to get that taken care of."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have been trying to do everything in a reasonable fashion by Code Enforcement going over there and talking to him. I went out there a couple of times. It looks like he is not going to listen to what we need to do, so I think the next action is action by the council. If he does not listen to that then action by the court."

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to forward a letter to Mr. Keith Jonson and invite him to come to our next meeting to show cause why we should not pull his Occupational License for his business on Wild Flower Lane.

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.

a. Contract between Christ Church and SLPG for Delta usage.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Christ Church for the Delta Usage is a one year contract that we renew every year. I just want to bring it up to you all for the renewal. Everything stays the same unless you all have any objections."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr.,

to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to sign the Lease of Property Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government

and Christ Church of Acadiana for \$800.00 per month rental for the Delta Grand usage.
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.

b. St. Landry Parish Government Honors and Recognizes I-49 Riders awarding four seniors Seth Lewis (Northwest High School), Alayla Reed (JS Clark), Amaya L Ifford (Opelousas High School), and Ivory Amos (Opelousas High School) in St. Landry Parish each a \$300 Scholarship on Saturday January 1st, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The I-49 Riders has awarded four seniors, Seth Lewis.

North West High School, Alayla Reed, J.S. Clark High School, Amaya L. Ifford, Opelousas High School and Ivory Amos, Opelousas High School some Scholarships. I would like to do a

Proclamation at the full council meeting for those achievements."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to present a Proclamation to four seniors for their achievements.

Seth Lewis North West High School
Alayla Reed Joseph S. Clark High School
Amaya L. Ifford Opelousas High School
Ivory Amos Opelousas High School

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.

• Finance Director Caryn Fulop presented the council with the Financial Report. She stated,

General Fund, \$5,145,148.39
Expenditures: \$5,108,278.06
Cash Balance: \$107,772.44 as of 12-31-2021.

Road and Bridge Fund:

Total Income: \$3,349,045.95
Expenditures: \$3,890,092.42
Cash Balance: \$123,096.74
Fund Balance: \$\$333,621.48

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned Account 4100185 – Bond Proceeds.

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, That account has been there since the start of my employment.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Amanda Cain had put that in there as bond proceeds from borrowing money from that line of credit. We did not use that. We used the ARA money, the lost revenue side of it. That needs to be changed to the lost revenue of the ARA. Amanda had initially put that in there for Bond Proceeds but we did not need it.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “On the expense side of the council travel, we have sort of extended our budget didn’t we?” Wait, am I looking at the right one. I am sorry, it is the Office Expenses that have been exceeded by \$29,000.00. What is that all about?

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, “I think they bought some assets this year. So those will be moved to Capital Outlays.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “May I make a suggestion. We can’t understand these finances getting them the day of the meeting, at the hour of the meeting. We need this in advance. Can we in the future get this information to the council in our packet 2-3 days before the meeting so we can scrutinize it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only problem with this is, the first week of the month happen this week.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Well we should not be discussing it right now if we can’t get the information to look at it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We can give you the information at the full council meeting, that way it will be more into the month.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “The budget that you are submitting for 2021, amended budget for 2022, does it reflect these numbers?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct, yes.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “How can they, we are just getting this now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have an estimate like we talked about before.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “But this is not an estimate, this is actual.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Those are actual numbers that we have right here that we pulled today.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Are those same numbers in that budget that we are looking at?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not every number will be the exact number, no, because we can’t.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Don’t you think it would be best if we had that to have a real budget so we would know what we are really looking at.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Whenever you are amending the budget, like we always do, normally you would do it in November to amend the numbers for the year. What I am saying is, it is impossible for us to give you December numbers in your packet for last week when they mailed them out because December was not over with. I can give you your numbers for the full council meeting and that way it will give you plenty of time to get stuff done in the first week and then mailed out and then you can have it for the full council meeting. That is what we use to do years ago so we would not have these issues. That is always an issue for the first meeting of the month to have actual numbers from the previous month."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "At the top of this list, it says it is from January to October, is that just an oversight?"

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "Yes."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You see what I am saying, this is confusing. We need to be a little bit more aggressive about how we handle this."

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "We have not received all the bills for December yet either or the revenue that is coming for December because this is on the 5th day of January. As the month goes on we will receive more bills."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I understand but on top of this list it says January thru October 2021. But now you are telling me it is December."

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "It is December, There is a templet that I use and I just drop the numbers into it. It was an oversight."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I understand sweetheart, all I am saying is that we have to be more attentive to the details. Thank you."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "From this point on, this is how I am going to do it. You all will not receive numbers at the committee meeting. You all will receive numbers at the full council meeting. That way we won't have the issues we are having tonight. It will give us more time."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I would rather get it at the next committee meeting. If we had to take any action, we can do it in February."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So you would like for us to give you November numbers in January? I am trying to give you all numbers as close as we can not to have two months behind. We definitely can do the numbers and leave a month out. That is no problem and we can still keep it into the Committee but it won't be the previous month, it will be the month prior." We won't have all the information for the previous month until towards the end of this month.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoine stated, "Let's go ahead and have it two months behind. We will see how that works."

