

**AGENDA**  
**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**  
**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. CONDOLENCES**

**V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

- Tyrone Glover (Youth Summer Program)
- Eltra Sam           0603314500   115 Sam Street           Eunice, La
- Ruby Thomas     0501246500   117 Primrose Street   Opelousas, La
- Michael Brocato  0300657750   565 Koch Rd.           Arnaudville, La
- Suellen Vidrine Testamentary Trust 0104355500   541 Brignac Lane Opelousas, La
- Matthew Steen II 0103875700   239 Bullard Avenue   Opelousas, La
- Joseph Tyler     0106539650   1620 Gladys St.       Opelousas, La

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Regular Meeting: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Update on Adjudicated Property in the Parish.
- Update on the Public Works Report
- Update on bid prices for the St. Landry Parish Courthouse Windows

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Items passed through committee.

1. Discuss allowing 30 foot variance on Buller property.
2. Update on cost of replacing windows at the St. Landry Parish Courthouse.
3. Vote to appoint Trey Stanford for one appointment for the remainder of a four year term to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 that is set to expire on 11-18-2023.
4. Vote to appoint Jason Fitzgerald for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (06-16-2022 – 06-16-2026).
5. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Five for the remaining of a four-year term expiring 07-20-2024.
6. Authorize Code Enforcement to contact Landlords that own apartment complexes and inform them that they will be held responsible for the cleanup after a tenant leaves the apartment.
7. Authorize Preliminary & Final Approval of Derek Alexandrenko Partition/Subdivision Lots 1-13 located off Austin Road.
8. Authorize Final Approval of the Teche Ridge Subdivision Extension.

9. Authorize the Act of Lease between Parish Government and the Yambilee Association, Louisiana Yambilee Inc. Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to give opinion on term of lease.
10. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remaining of a four year term ending on 10-02-2025 to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11.

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

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-006**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO ADD MCCLAIN GUILLORY LANE WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MPH

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT McClain Guillory Lane will be added to St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 with a speed limit of 15 mph;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law;

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-007**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH FOR ROZAS ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 will be amended to designate a speed limit of 30 mph for Rozas Road;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law;

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-008**

**Revised Group Home**

**Definition**

Residential facility – Any place, facility or home operated by any person who receives therein four or more people who are not related to such person for supervision, care, lodging and maintenance with or without transfer of custody. This shall include but not be limited to group homes, community homes, maternity homes, juvenile detention centers, emergency shelters, halfway homes, addictive disorder facilities and facilities for the mental challenged.

**Parish Permit Application for Residential Facility**

In addition to meeting the requirements of state and federal laws and regulations and to better ensure that these requirements are met to commence, continue or otherwise engage in the operation of any type of residential facility as defined in Sections 1 in St. Landry Parish, each facility must request, obtain and maintain a permit from the St. Landry Parish Government office. An application must be completed and submitted to St. Landry Parish Government along with permit fees and required documentation which includes but is not limited to:

- Street address of facility
- Property description
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- Specific nature of facility
- Number of persons facility is seeking to house

- Description of how the facility will address its occupants health care needs
- Copies of appropriate federal and state licenses and/or permits
- Certification that the facility is fully handicap accessible
- Certification that the facility complies with all requirements of the Louisiana Fire Marshalls Office.

Once St. Landry Parish Government deems the application packet complete, the permit request will be forwarded to the St. Landry Parish Council for initial review and placement on the agenda of the next council meeting. Thereafter, the permit request shall be set for public hearing for final approval and issuance if the Council deems the requirements in this Ordinance, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter, and the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, have been met.

Requirements

- a) Fencing – For facilities housing twenty (20) or more persons, fencing is required. Fencing shall consist of a chain link construction at least eight (8’) in height, shall be completely lighted and shall have an open security zone of one-hundred (100’) feet on each side of the fencing. No shrubs, trees, obstructions, or impediments to vision shall be located within this security zone. Lighting for the security fence and the security zone must be provided from dusk until dawn.
- b) Security – facilities housing twenty (20) or more persons are required to provide twenty-four (24) hour security services for the facility.
- c) Signage – If the facility houses any person convicted of sex offenses or violent crimes, a sign shall be posted at each entrance of the facility on a sign with at least a four (4’) foot by six (6’) foot surface with four (4”) inch lettering as to notify and inform the public of this fact. Language to be displayed on the signage referring to convicted sex offenders and violent criminals must be pre-approved during the application process. This signage shall be in addition to any other signage required under state and federal law.
- d) Supervision – A supervisor must be on premises twenty-four (24) hours per day based on the number of people housed at the facility:

Supervisors on Premises	Number of Persons Housed
One (1)	One (1) to Twenty (20)
Two (2)	Twenty-one (21) to Forty (40)
Three (3)	Forty-one (41) to Sixty (60)

One additional supervisor who lives at the facility and works there as his/her full time occupation is required for each additional person, up to twenty (20) persons housed at the facility after sixty (60).

