

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 19th, day of January, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Dexter Brown called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said earlier in the meeting.
- III. **PRESENT:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. **Ex Officio** Dexter Brown. **ABSENT:** Coby Clavier.

Chairman Dexter Brown stated, *“Before we go into item four on the agenda, I would like to say a little speech. I would like to thank all of the councilmembers for electing me as Chairman for 2021. Thank you for having the vote of confidence in me to lead the council. It was a rough start with the virtual setting, going to the Delta Grand and moving back to the Council Chambers months later, but with God, we made it thru. We kept the parish moving forward and we will continue to move forward in 2022, we just have to stick together and take care of our constituents. I would like to thank you all again and I loved working with all of you. Thank you all very much.”*

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Thank you for all of your effort to continue moving the parish forward. We appreciate your service.”

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “If I am in order, I would like to make a motion to put Garrett as temporary Chairman.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to appoint Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain as Temporary Chairperson.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time the St. Landry Parish Council must appoint a Chairman and a Vice Chairman to chair the council for the year 2022. Do I have any nomination for Chairman?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I move that Ms. Vivian Olivier be appointed as Chairwoman of the St. Landry Parish Council.”

Councilman Jimmy Edwards stated, “I seconded.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion and a second that Vivian Oliver be appointed Chairwoman for the St. Landry Parish Council. Are there any other motions for Chairman?”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I make a motion to close all nominations.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “The floor is now closed for nominations. We have a motion on the floor that Vivian Olivier be selected as Chairwoman for St. Landry Parish Council for 2022 and it has been seconded. Roll Call.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edward to appoint **Vivian Olivier as Chairwoman** for the St. Landry Parish Council for the year 2022.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “The motion has passed that Vivian Olivier is now the Chairwoman for St. Landry Parish Council for the year 2022. Now the Council must select a Vice Chairman for the year 2022. Is there a motion for a nominee for Vice Chairman for the Parish Council?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I nominate Ms. Nancy Carriere.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I move that the nominations be closed.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “Is there a second?”

“There is a motion and there is a second being no further nomination, the floor is now closed for nominations for Vice Chairman. We have a motion on the floor that Nancy Carriere is accepted as Vice Chairwoman for St. Landry Parish Council for year 2022.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere as Vice Chairwoman** for the St. Landry Parish Council for the year 2022.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “Motion is passed, Nancy Carriere is selected as the Vice Chairwoman for St. Landry Parish Council for year of 2022. Now I will turn the gavel over to our new Chairwoman Vivian Olivier.”

Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated, *“I want to thank all of the councilmembers who elected me to be the Chairwoman for this year. Thank you so much. I hope we can all work together, be nice to each other and not be bitter. We all have good opinions. Let’s Honor each other’s opinion.”*

V. CONDOLENCES:

Councilman Jerry Red Jr.: Larry Joseph Rue, Krystal Denise Greene, Raven Nicole Charles, Merlin Joseph Fontenette Jr. Katina Smith, Carl Guillory Sr., Wilbert J. Levier, Maude Esther Hardy-Warren, Nelson ‘T-Nel’ Chavis, Bryan Albert Donato.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: George White Jr., Wilbert J. Levier, Nelson ‘T-Nel’ Chavis, Bryan Albert Donato, Randy R. ‘Black’ Kennerson, Joseph Alton Charles, Adrian Marc ‘Pop’ Encalarde.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Carl Guillory Sr. Maude Esther Hardy-Warren, Nelson ‘T-Nel’ Chavis, Mary Evelyn Shaw Randall, Bryan Albert Donato, Randy R. ‘Black’ Kennerson, Katina Smith, Linda Pickney-Vallair-Sam, Wilbert J. Levier, Martha Lee Olivier Richard, Delores Jane (Richard) Morgan, Lisa Anne Gaines, Gloria Jean Bordelon Fontenot, Bryan Peter Dupre, Brother Castenzio Angelo (Casey) Ferlita SJ, Christopher Edwards, JaKobe Daniel Richard, Jayden Wayne Mitchell, Krystal Denise Greene, Raven Nicole Charles, Ora Lee Thomas, Keith Adam Joseph, Bridget Marie Andrus, Philip Thomas Lastraps, Rhodia Faye Richard, Larry Joseph Rue.

