

**LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

- I. The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on his 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chairwoman Vivian Olivier.
- II. Councilwoman Nancy Carriere led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
- III. **Roll Call:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **ABSENT:** Dexter Brown.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I would like to add something to the Agenda. We had discuss this in the committee and I am not sure how it did not get on the agenda. The gentleman, Mr. Keith Johnson, off of Wildflower Road was sent a letter to come before the council and show cause as to why we should not pull his occupational license. It is not on the agenda. I would like to put that on the agenda so we can discuss it."

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Amend the Agenda and add an additional line item to discuss Mr. Keith Johnson's Occupational License on Wildflower Lane.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

**IV. CONDOLENCES:**

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:** Ella Louise Johnson Baptiste, Raymond J. Baptiste, Michael Baptiste, John Johnson, Damien Lastrapes Jr., Lois Marie Thomas, Glen Ray Ford Sr., Mildred Comeaux, Shirley Babineaux Robertson, Linda Faye Sam, Vertie Guidry Amos, Eldrick 'Butch' Thomas, Wilbert Richard Jr., Lula Beatrice Chatmen, Paul Jenkins.

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:** Lula Chatman, Rose Mary Wilson, Eldrick 'Butch' Thomas, Joseph Wilbert Richard Jr., Ralph Lemon, Clifford Keys Sr., Wilton Grandnigo Jr., Leon Roberts, Mary Jane Lalonde Hidalgo, Shirley Babineaux Robertson.

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:** Verdie L. Guidry Amos, Lois Marie Thomas, Glenn Ford Sr., Glenda Fay Berry, Shirley Babineaux Robertson, Damien Joseph Lastrapes, Dorothy Lavergne, Lawrence Arthur Laws, Ella Louise Johnson Baptiste, Michael Baptiste, Raymond Baptiste Jr., Mary Earleen Lafleur, Leola Doucet, Ronald Steven Vidrine, Merrick Semien, Bernice Rideaux, Kevin Troy Bryant, James 'Jimbo' Johnson, Elliot Daniel Martin, Joseph Wilbert Richard Jr., Eldrick 'Butch' Thomas, Wilson Thomas, Paul Jenkins.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin:** James Barron, Heather Compton, James Callouet, George Lemon, Glenn Savoie, Father Austin Leger, Ronald Steve Vidrine, Mary Jane Hidalgo, Allen Anthony Guillory, Larry Wayne Devillier.

**V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- **Mr. Donald Broussard addressed the council.** He stated, "Good evening Parish President Bellard, Ladies and Gentlemen of the council. I will be real short because I know you all have a lot of business. I personally came here tonight because I am a representative of the St. Landry Parish NAACP Branch No. 6088. On next Wednesday, February 23, 2022, here in Opelousas Louisiana at Arpeggios, the NAACP has sponsored and we are putting on a Pastor's Breakfast. As you all know myself and Mr. Rod Sieze appeared before this same council last year around September, if my memory recalls me right, we were in the mist of working with the St. Landry Parish Superintendent and the St. Landry Parish School Board to get a third proposition added to the upcoming special election on March 26. This special election have three propositions from the St. Landry Parish School Board. Proposition #1: To give our Teachers much needed and our Support Personnel a much needed pay raise increase in the amount of \$3,000.00 and \$2,000.00 respectively.

Proposition #2: In St. Landry Parish, we only have one high school that have a functioning track and field. I found out last night at the Opelousas Town Hall Meeting that is North Central High School. We have some of the best athletes in the United States right here in St. Landry Parish. They don't have the adequate facilities, athletic facilities to compete or to practice on to be able to compete.