No supervisor shall have ever been convicted of a felony grade offense in any jurisdiction. An average of one (1) or more full- time live-in-staff person/supervisor shall be on staff for each twenty (20) persons housed at the facility.

- e) Health Care Access- The facility shall provide its residents with regular access to health care providers.
- f) Handicap Access- The facility shall be fully handicap accessible and shall comply with all federal and state requirements for equal access to handicapped individuals.
- g) Clean and Sanitary Premises- The facility must maintain clean and sanitary conditions and shall be inspected and approved by Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Department of Public Health, prior to opening and on a regular basis thereof.
- h) Flood Zone Restriction- No facility can be constructed in a federally designated flood zone without first obtaining approval of the United States Corp of Engineers.
- i) General Liability Insurance Coverage- The facility must maintain general liability insurance coverage with an insurance company licensed to do business within the State of Louisiana in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$5,000,000 in aggregate coverage.
- j) Criminal Activity Deterrence – The owner and operator must maintain the facility in such a manner as to curtail any criminal activity by persons housed at the facility.

- k) Centered on Property – If the facility will be newly constructed or if within reasonable means by renovation of existing property, the owner and operator of the facility shall house its occupants in center of the property where it is located.

#### Issuance of Permit

Prior to issuance of a permit hereunder, the St. Landry Parish Government shall first set a public hearing and in connection therewith publish a notice of the public hearing in its official journal. The public notice shall include:

- Municipal address of proposed facility
- Voting district of the proposed facility
- Date and time of hearing

Permits issued for Residential Facilities shall be for a period of five (5) years. Within six (6) months of the permit's expiration, a permit renewal must be sought by the owner of the facility. The renewal process shall be the same as the process for the original permit.

#### Grounds for Revocation of Permit

Any facility that fails to meet the requirements of this article shall have its permit revoked by St. Landry Parish Government. The permit holder shall be provided notice of a public hearing at least ten (10) days in advance of such hearing. The notice shall clearly state the violations or requirements that the facility has failed to meet.

If any occupant of the facility is convicted of a criminal offense or there is a evidence that criminal activity has resulted and this criminal conduct or criminal activity has resulted due to a breach of the permit holder's duties and responsibility as provided in this article, then the facility is subject to have its permit revoked as outlined hereinabove in this section.

#### General Penalty for Violation of Code; Continuing Offenses

In addition to civil sanctions, as provided by law, any person, corporation, company, partnership or entity, who owns and/or operates a residential facility required to be permitted shall be guilty of a separate criminal offense for each day of operation and shall be subject to punishment.

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 010-2022**

A RESOLUTION TO GRANT PARISH PRESIDENT JESSIE BELLARD AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING WIC REIMBURSEMENT AND SIGN CONTRACT.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council authorizes Parish President Jessie Bellard to execute the negotiation with the Office of Public Health Regarding WIC REIMBURSEMENT and SIGN CONTRACT;

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 011 - 2022**

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Sub-Road District No.1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof,

the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Districts on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a nine and fifty-six hundredths (9.56) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor?

**SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy an eight and forty-three hundredths (8.43) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$217,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor, said millage to represent a four hundredths of a mill (.04) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 8.39 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held November 6, 2012?

**SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Elections.** A Notice of Special Elections shall be published in the official journal of the Districts once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the elections, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the Chairman of the Governing Authority is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

**SECTION 3. Canvass.** This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

**SECTION 4. Polling Places.** The polling places for the precincts in the Districts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said elections, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

**SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines.** The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, shall hold the said special elections as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said elections for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the Districts will be entitled to vote at the special elections, and voting machines shall be used.

**SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers.** The Clerk of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said elections, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said elections and the Chairman and/or Clerk of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the elections.

**SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials.** Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of St. Landry Parish and the Registrar of Voters of St. Landry Parish, as notification of the special elections, in order that each may prepare for said elections and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special elections as herein provided, and in the event said elections carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

**XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th, 2022  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Roll Call: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Wayne Ardoin and Timmy Lejeune. Ex-Officio Vivian Olivier. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin
3. Person to address the Committee:  
None.
4. Parish President & Finance Report:  
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I think everybody got their Finance Report today via e-mail and on your cell phone. Does anyone have any questions? Go ahead Mr. Bellard."  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't have anything to report other than the Finance Report. A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the Parish President and Finance Report.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.  
Motion carried.
5. Update on bid prices for the St. Landry Parish Courthouse windows.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are opening up bids Friday."  
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Friday, so you will have it ready for the full council meeting?"  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will advise you all whenever the bids come in."
6. Discuss creating Ordinances to make land lords more responsible for litter around their apartment complex. (Council Wayne Ardoin).  
Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I ask that this be put on the agenda. I am running into a problem in Linwood East where we have a Subdivision and next to it we have an Apartment Complex. Solid Waste can only do so much. What is happening is there is a lot of litter. I am asking you Mr. Duplechain to look and see what we have or what we can put into place where we can put these landlords in a position where they will either straighten out their premises or they will pay someone so that we can keep these people from just having litter in their yard. They let put it in the dumpster then the wind blows it and it is in people yards. When you talk to the landlord, he wants to get abrasive with the people that live there. We all have to get along. Maybe we need to put some teeth in our ordinance, if we don't have any, where they will keep it a little cleaner."  
Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We have our Junk Ordinance on the books which we have enforced against landowners who have Junk, Junk Vehicles or items in their front yard. The definition of Junk items includes waste, paper, boxes and crates and or parts thereof. That applies to junk items on private lots, tracks of land, improved, unimproved, occupied, unoccupied where the owner permits these junk items to be left there so I would think that ordinance would apply to it. There is the civil remedy which we usually use. There is a criminal penalty, misdemeanor of a fine up to \$500.00 or up to six months in jail or both. So there is a criminal misdemeanor ordinance that applies and there is the civil remedy which we have used before such as on Hackberry Lane and the recent one that we are using now."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Lewis, you are here tonight, do you know who owns the apartments in District 9? I am talking about by Wildlife and Fisheries and by Kenneth Boagni. Do you know the landlords who owns those apartments? There might be three complexes there. Do you know every landlord where you can let them know that this is what we have in place?"

Mr. Richard Lewis stated, "I can find out."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Would you please, just like the truck that have been there for two months."

Mr. Richard Lewis stated, "He died."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "He died, and I understand that. I am not questioning your job performance, something needs to happen. It is not just that Chevrolet Truck there is a Buick parked there now. They leave them there, these people have to look at that every day. Do you want to have to look at that when you go to your house in the evenings? We need to put something in place. Please I am just asking, we have got something, let's try to activate it. You get the phone calls and I get the phone calls and probably every other councilmember gets phone calls if they have some in their area. It is time we start policing up some of the situations. You agree Mr. President?" I would like to have something put into place where Mr. Lewis could report to us what he has found, who owns what."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I will make that motion but I would like to add when a tenant moves out, a lot of times they bring everything to the road, somebody has to be responsible to call someone to pick this up. Sofas, Mattresses and Beds will lay out there for the longest. If we will ask the landlords to be a little more responsible when their tenant moves out, a lot of times all of this furniture is put to the road, especially if they are evicted, they just leave everything sitting out there and sometimes it is a long time."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Maybe Mr. Lewis and his group of people can let these landlords know that we will be policing up the situation. They mentioned his name a while ago, Mr. John Guidroz who works for Solid Waste Commission. That man has taken care of things. I called him this morning for some stuff in Park Vista, which is in Mr. Cummings City District but it is in my Election District. He takes care of things, call him, he will be Johnnie on the spot as far as getting stuff picked up. We just need some policing up is all that I am asking for."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 authorizing Code Enforcement to contact Landlords that own apartment complexes and inform them that they will be held responsible for the cleanup after a tenant leaves the apartment. Also authorize Code Enforcement to present the council with a report on the names of the owners of the apartment complexes in our areas.

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

Motion forwarded.

7. The St. Landry Parish Planning Department would like Preliminary & Final Approval of Derek Alexandrenko Partition/Subdivision Lots 1-13 located off Austin Road.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I think everybody has this in their packet. Mr. Jarrell are you here? Is everything alright?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Everything is good if you all have any questions, let me know."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Does it meet codes and everything? The whole business."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Everything is Public Road, Public Utilities and Square Footage."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 to authorize the approval for the Preliminary & Final approval of Derek Alexandrenko Partition/Subdivision Lots 1-13 located off Austin Road.

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

Motion forwarded.