Councilman Gil Savoy: Vincent Wiltz Sr., Louella Ardoin Hyatt, Loyd Joseph Breaux.

Councilman Alvin Stelly: Norman M. Frederick.

Chairwoman Vivian Olivier: Gilbert Peter Delisle Jr.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: James ‘Jim’ Tatman, Loyd Joseph Breaux, Louella Ardoin Hyatt, Lee Audrey LaCombe Cummings, Coty Reginald Dupre’ Sr., Adrian Marc ‘Pop’

Encalarde, Brother Anthony Stephen Coco SJ, Brother Castenzio Angelo (Casey) Ferlita SJ, Larry J. Comeaux, Vincent Wiltz Sr.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Wilbert J. Levier, Carl Guillory Sr., JaKobe Daniel Richard.

Councilman Jimmie Edwards: Katina Dawn Babineaux Ardoin, Ty'Von Lawrence Favors, Ruth Catherine Ned.

Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.

VI. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

There was no one to address the council.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21st, 2021** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the **Special Meeting Minutes of January 5th, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- **Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You all should have receive a copy of the tabulations from the Adjudicated Property sale from January 5th, 2022. The next list will be for the February Meeting. We will do different things on that one. One of the things will be to have a minimum bid of \$500.00 on all the properties. That will stop those \$25.00 deals and cash. We won't accept any cash or any kind of checks. We will have a bid form to fill out and we will accept the bid form. They don't pay for it until everything has been processed. A couple of councilmembers brought to my attention that we should do this opening at another meeting where we just have it in here, just an open meeting where anyone can come. A bid opening. I think we will try that and see how that works so it won't take so much time at a council meeting. Anybody is welcome to come to the bid opening. We will bring the tabulation sheet to the council at the next meeting and you all can approve it at that point. Everything will be advertised. When we bring the new list in February, we will have the dates picked out so you all can look at the dates."

Update on the Public Works Report.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Public Works Report is the same. Everything is working and moving in the right direction. We have a lot of work being done across the whole parish. That is every month. One thing I want to update you all on is this freezing rain that is coming this weekend or tonight. We had a call this afternoon for us to be prepared for a lot of wind and a lot of damage with that wind. We are preparing for that. Tomorrow, we are meeting again to discuss the freezing part of it, tomorrow, tomorrow night, Friday and Friday night. We will be preparing for that. We already have our gravel that we need to have to put on these bridges and help out on Three Mile. There is only one way in and one way out on Three Mile, so we will have that ready to go in case of an emergency so people can come out. We are getting that situated. If you all have other problems in your areas that I need to know about, like Three Mile where there is only one way out, let me know so I can make sure that we take care of that. I think that we have covered all of the bases. We are getting prepared for that now. We will open up the Yambilee as a last need. It has to be that nobody have a place to go and we will take them in from the freezing weather like we did last time. It is only until the

storm passes and they go back to their homes. We have an issue at the Jail with COVID again. We tested 148 inmates this morning on the 3rd floor. We got 10 positive cases as of yesterday. It prompted us to do a whole floor, a whole block, all four blocks, we will find out the results probably tonight or early in the morning. It does not change the dynamics of the jail. It does not change anything. If anything, we will move people from one block to another block but they will stay on the 3rd floor. The 3rd floor is the inmates that never leave. So COVID is creeping into the jail again but we are dealing with it as it comes up. I don't have anything else to add unless you all have question.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Parish President's Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

IX. SPECIAL 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the St. Landry Parish Government to Honor and Recognize the I-49 Riders for awarding Scholarships to four St. Landry Parish Seniors on January 1st, 2022. Seth Lewis (Northwest High School), Alayla Reed (JS Clark), Amaya L Ifford (Opelousas High School), and Ivory Amos (Opelousas High School

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to 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.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Council Jerry Red Jr., to appoint Greg Lafleur for one appointment for the remainder of a two-year term to Fire District No. 3. Expiring 01-01-2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

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).
Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned. “When was the last time St. Landry Parish Agricultural Area Authority had a meeting and how often do they have meetings?”
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They had a meeting a couple of months ago, they try to have them every quarter. I went to their last meeting.”
Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I know that they have not been having meetings. Why haven’t they been having meetings?”
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not sure. Since I have been back they have had two meeting for sure.”
Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated “My reason for saying that is, when you appoint people to board appointments, if they miss so many consecutive meetings, it is grounds for dismissal. That is my reason for asking that question.”
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We can look at the bylaws and see what the bylaws call for.”
Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I know that is a fact.”
A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards 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).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: Jerry Red Jr.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