Proposition #3: Will generate approximately \$148,917,000.00 to build four brand new K-4 elementary schools in four zones here in St. Landry Parish. Opelousas, Eunice, the Beau Chene Zone and Lawtell. I don't know about you all but this have the potential to create a social economic wave that will be felt in this parish for the next several generations. When you invest in the children, when you invest in the educators and when you invest in the schools you attract businesses and industries into this parish. We have extended invitations to all of our Parish Council, Parish President, City Council and Mayor. State Representative Dustin Miller has responded, State Senator Gerald Boudreaux have responded. We have reached out to Mr. Bill Rodier who will be in Arizona at a conference trying to bring industries and business back into this parish and our friends in the media, Mr. Bobby Ardoin and Mr. Freddie Herpin, St. Landry Then and Now, The Daily World and our friends at KLFY, KATC and KADN will be there. When we started this we understood the assignment, we understood that we would face opposition. It is our Faith and it is our Hope that once the Pastor's get on board with this, I know a couple of things about church folks, one, they work hard, they raise their families, they pay their taxes, they go to church and they partake in the democratic processes. If we can get our faith base community on board with us we will have another series of meeting with our business communities from throughout St. Landry Parish. We will have another meeting with our educators and support personnel. All of that money that we are talking about generating through these millage increases, we are not trying to go to Lafayette Parish and spend money, we are not trying to go down I-49 to Rapides Parish to buy Lumber, we have lumber companies right here in this parish and business in this parish that sell building material that can make the money circulate around in this parish and stay in this parish. We are talking about jobs, we are talking about creating a couple thousand jobs, construction to build four brand new elementary schools in those zones. So if you could please bless us with your presence, bring your appetite. We are going to have Shrimp and Grits, Chicken and Waffles, Biscuits and Gravy, pancakes, eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee. It does not cost a thing but a couple of hours out of your time. The event is scheduled from 8 – 11. I understand there is a Counsel on Aging Meeting that day, so we are going to do this as expeditiously as possible so that we can go and fellowship with the senior community and get our message out there as well. We welcome you, we look forward to seeing you and we look forward to breaking bread with you. Bring your appetite and open your heart and your mind to receive the message because we are about to effect social economic change here in St. Landry Parish. Partnered with the St. Landry Parish School System and conjunction with this Council and this Parish President along with our Mayor, Julius Alsandor and the city council. Thank you for your time. We look forward to seeing you.”

- **Mr. Majed Alouri addressed the council.** He stated, “I live in St. Landry Parish for 14 years. I live at 114 Wildflower Land. I have been having a problem for the last three years. I have a junk yard next to my house. My house, I put all of my money. I built a dream house for me and my wife and now I can't live there. Every day I am going home, I have to worry that I have somebody that I will fight with, blocking the road or having somebody blocking my driveway. I have been talking with Mr. Jessie. When he took over he tried his best to do something but the guy does not care. It is a big problem. He put my property value down over \$20,000.00 in two months. Like I said, I have been living there for 14 years. I sold my home and I built a new one. I have another three properties there and I am planning on building houses there but I can't it do anymore. I have a table that I gave you of all the Real Estate of the customers that came in. They love the house but they can't live next door to a junk yard. I am here to see if I can get help with that. Thank you.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That is what I wanted to add to the agenda as item #9. It is for that junkyard to be cleaned up and also pull his Occupational License from him.”
- **Mr. Steve Creadeur addressed the council.** He stated, “I live on Hypolite Miller Road and I want to thank you all for getting that road fixed for us. It was in bad shape for a while. We got a whole lot more drivers that are coming down that road because it is a straight shot. A nice road and the temptation to exceed the speed limit is overwhelming for a lot of people. My wife and I walk our dog twice a day. With the speed and the cell phone, we almost get run over. We have to jump in the ditch sometimes because they will come across the lane

right at us. We have animals on the road, dogs and such, we have some neighbors that ride horses up and down. There is lot of people coming and most people are courteous, they are watching out and we do have an element that flies down the road and not paying attention, it came to my notice yesterday about this meeting and it talked about speed bumps. The neighbors were asking why we don't have speed bumps. I said, maybe nobody asked. So I agreed to come here tonight to see if we could get some speed bumps on our road."

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "I am going to be totally honest with you, the speed bumps that we currently put down do not work. It sounds like a set of drums when they pass over these speed bumps. I am being honest with you. We would be wasting your tax dollars as well as wasting great time that they could be doing some other work. Mr. Bellard have reached out to Lafayette Parish. He is seeking some other styles of speed bumps and they have them. I think it is around Lafayette General in a round-a-bout. As soon as that comes in to play, I am encouraged, if it is necessary to have it there, we will put it down there. I will work with you all and see what we can do to get it done. Just to put the ones that we have now, if that is what you really want, we can do it, but it not going to serve you just to paint a yellow line on the road. I am being honest with you. The faster you pass, the smoother it gets."

- **Mr. Steve Creadeur stated,** "With all the added traffic, we have gotten a ton of garbage being thrown out on our road. I don't know if we can get something out there to get it cleaned. I pick up as much as I can but that is a pretty good strip there and I have other things to do. I have five acres to take care of. So if we can see about doing something about that."
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "We will, we will take care of that. Thank you so much."
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "I will get in touch with Richard tomorrow. I have a meeting with him. I will tell him to send a trash crew over there."
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "Awesome, Thank you. Mr. Bellard, do you have a timeline when these speed bumps might come in?"
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "I have no idea when they are coming in. I know they are ordered. Like everything else, it take some time for it to come in. I know they ordered them two weeks ago."
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** "Thank you."

## VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

## VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish:  
**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "We are going to be selling the property next month. We will have another new list at the council committee meetings in March. We have 37 to sell next month. We still are having issues with Land owners, renters, land lords that don't pay their taxes but yet they are still renting their property. We had one today in the Eunice area. We went over there to make sure that they are aware that they have 30 days to come and pay their taxes or we will start the eviction process. It technically belongs to Parish Government. We are in that stage right now. If you all know somebody who has property that is adjudicated and they are still renting it out, we want to know about it, we will go to their house and knock on their door and give them a letter. Renters will be getting a letter, but I promise you the letter will be going to the Landlords. They have 30 days to move out or come pay their taxes, either way it goes. Most of these are living in houses that a dog should not live in. We started that process and we are fixing that process and it will take us some time."
- Update on the Public Works Report:  
**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "We started something new this morning, it is new to us, Micro-Servicing in certain areas. It will cost us right at \$15,000.00 a mile. That Micro-Servicing is used only on new construction roads after about 1 ½ - 2 years. It comes in and it seals it. That is just a good maintenance program. But the one that have these little

cracks in them, they showed us this morning, little divots is \$22,000.00 a mile. It comes in and it seals the road and covers the divots and the gravel does not come through and start failing. We are looking at those two options right now to see what we can do and where we can do them at. You all might start seeing some stuff like that coming up pretty soon.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “That is after what, is that after the road is newly poured because some roads have cracks after the new poured roads. Are you all going back to inspect them. Why should we have to pay \$22,000.00 and it has been done?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I will tell you right now, I am a firm believer in one thing. I think the roads that we have in place now, the ones that have a good foundation, we need to just leave it alone and come on top of that with a resurfacing tool. Don’t start re-inventing the wheel. What’s happening is, a lot of these roads were all redone, they are all cracking, all of them. I think like those old houses that were built 50 years ago are better built than they are now. I think it is the same thing with our roads. I think we should leave well enough alone with a good foundation, just leave it. On these new roads that have the cracks in them, the engineers are telling me that it is a foundation failure and not a problem with the asphalt itself. We are only guaranteeing the asphalt itself and not the foundation. When it was crack, they are saying it is not the asphalt as it is the foundation. Like Jennings Road, we had to redo that one because it got so bad. This will protect a newly constructed road so water does not get below the top surface. That is why we are trying to do some of those road and try to keep those road in good shape. Some of those road are \$22,000.00 a mile of portion will be like those five, six, seven year old roads that are still good but they are starting to fail in certain areas on the top side, not underneath. Those that have foundation failure we will have to redo, it is just that simple, we did try. I know they have the bonds and the bonds are good for one year but that is only on the asphalt, not on the sub-service. That is what I am being told.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “How often do you think we may have to do this?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “They say once you do this, it saves your road for about another ten years. It is a cheaper version then having to do the re-servicing on the actual re-construction. We are looking at a possibility right now to see if we can save some roads that can be saved.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “My biggest problem on some of my new roads is where they have trees. That is where the roads are cracking the most. Is there something that we can do to cut those roots to keep that from going underneath those roads?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not sure. I know I have seen some where it is on the right of way or it is on the people’s property. I think we will have an issue if we go on the people’s property. I am just not sure. That might be a legal question.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “Can’t we cut it right there on the side of the road on Parish Property. Have something to cut the roots down?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I would think so but I think what they are telling me is that the trees are sucking all the moisture.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “That is what’s happening but if you cut the roots it will help.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Our new roads are really breaking up.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “Now you are talking about \$22,000.00 a mile, can you do that by patch?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No you don’t have to do the whole road. It is just sections. They are telling us the price per mile per linear feet, yes.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Mr. Bellard, what is your estimate of the numbers of miles of road that were redone that are in this shape?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We did not even get to that point. We are just kind of looking at a fix. We just wanted to get some prices from the guy this morning. He came by to show us what he would do so we could have something to look at. We did not even look at the miles of roads yet.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Now you did say about an Insurance on ten years.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The bond that the contractors put up for the reconstruction, from what I am understanding is only for the asphalt portion.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I am talking about the sealant. They have \$22,000.00, it said that it was good for ten years.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “They are estimating that.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I am more concerned about making sure that we are covered for those ten years if we are paying \$22,000.00 when you just paid \$65,000,000.00 on 300 plus miles of roads.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “There are no guarantee on this. There is no guarantee on the micro servicing but it has been proven in the past in other parishes and it is being used throughout the whole Unites States. We are just looking at it as a cheaper alternative and a cheaper version to save our roads so we can get an extra ten years out of them. They are estimated at a ten year life span.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “So they are just estimating ten years?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Right, there are no guarantees on it. We are looking at other parishes that are using it right now.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Did the Engineers go back after they service the roads? Did they go back on all of these roads and check them out to make sure there were no cracks or there were no problems with these roads? My reason for asking is because, if they did not go back afterwards, it created a problem that we are stuck with the problem and they are supposed to be the overseer over that project. If they are not overseeing the project.....”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It is my understanding that after the roads are done, they go out and they bore a section of the road, a little circle in the middle of the road that they bore down to make sure that the depth and everything that they agreed to put down was put down and analyzed. They are inspected after the process is done and the contractor is not paid until the engineer send us their approval.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “They were not supposed too, but we understood when some of these roads were overlaid the checks went out before the engineers went back and check the roads.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I can’t talk on behalf of the past.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “You were not here but we knew what was happening then.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We are not paying any bills until we get the engineers report, I am not at least.”