8. The St. Landry Parish Planning Department would like final approval of Teche Ridge Subdivision Extension.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I think everyone has that in their packet from Morgan Goudeau & Associated, Inc. with the core samples. This subdivision has been in place for years, they are making an extension. This is the one with Mr. Gary Lavergne and his wife. You want to give us a little insight on that?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "So everything as per this letter is completed. Road Construction and everything. We did provide the Maintenance Bond and the Insurance Bond. You all have all of that for the one year that they will retain ownership before you all will take it over. I will be getting with Jessie and we had

sized culverts to pipe in asphalt ditches to prevent erosion to make it easier for maintenance. The drainage board did not want to accept maintenance over them. I ran an analysis and sized culverts to pipe in those asphalt ditches. As you know we are having a major issue....well he is having a major issue getting that amount of pipe at a reasonable price and at one time. So he is currently working on that right now. Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Are we in favor of bringing this to the full council?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I have a question. Those downfall ditches, you all plan on piping that?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Yes Sir, maybe 1000 feet. There are two and we are planning of covering both of them."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, "Is he in agreement with that?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "He wants to do it."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Have you ever been in that subdivision Mr. Red?"

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "No that is why I am asking."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is pass Savoie's Sausage Kitchen. Lalonde Road in that dead end of the subdivision. It is an elaborate Subdivision, very well kept."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 18th, 2022 to authorize the St. Landry Parish Planning Department the final Approval of the Teche Ridge Subdivision Extension.

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

Motion forwarded.

9. Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 010-2022.

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Motion forwarded.

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2022, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R. S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Elections, the Chairman of the Governing Authority is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing propositions that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

**SECTION 3. Canvass.** This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections.

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carry for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special taxes provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "What District is that in?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is in Dexter Brown's District and my District which is District 9."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 to approve Resolution No. 011-2022.

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

Motion forwarded.

A resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Sub-Road District No.1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 26 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, special elections are hereby called and ordered to be held in the Districts on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R. S. 18:541, and at the said elections there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

**SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a nine and fifty-six hundredths (9.56) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor?

**SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy an eight and forty-three hundredths (8.43) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$217,600 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor, said millage to represent a four hundredths of a mill (.04) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 8.39 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held November 6, 2012?

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Subdivision issue a while ago with the Buller's. Here is the next thing. We have been discussing that with our attorney, back and forth, that is why it was here tonight. What they can do, according to our ordinance is subdivide it into three pieces, and it is family, so it does not have to come to the council, okay. I did not want to go that route because, at that point it becomes three pieces then they can subdivide it into three and circumvent the whole process of the ordinance. I am just letting you all know, and that is why I want to get Garrett, Garrett is aware of what is going on because we have been discussing it for the last six weeks. We are trying to get these people some kind of resolution to their problem without them circumventing our ordinance. I am just thinking we will have an issue at some point. So I just wanted to put it out there and I want to get some kind of legal advice on that as well."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Jarrell, tell me about the three slots or whatever."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "So, there is an exception in our ordinance that allows for family partitions to be exempt. Since they are exempt the usually do a private road or rite of passage. That is where you see the problem because then the family turns around and ends up selling it to somebody and they have no road."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "So if they divide a property into three lots and one of them says I want to divide it into two lots, what does the ordinance say about dividing period?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Well, I will tell you my recommendation because I got those plats when it started from Karia and I saw what they were trying to do. I said you need to flag that and I would not approve that but that is more of a legal thing. I don't think our parish has a way of catching it beyond the family partition. I think it should only be within the family but that is more of a question within the council. If you are going to break it up and sell it further, I don't....."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I guess my question is, if they do the family partition with three lots and one of the three lots is divided into, let's say three acres, what is the subdivision ordinance say about