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.
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry 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.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

6. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for 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 Councilman Jimmie Edwards 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: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for 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 Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for seven appointments to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

8. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the contract for Courthouse Waterproofing Project.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “How long will it take?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They did not give us an estimated time, the problem is getting started with supplies. They have not told us a time frame. It is more than what we thought it would be. We had initially estimated it to be \$270, but with the bid process it came back at \$324, the cheapest bid. They will be doing some work on the windows as well. Not just the brick and mortar so to speak but also sealing the windows to make sure that we don’t have rain coming in anymore.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Does that include sealing the council room?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, not yet, that is a different project. That is still with the ARA money. Brody is looking at that right now to see if it was needed. I had told him, if it was done in another five years, let’s do it now because we may not have this money in five years.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I know you said who would be sealing the windows but if the windows need replacement, will you authorize the company to just come back?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If we have to change the windows out we will just do an amendment to the contract. They looked at everything before doing the bid and what they bid on is what they are supposed to be doing. Again, if they have to take a window out, because we have some windows that are not really the natural windows of the courthouse, they added another window on the outside. It just depends, but I don’t think we will have any problems, not from what I am being told.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the contract for Courthouse Waterproofing Project.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

9. Authorize 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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize 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., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and the Municipalities for an 80-20 split when property is annexed into the municipalities.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

11. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Mr. Lloyd Ardoin, and/or Laurie Ardoin.
 A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Mr. Lloyd Ardoin, and/or Laurie Ardoin.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
 NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
 WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.
12. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to donate truck No. 799, a Parish Government Vehicle, to Road District #5.
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to donate truck No. 799, a Parish Government Vehicle, to Road District #5.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
 NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
 WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.
13. Authorize the Preliminary and Final approval on 5.746 acres partition of 5 lots located on Desiree Road between Lawtell and Opelousas.
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Preliminary and Final approval on 5.746 acres partition of 5 lots located on Desiree Road between Lawtell and Opelousas.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
 NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
 WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.
14. Authorize a letter to Mr. Keith Johnson and invite him to come to our next meeting to show just cause as to why we should not pull his Occupational License for his business on Wild Flower Lane.
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, we are just trying to pull his license. He will not have to clean it up?”
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Oh yes, if he does not have a license he can’t operate right there, number one. Number two, we have been giving him letters to clean up and he has not been cleaning up and it is getting worst. We have tried working with him and he is just not listening. The next move is this, if he does not adhere to the wishes of the council, it gets into the 27 JDC, where a court can decide. We just want to follow some type of process because I am pretty sure that I will have others to do the same thing at some point.”
 A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize a letter be written to Mr. Keith Johnson. Invite him to come to our next meeting to show just cause as to why we should not pull his Occupational License for his business on Wild Flower Lane.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.
 NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.
 WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

15. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Agreement with LSU Ag Center and St. Landry Parish Government to Support and Administer Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus
A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Agreement with LSU Ag Center and St. Landry Parish Government to Support and Administer Louisiana Cooperative Units Off Campus.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-002 (Sponsored by Councilman Jerry Red Jr.)

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 (Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

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 (Sponsored by Councilman Dexter Q. Brown)

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)

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adopt **Ordinance No. 2021-018.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