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “Mr. Bellard, so once this process is put in place, will we have the opportunity to name roads and the districts that we represent that we know have cracks or affecting someone or will there be someone for the parish who is going to go out and check the area?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It is going to be like everything else on maintenance. If you have an issue with a road you can definitely call and Barry will go out or one of his guys will go out and look at it. The contractors will come out there and look at it and tell us if it can or cannot be done. Some of these roads are too torn up as far as the crack. They won’t waste nobody’s money, they told me that this morning. Some of these roads cannot be even qualify because the foundation had failed. This is only for those hairline crack roads and the divots in the roads to try to get them back smooth and sealed.”

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “I have several of the roads in the district that I represent that have some cracks in it.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “What we will be looking for is the information from you all and get it to the next level.”

**Councilman Easton Shelvin stated,** “I know we are talking about the paved roads but what about the gravel roads that are dissolving? Are we going to do anything about rebuilding them?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “This spring the plan is to start pulling these shoulders that have not been done in a long time. Pulling the shoulders and packing these roads before putting material on them. We are hoping by next winter, we will have the roads pick up with material and also the foundation packed real good so we won’t have to go back over and over again. It takes equipment and we will have to rent that machine but it won’t be a big expense. I would rather do it the right way, pull them, pack them and put material so they will last longer.”

**Councilman Easton Shelvin stated,** “That will be for the remaining gavel roads that we have left, right?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Right, anything that is gravel right now, we will try to keep it up and hopefully we can start the resurfacing on those as well at some point. The company is out of Clinton Louisiana. Their base is in Chicago but they have them all over the United States but this is Clinton Louisiana.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Where is the money going to come from to pay for this.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “This could come out of the Road and Bridge Fund, the Taxing District, Fund 151. It is whatever we have available to us to use for roads.

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “You are not afraid that we will run out of money?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not going to run out of money. I am going to make sure that I don’t run out of money. I am not going to spend it if we don’t have it, that is what I am saying.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “My next thing is, the Group Home Update. It is starting to work from the ordinance that was passed in January or December. The home on 190, they went to try to get an occupational license yesterday and it was not given to them because the ordinance that was passed. We are starting in the right direction. They will have to come to the council to make their request. It will be up to you all to decide if you all want to give them the permit. The same thing with Mr. Alvin’s District. It is a long process but it is starting to work, so thank God for that. Hopefully they will come to the council like they are supposed to and if they don’t come to the council, we will do like everything else, we will go shut it down. If they don’t have an Occupational License from the parish, they should not be operating as a group home. It is like any other business. We will keep you all updated on that. If they have to come before you all, I will bring it to the committee meetings so you all can vote on that.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,** “Mr. Bellard, what about the one on I-49?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It is not considered a Group Home and it was done prior to the ordinance being passed.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,** “So they can operate?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Unless our attorney tells us something different. I just don’t see where we have any legal standing to shut them down.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Madam Chairman, the ordinance that was passed regulates homes that are used to house convicted felons or convicted sex offenders. The Federal Government does not consider those people to have disabilities so our ordinance is good. We had an ordinance before that, many years ago that just regulated group homes that house anyone with substance abuse problems and things like that. But the ordinance that we did pass is good because it does not regulate homes with people that the Federal Government considers to have disabilities.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “How much time Mr. Bellard do they have before they come before the council?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not sure about the legal part but right now as far as I am concerned they are operating outside the scope of their license in which having no license. We will contact them again and let them know that they are not in compliance and they have the opportunity to come before this council. If they choose not to, sort of the same thing like on Wildflower, if they choose not to, we take legal action to stop it. It is time that we put the teeth behind our ordinances and hold people accountable. Especially when it comes to this because we are having some issues with young kids in the area and people in these group homes, not nothing against them, but some of them are sexual offenders, we know that for a fact.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “Then what is the time limit for them to come in front of the council.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not sure there is a time limit. If you don’t have an occupational license to do business in our parish, no matter if you are a grocery store or a group home, you have to come get your occupational license. But in a group home, the ordinance that passed specifically says they have to come before the council. I am not sure if there is a time limit. If you are not in compliance, you should be coming to the next meeting. I am going to ask them to cease and desist until they come in front council. If they continue then it will be a legal action that we can take from that point on.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Mr. Bellard, so if you know for sure that they are operating without an occupational license, what is going to be the time frame that you are going to shut it down? Will that be extended until they decide to come to a meeting or is it going to be upon immediate, seven days – clear the house, three days – clear the house or whatever?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am pretty sure we are going to have some kind of legal requirement to stop somebody from doing this. I will talk with Garrett about that. If you are operating a business in our parish without an occupational license, you are actually

