

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th, 2021
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy and Coby Clavier.
Ex. Officio Dexter Brown. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly.
3. Persons to address the committee.
There was no one to address this committee.
4. Public Works Report:
 - a. Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We put out that the Adjudicated Property to be sold at the August 18th, meeting but the newspaper did not put the right information in the paper so we will have to re-advertise it. It will be in the September meeting, we made that correction this week, so the Adjudicated Property that we had to sell in August will be sold in September."
 - b. Update on Road Work throughout the Parish
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Road Work is continuing to go on every day. The rain has stopped us on a lot of our stuff but we continue to do the work in the districts."
 - c. Update on Phase 5 Smooth Ride Home.
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Smooth Ride Home Phase 5 is ongoing. We are being told that next week we will start back up once everything dry's up and they can get their stuff together. That is all I have."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Bellard, I just want to add Lofton Street. I forgot to ask for that to be cut and cleaned up." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I made that request yesterday."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Mr. Bellard, is there any way that you can speak to Mr. LeBeouf. I am having issues with the dumpsters and people dumping. If I can get a couple of signs put out by the dumpsters expressing concerns. People are dumping when they are not supposed to be. It may not solve the problem. I have a couple of areas that are real bad and they are private roads." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can get with him. While we are talking about Solid Waste, on the Debris Pick Up. We are still waiting on clearance from DEQ to clear our yard over there. The debris that is being picked up is going to be chipped and hauled away. That will make it easier to get it qualified thru DEQ. We had a little hold up on DEQ but I think we will jump over that hurdle pretty soon."

Councilman Coby Clavier asked if we have a Chipper. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No we don't but at Solid Waste, they have a guy that Chips over there and he hauls it off." A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to accept the Public Works Report.

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

Motion carried.

5. Introduction of a Resolution in Honor of Deputy Anthony Roberts Jr. (Chairman Dexter Brown). Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "I have an Official Proclamation of appreciation from the St. Landry Parish Council. It says:

The St. Landry Parish Council honors St. Landry Parish Retired Louisiana Deputy Sheriff Anthony Robert Jr., with 28 years of service to his Community.

Retired Deputy Sheriff Anthony Robert Jr., is a World Class Athlete and he has been involved in Track and Field for the past 40 years.

Between 1997 and 2012 Mr. Robert has earned 30 Gold Medals. His latest Athletic Endeavor was in 2019, Chengdu, China where he earned:

1 Gold Medal for High Jump

1 Silver Medal for 100 Hurdles

1 Bronze Metal for Long Jumps.

Mr. Robert is extremely active in his community. He continues to be involved with Special Olympics, Coaching and Mentoring Youths. He has consistently been a great supporter of the World Police and Fire Games movement to encourage physical fitness, competitive sport and fair play among and between the Members of the Public Safety Services.

The St. Landry Parish Council shares their deep admiration for all of Mr. Anthony Robert Jr., many accomplishments and do hereby proclaim Mr. Robert a Two-Time World Champion, Hall of Fame Inductee.

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This is a Proclamation for Mr. Robert. He use to be a Deputy Sheriff for the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Department for many years. He has retired and now he is with the Lafayette Federal Courthouse. He is a Security Officer there as well. I just wanted to recognize him thru the Parish Council/Parish Government for a Proclamation regarding his achievements.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 18th, 2021** to Honor Retired Deputy Anthony Robert Jr. with a St. Landry Parish Proclamation.

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

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Request the Parish to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 in Project on the end of Suzanne Dejean Drive. An Outfall Improvement Drainage Issue. Job No. D123.81 as per Morgan Goudeau & Associates. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin.)

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "At the end of Suzanne Dejean Drive we have been having some cave in's on a Coolie. It is getting close to the road. There are two drainage districts that connect. Across the Coolie you have Prairie Basse and the West side you have Ward 1 South. Mr. Bellard was at the meeting last week. We came up asking for an Intergovernmental Agreement. It is a \$30,000.00 job and all three of us get involved and fix this. They will be using Suzanne Dejean Drive, hopefully they don't tear up the road because we will end up overlaying the road. I am asking that we bring this to the full council and all three entities pay their share." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Initially we had said that the Intergovernmental Agreement would be between two of us but I see that it is between the three of us. It is not an issue, but we have to make sure that it is stated in the agreement. Remember we stated it would be between us and Ward 1." Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Randy fixed it up that way but the amount is still the same." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I just want to be sure that the Intergovernmental Agreement states all three like we have printed.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 18th, 2021** to Authorize the Parish President to enter into and Intergovernmental Agreement with Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District and Prairie Basse Drainage District in project on the end of Suzanne Dejean Drive. An Outfall Improvement Drainage issue. Job No. D123.82 as per Morgan Goudeau & Associates. A \$30,000.00 job shared between three entities. (Parish Government, Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage and Prairie Basse Drainage). Legal Counsel to review agreement to be sure there are three entities.

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

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
Councilman Harold Taylor questioned the roads that this agreement would be effecting. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This was sent to Mr. Russell back in January and we are just getting it now. It is between us and St. Martin Parish. I did not read thru it but it stated that it is urgent that we get it done. It is 100% state paid and it won't cost us anything. I can find out about the roads.
A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 18th, 2021** authorizing the Parish President to sign the Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy and Coby Clavier.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

8. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Have you all been getting any complaints as far as garbage collection during the weekday and the weekends in some of you all areas. I am having it on the South end of Opelousas, the Linwood Subdivision, Tony Chachere's Subdivision and across the highway on Linwood East. The days that they are supposed to pick up, they don't pick up. I am going to ask the Mr. LeBeouf come to the full council meeting and answer some questions. I understand that possibly their contract is getting ready to run out, but people are still paying their taxes to get garbage picked up."
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday August 18th, 2021** to authorize the Council Clerk to write a letter to Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director, Waste Management and invite him to address the council regarding any updates on garbage pick-up in the Parish.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy and Coby Clavier.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

Chairman Dexter Brown questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard. He stated, "I need Mr. Bellard's attention. Mr. Bellard I have two items that kind of need quick repair work. One, basically can go thru the Public Works System. I have a collapsed Culvert at the corner of Austin Road and Ophelia Boone Road. O.K. that is one alligator, it is a small alligator but it is one alligator. My next obstacle, are you familiar with Hickory Ridge Estates? Just off of 182 where Mr. Earl Taylor stays? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I am familiar."
Chairman Dexter Brown continued to state, "We have a Junction at the corner of Rue Savanna. It is where all those pipes run on the road, are you familiar where I am at? Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I am." Chairman Dexter Brown continued to state, "O.K. that lady called me, Ms. Martha Langley. She stays there along with her fiancé, Mr. Robert Laba. They have the same issue. The entire yard is caving in around that Catch Basin. What I am going to do is call in a work order tomorrow, but I know you are familiar with all those pipes running into that one Catch Basin. She said when it rains a lot, the Catch Basin would be full to the top but if you walk across the road, there is very little water coming out on the other side. It may be a stopped up culvert, but we have been having that caving in situation there. It is an emergency situation there. I will make a work order on it but if you can....." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will follow up on it in the morning."
Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Thank you Sir, I appreciate it."

9. Adjourn.
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy and Coby Clavier.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

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