- **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 in St. Landry Parish is hereby abandoned.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt **Ordinance No. 2021-019.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-022 (Sponsored by Councilman 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.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Before we accept this, I want to ask, I am the sponsor of it and I want to address the council and Mr. Bellard. I want to go forward and ask for the approval of amending the Operating Budget for 2021. This is based on our Auditors, Mr. Steve Moosa’s determination that the spending of millions of dollars this past year on ditch digging and road re-servicing was legal without benefit of Bids, RFP’s or Contracts. I am asking at this time that all future work of this nature that it be done without the benefit of bids and contracts be presented to the council before it is approved. Mr. Bellard, you advised us when you got appointed here as Parish President that you would be very transparent with us.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “And I am. I will do my part of the Charter. It allows me to do what I am doing. I will advise you all of the stuff that we are doing. I am not bringing the stuff to the council for approval whenever it is not needed. That is what the Jury did.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It says any contract, we are not responsible for.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir, not all of them. Just the ones that require a resolution, that is the only one.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I appreciate you asking the Auditor to visit with us last week. I believe you are a hard working Public Official and I commend you for it. I understand you are zealous to get things done quickly. I also understand the short comings of quick decisions, we have all made them, hopefully we have learned from them. I am sure that you will agree that we have an obligation as elected leaders of this parish to spend the people’s money in a very wise and thoughtful way. To spend millions of dollars on digging ditches and overlaying roads without the benefit of the public getting the best price thru a bid or an RFP is putting all of us in a bad position that we have to defend this. Why can’t we do a Bid or an RFP on all of this work? What is so important that we get it done? We have not dug ditches in forty years, now we are digging them. What is another month going to hurt?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will do, whenever we are required to do that, we do get quotes, we follow that state law. I want to make sure that everybody understand, especially the press, we did not break any laws and we are not going to break any laws. I will not put the council in jeopardy for anything. This is a decision that the Parish President makes, not the Parish Council. We will not break any laws, we will follow the law to the letter of the law. We are not breaking any laws. We are going to do like we suppose to do, Professional Services are done by quotes.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Let me just read to you the documents that was given to us from you and the Auditors when we meet. It is a question that I asked. It says, should a contract for debris removal and routine cleaning of ditches be classified as a contract for services or as a public works contract? What type of ditch work would constitute a public works contract? That was the question. The answer according to the Legislative Auditor Post, a contract for debris removal, a routine cleaning of ditches should be classified as a contract for services and not subject to public bid law. On the other hand, construction, alteration, major repairs including but not limited to construction of ditches, insulation of culverts, major repairs and alterations to existing drainage system would likely be a public works project subject to the requirements of public bid law, public bid projects costing over a limit of \$250,000.00. The key word in here that I want to capitalize on is contracts. We go back to the Home Rule Charter, Section 3:10, it says that the council is to approve all contracts, all acts of sales and other obligations that maybe put upon us.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The way that the Home Rule Charter says contracts that maybe approved and to read that is like this, not all contracts come to this council, not all contracts will come to this council. The only contracts that comes to this council that need a resolution of support. That is the only one that is coming to this council.”

Councilman Harold Taylor, “What would be your reservation about bringing it to the council for approval?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not that. It is no reason to. This is not the Jury System. This is the Parish Government. People voted to have the Home Rule Charter in place and we are following it to the Tee. I am not deviating from it. It is not going to happen.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “On your own accord, you decided that I am not going to tell you all anything that I don’t have to tell you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am going to tell you all things to have your FYI. But I am not going to get you all permission to do it because I don’t have to.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “What is wrong with it? In this world of government today, I read a report that 76% of the population of America is disgruntle with the way government is handled. This is adding to that flame. Why can’t we just do something different?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only ones that have an issue with it is you and Wayne.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Jerry, you don’t have an issue with it, Nancy? The rest of you? You all don’t have an issue with this. Maybe I am just blowing smoke here.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “The problem that I have is that this came before a Public Hearing. Nobody open up their mouth about this. It passed thru the whole public hearing. Now it is time to pass it and now everybody wants to talk about it. We had our chance to open our mouths during the public hearing, why nobody said nothing then? Why you did not say nothing then?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Red, we all have an obligation at this table to ask questions. The public had an obligation to talk when the public hearing was being held.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You had your chance to speak. Ms. Chairman, can we move on?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will move to accept the budget, but I had to ask this question. I don’t want to go back to the Police Jury days. I want us to move forward. In fact, I am the one that pushed for us to have a Home Rule Charter here back in those days. Because why, I want the trust of the people and I just felt that it needed to be brought forward. I will move that we accept that budget.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to adopt **Ordinance No. 2021-022**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: Harold Taylor. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

• **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-023 (Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

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.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will offer the same sentiments and I will move that we go ahead and accept it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adopt **Ordinance No. 2021-023.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: Harold Taylor. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adopt **Ordinance No. 2022-001.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to adopt **Resolution No. 001-2022**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the **Administrative Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

XIV. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Coby Clavier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of January, 2022.

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