breaking the law, in this particular case they know it. Richard and I met with them, they choose to throw us off of their property because they did not want us on their property. All they did was fire us up a little bit more. We will go and take care of that as soon as possible.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Can you update us on what is going to be the time frame upon notice that they don’t have an occupational license and what is the steps that this parish is going to take being that we have this ordinance in place that is going to tell us what the steps are going to be.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I will get with Garrett about it. I am thinking like giving them a 15 day notice to comply. If they don’t make a request to come in front this council, the next step will be the courts. That is all I can do.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,** “Mr. Bellard, on the group home they don’t have to have a license, they don’t have to have a permit?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes Ma’am they do, now. Now they have one since we passed that ordinance, but before they did not have to have one.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,** “But they don’t have one right now?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That is correct.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,** “So what do we do about that?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I will write them a letter telling them they have 15 days to come put an application in. I can do a 15 day notice. If they don’t come put their application in within the 15 days to come before this council to get their occupation license then I will get with Garrett and we will do legal action against the group home.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Oliver stated,** “Those people keep calling me about it. They have people there.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “What are the qualifications, anyone that runs a business have an opportunity when they start their business to get a license, what are you going to make be the standards. We have had trouble in the past with people with the junk cars, so I am all for cleaning up, I am just curious to know how are we going to stop them from getting a license if they decide to open a business?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Our ordinance allows us, when it comes to salvage yards and junk yards, they have to come to my office to get permission to get this. This is an ongoing problem in that area. I am not sure of the legal part of it but they have to come to us first.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Residential areas to have junk like that, I don’t think it should be. I am only just asking.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We also have our Blighted Property Ordinance that says if you have vehicle on your property with no license and no intention of fixing, it will be something that we need to address. We can actually get on the property and remove them. This guy must have about 50-60 of those.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I am familiar with the area. I was just asking. We also have people that are selling vehicles, they don’t have the proper license. I have had situations where it is a mechanic shop, a junk yard or and auto sale. They don’t have the proper license. If they get it, we still have a problem because sometimes it is in a residential area and they have restrictions.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “When it comes to those, the ordinance are in place and we have to follow that ordinance like we do with the group home.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The Acadiana Planning Commission have asked us to appoint three council members on a Policy and Working Committee for the I-49 Corridor. In your packet you should have a copy of the map. I am suggesting that the councilmembers that are on this corridor be appointed but I am asking you all for this recommendation.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “From looking at the map, it looks like District 2, District 8 and District 9 are engrossed in that particular district. Would the members for District 2, 8 and 9 like to serve on that committee? If so, I can make a motion.

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “I would also like to volunteer as well.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “They are asking for three councilmembers.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize Councilwoman Nancy Carrier, District 2, Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier, District 8 and Councilman Wayne Ardoin, District 9 to sit on the Policy and Working committee for the I-49 Corridor with the Acadiana Planning Commission.

**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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

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

**On roll call vote:** YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

\*Items passed through committee.

1. Vote to re-appoint Charley Andrepont and John Brown for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2022 – 02-17-2024).

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to re-appoint Charley Andrepont and John Brown 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

2. Vote to appoint seven appointments to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025). **Applicants are:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown, Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Tompkins.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to appoint: Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie 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, Dexter Brown, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022

### **The votes were as follows:**

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie.

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie.

**Councilman Easton Shelvin:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Norman, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie.

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin –Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie.

**Councilman Harold Taylor:** Angela Guillory, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Thompkins.

**Councilman Gil Savoy:** Angela Guillory, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown, Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Tompkins.