subdividing property period? If you divide it into two parts you have to come back and get a permit, don't you?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Yes, administratively, it does not have to come to you all. It has to come administratively."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "We can catch it then?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Administratively means it is coming to my office, not to you all."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Absolutely, I got that. Will you let it happen or not let it happen?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well that is my problem. I was trying to get it thru here so we can have a public road, have a public subdivision and not have to go thru all the other rig-a-ma-ro. So, what is going to end up happening, they will have their subdivision that they want and it will be private and there is nothing that we can do about it."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I might want to rethink my motion."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I was just trying to get to a legal answer because I think we are going to have some issues and I did not want it to become the loop-hole. I wanted to come in front of this council."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I believe that you all should be able to stop that in your office if they are selling to somebody other than family."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If a person has a 20 acre tract of land and they want to divide it into two, then they can do that. Right now he can take that land and divide it into three. Three different owners, two kids and the mom and dad. One of the kids says I will divide it into two."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Then they will have to come to you for a permit and you can say no you can't do that."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is nothing saying that I have to deny it. That is my problem. There is nothing telling me that I can say no because they are within the Ordinance. That is where my problem is and that is why I wanted the council input."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "The reason he is saying that is because the private road and the right-of-way have already been established. In the past is why we had this problem."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Maybe we need to look at the ordinance and see if we can tweak it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There is a loophole right there that can come and bite us pretty bad. I am just letting you all know."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Can you work on that and maybe come up with something?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will get with Garrett."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Please come up with something."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The ordinance, if it is less than five tracts after the initial approval is granted then it does not have to go thru the rest of the ordinance. Less than five tracts. On this particular piece, has the 60 acres been purchased yet by Shala and her sisters?" Then there is a plat that is recorded right now that divides into three pieces. We have three pieces, three tracts. That is less than five, so if they go ahead and develop it now, after initial approval is granted by our executive office, then they don't have to go thru the rest of the ordinances. Because right now, it is three tracts, that is less than five. Three tracts is what is recorded. So that is as it stands right now. Now if it was two, three years, five years, eight years from now and they go and divide it some more then it becomes less than five tracts again, then they can inch their way along without going thru the ordinance but if it becomes eight tracts, next week they have to go thru all of our ordinances."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "He is correct. When I received all of those plats, that is the way around it but I advised them that I don't think that is right. That is not how I recommend you do it. What I told them from the very beginning, and I am not even their surveyor, I told them to do what you want to do and bring it to the full council and tell them what you have and you have to request a private before you do anything present it on paper, not even a full survey and get a variance. Because you all have this issue of the 30 foot road, before you move forward with anything. I think the way around it is what the people have done in the past and what you see basically rock thrown on grass and they call it a private road and you have these issues now because that is what people have done in the past."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "You will keep us abreast on what is going on here. You remember what Mr. Taylor you many meetings ago. You put those shoes on and you come here, you have to represent us in a way. I have not forgotten that night."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I am 100%. I have given you all everything. That is why I said they should have not been here because they were not on the agenda."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "We want to do what is correct for the people of St. Landry. I don't want to go back to this Fleur Des Coteau thing again."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You all do realize that is does not get to Jacob."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I know that, it comes to you but yet you are trying to help the situation. Don't make us suffer later on with well you all did it, you all did it for those other people."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I want you all to realize that I am following the ordinance that is passed. I am letting you all be aware of it that this is a loophole that I can't say no to."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "The thing about it is you need to get with Garrett. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I just wanted you all to be aware that Jacob, Garrett and I have been discussing this and we have seen where we might have a problem and that is why we wanted it to come here so they would not go the other way."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Try to get it amended where we can bring it to the full council and explain and let's go with it. Either down or up."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Jacob, I appreciate you standing up for what you believe. I think you were the surveyor on Church Road and we have almost the same situation and on Jennings Road. On Jennings Road is how he got around....."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "He did four. I believe at that time the ordinance was not for anything over 3 acres."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Yes, back then when he did that. I agree with you, it is limestone grass which is a mess and he has not sold one lot. On Church Street, it is almost the same, Church Road, I think you all did the same surveying on that when that man bought so many acres and he has divided it into family. He has put a limestone road and I was wondering how that was possible. That is in Mr. Gil's District."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Family partitions are exempt from the subdivision ordinance. The still have to meet the 16,090 feet of frontage but they are exempt other than they don't need any approval."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I think that ladies problem is land lock. They don't realized that when they buy into stuff like that. I have family that is dealing with that right now."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "We started off with five people and now we are down to three people, so what is the truth?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I don't know."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Are you following what I am asking? From the very beginning we said there were five people that would be involved in this subdivision. Five people, now we are down to three, now we are all family."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Timmy, this is simple, the reason why we are bringing it to the council is because the initial part was going to be three. The three families and it goes within the ordinance, perfectly legal even to the point where in another year or so they sell one lot or another lot, again, it meets the ordinance that is written. There is no back store, I don't want no one implying that there is a back store to this. We could have done this and helped them out and not even bring it to the council. But we wanted to make sure that the council is aware of these loopholes so we can address those problems."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard, who are the other property owners that will be in that development?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is their family."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I will go back and look at the minutes. But I did understand that 5 people were involved from the very beginning of this process. So if we would have said there is a variance and we let you have it, we would not be having this discussion. But the variance was denied, they did not get a motion, now we are down to three. I just want to know how the story change from the very beginning where there was no motion accepted."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Plat of survey and the sale of the property is into three pieces. They wanted to make sure that you all saw the end result which is this. Right now it is just three people. They wanted you all to see what the end result was going to be. That is what we are telling them, we can't just do it.....They can do it like they want to and we can't tell them no. The thing is this is the end result. I did not create this ordinance, this is the ordinance that is passed by the council so we just have to tweak it."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune was not clear on the mic with his response.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This right here is the final draft. I wanted you all to see what the end result was going to be, this. Now the original part was going to be the same 60 acres into three plats which is how it is now. They wanted to be able sell the lots and develop a subdivision. Now they can't do nothing except go back to the three and do the loop around and not come to the council at all and have a private road. We don't want private road. I will get with Garrett and see if we can tweak it."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Here is my question. If we do a variance for one, we do a variance for all. If we don't do a variance, we are opening a can of worms."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is a catch 22. I know."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Mr. Harold, to that point that is not necessarily the case for a variance. There have to be a special, I agree, you just can't give a variance to give it in a special circumstance like this. I am not telling you all to do it, I am just telling you all the difference. I don't think anybody should come up here and just request a private road because they don't feel like building a public road. I don't think they can get the 60 feet and that is why they are just requesting for it to be private. You won't get a