Finance Director Caryn Fulop continued with the Financial Report, she stated,
Health Unit Maintenance:

Total Revenue: \$1,771,752.54

Total Expenditures: \$1,824,521.15

Cash Balance: \$94,786.84

Fund Balance: \$1,819,542.37

Jail Maintenance Fund:

Total Income: \$720,457.16

Total Expenses: \$768,475.94

Cash Balance: \$99,087.09

Fund Balance: \$736,502.51

Road District 12 Ward 2 Maintenance

Total Income: \$284,072.55

Total Expenditures: \$322,336.00

Cash Balance: \$47,013.53

Fund Balance: \$302,333.86

Road District 1 of Ward 3 Maintenance

Total Revenue: \$376,628.29

Total Expenses: \$594,161.32

Cash Balance: \$21,365.46

Fund Balance: \$326,291.58

Road District 2 of Road District 11A Ward 1

Total Income: \$224,447.90

Total Expenditures: \$239,709.47

Cash Balance: \$55,275.02

Fund Balance: \$266,484.42
Sub Road District 1 Road District 3 Ward 1 Maintenance
 Total Income: \$123,950.95
 Total Expenditures: \$155,498.15
 Cash Balance: \$6,481.49
 Fund Balance: \$122,375.56
Sub Road 1 of Road 11A Maintenance:
 Total Income: \$312,580.57
 Total Expenditures: \$157,975.01
 Cash Balance: \$298,436.10
 Fund Balance: \$583,209.75
 Airport Fund
 Total Income: \$467,268.60
 Total Expenses: \$468,699.53
 Cash Balance: \$2,999.25
 Fund Balance: -\$11,283.46

We just received \$33,000.00 today that has not been reflected on this December Statement.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardooin questioned: "Now we are in January, what is the Sheriff's Office saying as far as property taxes being paid. Where would we be at, 60, 48 or 40% paid."

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, "They have to submit it to us by the 10th, of every month of what they collected the prior month. We should be receiving a check soon for what they collected in December."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to accept the Parish President and 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 carried.

6. Discuss an Ordinance that will take the Video Poker Fund and mandate it to the Road and Bridge Fund.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "It was done by Resolution and it has not been done by Ordinance. I am asking Legal Counsel to do it by an Ordinance. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain will provide the council with an Ordinance that will take the Video Poker Fund and mandate it to the Road and Bridge Fund. Councilman Timmy Lejeune will Sponsor the Ordinance.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain questioned? "The Video Poker Fund, where is it going now.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, The Video Poker Fund was going into the General Fund. The 2022 Budget is going to have it in the Road and Bridge."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "What we are going to do is, we will pass the ordinance for the Video Poker Fund to go to the road and Bridge Fund. Is there a current ordinance that has to be repealed that is sending the video poker fund somewhere now or is it just a Resolution.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is no current Ordinance that is dealing with Video Poker, it was always a Resolution that was passed years ago, but Mr. Lejeune wants to put it in an Ordinance form."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "O.K. we will have an Ordinance sending Video Poker Fund to Road and Bridge."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardooin questioned, "How much money are we talking about Mr. Bellard?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "About \$550,000.00."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardooin questioned, "To take the place of that in your General Fund, where will you find that money to put in your General Fund."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have cut some stuff in General Fund. ARA have helped us with that this year. We have extra revenue coming in to take care of that."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if there would be a problem.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "As of right now, it will not be a problem because General Fund is going to be what it is. One of the biggest issues we have with the General Fund is all these mandates that come up. Video Poker is a General Fund Type

source of Revenue but it was never dedicated to General Fund. It was always just used and it was taken from Road and Bridge and put in General Fund. I would like to keep it in road and Bridge and let General Fund survive on its own.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "We passed this Resolution, I will guess about 8 – 12 years ago. Mr. Fontenot politely took it from Road and Bridge and placed it in the General Fund without the consent of the Council. He just moved that money there and took it out of Road and Bridge. So therefore what it will actually do for us, the Parish President will have to come to us and say, can I get this money back from Road and Bridge because I need it in the General Fund. At least we will know what is going on. I really would like to have it done by Ordinance.

No Action Taken.

7. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to the Thensted Center and Creole Heritage, Inc for \$5,000.00 each.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday January 19th, 2022 authorizing the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to the Thensted Center and Creole Heritage, Inc for \$5,000.00 each.

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. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.
None.

9. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune 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.

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

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