**Councilman Alvin Stelly:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown, Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Tompkins.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown, Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Tompkins.

**Councilman Dexter Brown:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Lincoln Savoie, Stephanie Tompkins.

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown, Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Tompkins.

**Councilman Jimmie Edwards:** Angela Guillory, John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Lincoln Savoie.



**Councilman Coby Clavier:** Angela Guillory, Mary Doucet, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown, Lincoln Savoie and Stephanie Tompkins.

3. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise two appointments to the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two year term. (04-20-2022 - 04-20-2024).  
A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two year term. (04-20-2022 – 04-20-2024).  
**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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.
4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the South St. Landry Community Library District for a five year term. (04-01-2022 - 04-20-2024).  
A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the South St. Landry Community Library District for a five year term. (04-01-2022 – 04-20-2024).  
**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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 5 for a three year term. (04-21-2022 - 04-21-2025).  
A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 5 for a three year term. (04-21-2022 – 04-21-2025.)  
**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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.
6. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to Messiah’s Outreach Ministries, Inc., St. Landry – Evangeline Sexual Assault Center, Plaisance Country Boyz Inc. and Zydeco Historical and Preservation Society, Inc. for \$5,000.00 each.  
**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We need to pull out Plaisance Country Boyz Inc.”  
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to Messiah’s Outreach Ministries, Inc., St. Landry- Evangeline Sexual Assault Center, and Zydeco Historical and Preservation Society, 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.
7. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SLEIDD and the Walmart Distribution Center Ad Valorem Taxes.  
A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SLEIDD and the Walmart Distribution Center Ad Valorem Taxes.  
**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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

8. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sell the 37 Adjudicated Properties. A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sell the 37 Adjudicated Properties.  
**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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.
9. **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “This was brought to the committee. A letter was sent to Mr. Johnson to come to the council meeting to show cause why we should not pull his occupational license and clean up his property. I don’t see Mr. Johnson in the audience. I am asking the council with all the issues we have with this piece of property, not only the blighted part but just on our parish road where they are parking these vehicles and leaking all the oil and eating up our asphalt, I think we need to pull his occupational license. He has it as an auto sales license, obviously this is not an auto sales place, it is a junk yard.”  
 A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, second by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the removal of the Occupation License for Mr. Keith Johnson whom resides at 117 Wildflower 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

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

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

- **Ordinance No. 2022-002 was pulled by Councilman Jerry Red Jr.**

**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.

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter states that the parish government shall have the power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the parish, and this includes the power to pass ordinances on all subject matters not inconsistent with the constitution or denied by state law;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT SECTION 36-12 OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AMENDED AND NOW READ AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 36-12. – RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN FARM EQUIPMENT

- a. No person shall drive farm equipment and machinery, including tractors, sugar cane loaders, combines and mechanical harvesters, from land adjacent to or in close proximity to any public road right-of way in the parish for the purpose of using same as a headland, or turn row, loading or unloading area in connection with the cultivation or harvesting of crops or any other agricultural purpose.
- b. No person or business shall operate a sugar cane truck or loader in the parish unless they have obtained a permit from St. Landry Parish government to operate a sugar cane truck or loader in St. Landry Parish.
- c. Whoever violates any section of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

- A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-003**.  
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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

**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.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT ALL TAX PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT FROM THE VIDEO POKER MACHINES LOCATED IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

- A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-004**.  
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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

**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.**

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT a speed bump shall be placed on Wisdom Road in St. Landry Parish and Section 36-137 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances shall now read as follows:

Sec. 36-137. - Streets and roads that have speed bumps installed.

The following are streets and roads that have speed bumps installed:

1. Alexis Drive.
2. Allen Street.
3. Amaretto Drive, Council District No. 11.
4. Anita Drive.
5. Bearb Road, Council District No. 11.
6. Belleau Road, Council District No. 11.
7. Belmont Drive, Opelousas.
8. Briley Avenue.
9. Chardonnay Drive.
10. Charles Burr Lane from 6th street to Wisdom Road, Council District No.1.
11. Crimson Street, Opelousas.
12. Flag Station Road, Council District 9.
13. Garnet Drive, from 139 Garnet Drive to 266 Garnet Drive.
14. Gilbert Drive.
15. Harold Street.
16. Jesse B. Road, Church Point (the paved portion).
17. Lafayette Avenue, Council District No. 12.
18. Magnolia Street, Opelousas.
19. Mahogany Drive, Council District 4.
20. McClelland Road and Hwy. 190, South Side, Council District No. 1
21. McNeese Street, Council District No. 2.
22. Meadow Run Subdivision.
23. Megan Drive.
24. Midway Lane, Opelousas.