recommendation from us or Carl to make that public. I don't think that you all should maintain that. Other than that, that is still up to you all."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Out of this committee, can we make a motion, Mr. Garrett, can we make a motion that you go back to this ordinance and we tweak it where you are not going to have this circumstance right here. My concern is, five years down the road, those three partitions, when those three sections of property, let's say they sell to somebody and they say that is not what we were promised, we can't even put our garbage in front of the house and get it picked up, we have to bring it to the road, we don't want to do that. We will have somebody coming to the council raising sand. Somebody will have to hear that complaint."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "One of the things when we tweak this on these private roads, private subdivisions, he said he would have an H.O.A., then that will need to be part of the documentation and submitted."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I would recommend a private road maintenance."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "We should have an H.O.A. in every subdivision we do."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "There are two things with the ordinance, I mean with the private road. It is either, you allow it, but you make for the same submittal process as a public road. Like a private road can be a less right-a-way but it is going thru engineering a drainage design, testing, everything. They pay for it just like a developer does for an asphalt road. That is how I have to handle them in Lafayette Parish. We have to go thru full engineering review for a private road."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "One of the points would be, if we give a variance, it has to be justified and documented. Not just, I can't get it, they won't sell me the land. I want to see it in writing. I want to see some documentation. That last variance we had was to change the ordinance on a Cul-De-Sac from 60 feet to 46 feet. I said, why do we want to do that? We want to make another lot. I said, wait a minute."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "And that one just got approved. Look he wanted me to do that and I told him, you can't do that."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "What I am asking you, right here tonight, while we are discussing this, do you feel that we need a motion out of this committee?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Not tonight because that did not even go to public....."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "No, but what I am trying to say to you, whereas Garrett needs to look at this thing, tweak this thing and you and Carl assist him where we are not going to have these kinds of questions, you understand what I am saying."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "I understand."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "So moved."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Are you going to offer that?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "We ask that we send it to full council and we request the Counsel and our parish engineer to work on the subdivision ordinance to accommodate the issues that we have had tonight."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Do I have a second?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Yes."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "What is the motion?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "To have the Attorney tweak the Subdivision Ordinance."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "We are not going to have this kind of situation and be able to give the variances out without having some kind of written....."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Is that going to change the Subdivision Ordinance?"

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is going to change it somewhat to tweak it to make it better. To tighten it up so we won't have that loophole."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "If we give a variance for instance, we would have to have justification for it."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 to authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain and the Parish Engineer, Jacob Jarrell to work on revising the Subdivision Ordinance to accommodate the loopholes of the Variance and other issues that were presented.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