25. Miller Road, from Hwy. 182 to Leroy Brooks Road, Council District No. 2.
26. OG Track, District 5.
27. Olivier Road, Council District No. 1.
28. Pavy Road.
29. Perry Drive.
30. Petite Rue De Landon.
31. Pitre Road, Council District No. 3.
32. Rainbow Drive.
33. Rayne Road, Port Barre.
34. Rose Marks Road, Arnaudville.
35. Smith Lane, Opelousas.
36. Suzanne Dejean Road.
37. Tecumseh Loop.
38. Thelma Drive, Sunset.
39. Thibodeaux Street, from the 238 block of Thibodeaux Street to the 534 block of McClelland Drive.
40. Tulip Drive, Opelousas.
41. Veteran's Drive
42. Wichita Lane.
43. Wisdom Road
44. Zinfandel Drive, Council District No, 11.

## **XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

- A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to **Adopt Resolution No. 002-2022.**  
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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

### **Resolution NO. 002-2022**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT COMMISSION AGREEMENT, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE CENTRAL ST. LANDRY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT JOINT COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council (the "Parish Council") as the governing authority of St. Landry Parish (the "Parish"), by Resolution No. 2014-024, adopted on October 30, 2014, further approved the creation of the Central St. Landry Economic Development District Joint Commission, formally known as the St. Landry Parish Events Center Commission (the "Joint Commission") pursuant to the Local Services Law (R.S. 33:1321 et seq.) and other constitutional and statutory authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council executed the Joint Commission Agreement dated as of July 1, 2015, by and among the Parish, the Central St. Landry Economic Development District, State of Louisiana formerly known as the Crowne Parc Joint Commission (the "District"), and the City of Opelousas (the "City"), on July 6, 2015, creating the Joint Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council (the "Parish Council") as the governing authority of St. Landry Parish (the "Parish"), by Resolution No. 2014-021 and Resolution No. 011-2017, adopted on October 23, 2014 and September 6, 2017, respectively, a resolution authorizing the signing of an Amended and Restated Joint Commission Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parish Council executed the Amended and Restate Commission Agreement dated as of March 2, 2018, by and amount the Parish, the District, and the City, on March 2, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Commission has requested the Parish, the District and the City to enter into an amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Commission Agreement to provide for the transfer of EDD Taxes (as defined therein) directly to the Joint Commission rather than to the District, and to make other changes relating to the use of virtual meetings and electronic signatures when allowable by law; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL**, to amend the amended and restated Joint Commission Agreement to provide for the transfer of EDD Taxes, (as defined

therein) directly to the Joint Commission rather than to the Central St. Landry Economic Development District, and to make other changes relating to the use of virtual meetings and electronic signatures when allowed by law; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL** by the Parish Council, acting in its dual capacity as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, and of the Central St. Landry Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, that:

**SECTION 1. Amendment of the Joint Commission Agreement.** Pursuant to the Local Services Law, and particularly La. R.S. 33:1332, and other constitutional and statutory authorities, the Parish does hereby consent to amendments to the Amended and Restated Joint Commission Agreement creating the Joint Commission in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**SECTION 2. Authorization of Parish Council Officers.** The Parish President, Council Chairman and Council Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute for and on behalf of the Parish Council, the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Commission Agreement substantially in the form and to contain substantially the terms and provisions as set forth in Exhibit A hereto, and said officers are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other things necessary and incidental to carry out the intent and provisions of this resolution.

**SECTION 3. Authorization of District Officers.** The Council Chairman and Council Clerk are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute for and on behalf of the Central St. Landry Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, the First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Joint Commission Agreement substantially in the form and to contain substantially the terms and provisions as set forth in Exhibit A hereto, and said officers are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other things necessary and incidental to carry out the intent and provisions of this resolution.

- A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to **Adopt Resolution No. 003-2022.**  
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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

#### **Resolution NO. 003-2022**

**WHEREAS**, a tornado destroyed property on Bolden Road in the area around Palmetto in St. Landry Parish in the night and early morning hours of April 9 and 10, 2021; **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council recognizes that the citizens who reside or have property on Bolden Road in St. Landry Parish are in need of assistance in repairing and reconstructing their property due to the damage caused by the tornado; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Landry Parish Council that St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard is authorized to waive building permit fees for individuals who are reconstructing their property on Bolden Road because that property has been damaged or destroyed by the tornado that was in St. Landry Parish on April 9 and 10, 2021.