12. A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4th, 2022  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Chairman Dexter Brown called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Harold Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. Roll Call:  
Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier.  
Absent: Alvin Stelly. Ex-Officio Vivian Olivier.
4. Person to address the Committee:  
Mr. Richard LeBouef addressed the Council. He stated, "Good evening to all. I am Richard LeBouef, I am the Executive Director and we were invited to come by this evening. We have actually four of our nine Commissioners that are appointed by Parish Council. Ms. Kathy Moreau could not make it. She had a previous health conflict that was eight weeks in the works so we want to apologize for that, but here with us today is Mr. Ed Brisco, Ms. Jodie Powell and Dr. Jack Ortego."  
Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Thank you all for coming. Members of the council do we have any questions or concerns for Mr. LeBouef."  
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Mr. LeBouef, will there be a bond with the parish and the new company if there is a trash pick-up problem?"  
Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "When you say bond, do you mean a Financial Bond?"  
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Yes a Financial Bond"  
Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Yes Ma'am, absolutely. There will be a six month instead of one year. That was advice of Council."  
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Will Constituents have the opportunity to continue calling the number if they need a special pick-up for large items. Will they still have that service available?"  
Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Service will be available but it will be by a different contractor because Waste Connections have both right now. That 942-4031 number accesses both. We are not getting the service that we want so the commissioners have allowed us to make those changes."  
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Would you put that number out there again."  
Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "The number that is current right now is 337-942-4031. That will change and you will be notified. I will be back here about ninety days before. I will have all the current numbers and the contractors as such."  
Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "First of all I want to say Thank you very much for the job that you do and thank you for getting this contract done. I really appreciate it. The questions I have is what we have had in the past, the issues where they pick up the little container in front of your home and whatever other debris you have left there, will they contact your office, their office, someone's office to make sure that they have notified Mr. LeBouef. You do a great job when we call you and say they did not pick this up. We should not have to get a phone call. Did we put some teeth in this contract making sure that all those little things that we called you about, did you all look at all of these issues and make sure that we got this taken care of in this new contract with this new company?"  
Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Absolutely Mr. Lejeune. What I want to address first is the current contract, the contractor has video on the truck. He also has GPS. I have asked for that for over two years. It has been unavailable to attain that in refusal. It is not in the contract where they have to give it to us, so we haven't gotten it. The new one will have an actual real time video, you will have up to one year of storage in the cloud where we can get an actual video. If someone says hey, your truck passed down my street and forget to pick up, I can go back. The beauty of that is the new contractor will have two response units. Two ½ ton F-150 or 1500 Chevrolets and that will take and rectify things immediately. If there is a broke wheel or a top that is missing. The Commission has allowed us to go out and we had nine people responded, only seen chose to bid. These people here are within the parish, we also have teeth in the contract that we will have access, we don't have to call them, we can get that video feed, we can get that GPS trail off of our system. If we validate 20 misses in 30 days, we have the teeth in to pull the contract and that bond from them. When the trucks are going to pass, he is still bond to go ahead and pick up the additional 2 which we all know does not happen. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't. That will be a

fact in the contract. Second thing is, the driver will have the easy button, here is the address immediately, this is what I have and it is law. That will be sent to the new Bulky Waste Contactor. That will be a bridge that is built that we have no connection right now at all. I hope that answers your question.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That takes care of every issue that I have ever had to run across. I really wanted the Commissioners to come here so I can personal thank them. You and your staff have done a great job. Thank you very much. I hope this new contractor does a good as you all have done. I appreciate you all coming. Thank you very much.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “I one thing I want to thank you guys on is that we have four appointments, three are here with us tonight and Ms. Kathy had a medical issue, she could not be here. The other five that are appointed by the Mayor and the Municipal Association, we all know in just a short time that I have been here, it will be four years on June 18 as the Director since February 1, 2019. There was always an issue that I was told that there were never transparency. I want you guys to know that has never happen. Every time you all call, we respond. I take pride in what our Commissioners allow me to do. They are very generous, if any of you haven’t been to the landfill, other than just to throw trash, I invite you all to come see what a Class ‘A’ Facility runs like. Not because I am the Director, but because of the far sight of the Commissioners behind me and the other six that are not present this evening. We get calls from DEQ. I have three agents in Enforcement Division coming Friday morning at 10 a.m. and I have two Environmental Scientist out of Baton Rouge that are coming. I spoke to a lady on the phone last week, she is one of the ones that is in Inspection and Enforcement, she said every time I here of a Landfill I cringe, I must say, I have never been to yours. I was told by the Secretary and the District Manager, if I wanted to see how a landfill operated and how things went, I need to go to St. Landry. So again, I ask you all, upon the appointments that you do, please allow us to keep these people in place, and understand, if you have any questions, day or night, please call.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “I just want to publically say thank you Mr. Richard. Every time I express a need, which is very little, you respond immediately. Thank your board also for backing that need up. Thank you very much. You are always on time every time on the spot. Thank you.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “First of all thank you all for coming this afternoon. I have one question. What method did you all use to select Lavergne? I am asking this to the Commissioners if they could answer this. Being that they never were in this line of service and they were selected to pick up the garbage in St. Landry Parish.”

Someone answered from the audience, it was not clearly heard on the mic.

Mr. Edward Brisco stated, “What happen when the contract. .... The present contract is being expired around October. We decided that it is time for use to go out and try to find if possible a new hauler. Concerning with what we have been getting from our present hauler, the complaints and what we go thru every month for their representation, we decided that it was time that if we could find someone, after you said that they had not done anything, but what happened, we sent out criteria that they would have to meet.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, “What was one of them?”