- A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to **Adopt Resolution No. 004-2022.**  
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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 004-2022**

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 20 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, provides that a political subdivision may exercise and perform any authorized power and function, including financing, jointly or in cooperation with, one or more political subdivisions, either within or without the State, or with the United States or its agencies; **WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, provides that the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its

agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual; and **WHEREAS**, for the benefit of Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Wal-Mart, the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District, hereinafter referred to as SLEIDD, acquired land on which to construct and equip a warehouse and distribution facility located in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as “Leased Facilities,” and SLEIDD and Wal-Mart entered into a Lease Agreement whereby Wal-Mart leased the Leased Facilities from SLEIDD and Wal-Mart agreed to make a payment in lieu of taxes, in a “Pilot Program,” hereinafter referred to as PILOT, to the person or entity that would have collected taxes, annually on the date that ad valorem taxes would be due and payable, in the amount of ad valorem taxes that would have been levied on the Leased Facilities if the Leased Facilities were on the ad valorem tax rolls as unimproved farmland and to pay an annual sum of \$186,000.00 to SLEIDD;

**WHEREAS**, the Lease provides that upon payment of the Series 1999 Bonds which SLEIDD sold to purchase the Leased Facilities, Wal-Mart has the option to purchase the Leased Facilities from the SLEIDD. The Leased Facilities were required to be owned by SLEIDD during the term of the PILOT so that the Leased Facilities would be eligible for the PILOT program and in the event of such purchase, the Lease and the PILOT would terminate;

**WHEREAS**, the Series 1999 Bonds were paid in full, but Wal-Mart did not exercise its option to purchase the Leased Facilities thereby allowing the Lease to remain in effect which resulted in the continuation of the PILOT payment by Wal-Mart instead of taking ownership of the Leased Facilities and paying the full payment of ad valorem taxes owed on the Leased Facilities;

**WHEREAS**, Wal-Mart has agreed to purchase the Leased Facilities and upon such purchase the Lease will be terminated and the PILOT will no longer be in effect;

**WHEREAS**, Wal-Mart will now begin to pay the full amount of ad valorem taxes due on the Leased Facilities thereby resulting in additional revenues for St. Landry Parish government, the St. Landry Parish Assessor, the St. Landry Parish Law Enforcement District (St. Landry Parish Sheriff), the St. Landry Parish School Board, and Fire Protection District number 3 of St. Landry Parish, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”;

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council recognizes the financial value of SLEIDD to the Parties and SLEIDD's efforts and work in pursuing, advancing and facilitating new economic growth and expansion in the Parish which results in greater ad valorem tax revenue for the Parties and additional resources by which the Parties can fulfill their respective missions, and seek to support these efforts by SLEIDD with their financial support with payments to SLEIDD, by the Parties, from the additional ad valorem taxes that result from the elimination of the PILOT, pro rata and equal to the payment received by SLEIDD during the period in which SLEIDD owned the Leased Facilities and leased the Leased Facilities to Wal-Mart;

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9020, et seq.) (the "Cooperative Economic Development Law"), provides that local governmental subdivisions may cooperate or engage in cooperative endeavors providing for cooperative financing of economic development projects with other local governmental subdivisions or with any other private or public entity or person, for the purpose of aiding cooperative development, all as defined in the Cooperative Economic Development Law;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby resolve to authorize St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Landry Parish Assessor, the St. Landry Parish School Board, the St. Landry Parish Law Enforcement District, Fire Protection District number 3 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, and the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District (SLEIDD), to recognize the end the Pilot Program for Wal-Mart Stores East, Inc. (Wal-Mart) so that Wal-Mart shall pay the full amount of their ad valorem taxes on the Wal-Mart Distribution Center located on Highway 743 in St. Landry Parish, and a portion of the revenues from said ad valorem taxes shall go to the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District (SLEIDD) to further economic development in St, Landry Parish;

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned**, “Mr. Bellard, how much time does Mr. Johnson have to continue operating his business?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I think that is going to be a question for Garrett, Garrett can you help us with that question.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Well Mr. Johnson has an occupational license to run an auto sale but he is not running auto sales, he should not have his occupational license at that point. He has junk in his yard which would expose him to our ordinance against junk cars. Mr. Johnson would be given a notice from the parish, then he would have an opportunity to appeal to the council and file a lawsuit. If that does not happen then we have options. We have an option to have the junk removed and send the bill to him. We will go step by step through the ordinance until we get to the final play.”  
**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I know that gentleman is waiting for of answers.”

**XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Public Works** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Administrative Finance** Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

**XIII. ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, 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, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2022.

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