Mr. Edward Brisco stated, “One of them as far as I am concerned an important one was the amount of workers that they would have and the type of workers that they would have. I felt the workers would make the company, depending on what kind of workers you have working for you. As far as I was concerned this was very important that they would do what they were supposed to do as drivers or loaders or what not. We felt that the drivers would communicate what they needed to when they would see something unusual or had other things that they needed to get done as Mr. Lejeune mentioned about extra trash. Lots of time that was not called in that these people had or our citizens had to pick up. So we were concerned about that. The hauler that we hired, they addressed that type of issue. So that was on the main things that we decided that we needed to look at. Among other issues as far as the type of trucks that they would be using. We had two men on the truck that will have extra baggage that they will be able to pick up from people homes especially in the city that we taught would work out. That is just some of the things that we considered.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “To say that the Lavergne’s are unfamiliar with trash is an unfair statement. No they do not have a house to house route with side loaders but they are doing front loader service and they are doing roll off.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “That is a big difference.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “I realize that. Not every decision made, again, I cannot speak for anybody here, but not every decision made in business or in government is perfect. The beauty of this contract if it does not work for 20 pick-ups and I have misses, I have teeth. The present contract now, I can’t validate. If you call me and tell me hey, I was not picked up, I have to take our word for it. I can’t get any traction from the contractor that I have now to address that to say, hey hold your feet to the fire. In the event that I could, if there is a validated miss for me to find \$1,000.00 plus in a 90 day span, I have to have a joint arbitrary meeting to be able to short pay a \$451,000.00 per month invoice \$1,000.00. This way here again, we honestly feel that this coral system and these trucks that are running thru town are running thru smaller



subdivisions or running thru smaller roads that are really having a problem being passable. The Commission has allowed us to rectify that. If there is any problems moving forward with this, we have put enough meat in this contract that we can address it and say hey, you have X, Y, Z time to get this ready, if not, see you.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “It is to my understanding Solid Waste is supposed to be purchasing equipment for Lavergne’s. Is that correct?”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “Not at all.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “None.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “None. Also, there is a \$13,500,000.00 line of credit that is out.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I also would like to give thanks to you Mr. LeBouef. Every time I have ever called you, and I have called you a lot, you have answered my call. I want to thank the commissioner for the work that you all have done and you all realize that it was time for us to move on. Although Lavergne may not have all of the credibility or all of the experience as a company that has been in business for a long time every one have to start somewhere. I am very appreciative that you all will be able to notice when they fall short and if it is not the right company for us you all can get out of the contract. Again, thank you all and I will be patient that this will work out. I am appreciative to you all to notice that it was time for us to move on.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “When they are going to spend \$6,000,000.00 on new equipment, it is coming here.”

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “I had two questions but they took them. First it was the experience of this new company regarding the garbage pick-up. Experience matters. I know people start from scratch and you just learn by doing. They are professionals, they have a business, they have a company and they should get better and better with time just like any company or anything that exist. I also had the question about the purchasing of equipment as well. Were Solid Waste buying equipment for Lavergne to get started?”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “No Sir. The beauty of this Mr. Brown, what we did, we had a pre-bid meeting. We went ahead and sent an RFP out for proposal because it is a service. The Legislative Auditor says, and I am sure that Counsel can back me up on that, we did not even need to bid it. We could have given it to where we need or we could have just renewed it because it was a service. Am I right Garrett?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “The people of St. Landry Parish deserve way more than they are getting for \$451,000.00 a month. We felt that these Carrodo Trucks that run up and down the streets, 80% to 85% of the people in this parish do not bag their trash. What you see all over the road did not just happen. Those trucks have four ways that they can take, first at your house, second they load it, third one, they are running down the neighborhood and it is just stirring up and it goes over. The Carrodo has no way of containing that trash when it goes over. When that truck is going to get there and pick up on the side loader and stick it in the hopper there is an air curtain that closes immediately. The rear, you will have two guys that is going to do a much better job picking up little bitty things that are left by the waste side, two people and in town, they will make one sweep. It won’t have to turn around and come back. I want you to know that we saw that it was a problem and these Commissioners allowed us to go out and seek that. We solicited it for a bid that we did not have to do. We set criteria’s as Mr. Brisco said, we also did a pre-bid meeting and invited all of the nine, seven participated, only one contractor was low with the rear loader service and that was Bayou State Waste.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “The dump containers that are in front of every residence, who do they belong to?”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “We were told by Waste Connections when they will do the last service, in town and in the country, your last service, they will only take one because they have no record of who bought a second. Let your constituents know if they have an issue with both of their cans taken it is not a Solid Waste issue it is a Waste Connections issue. You will get your Bayou State Waste Container 30 days before expiration. They will have a flier. We have been meeting with those guys twice a week trying to get them on step. Our dedication is to make sure that they come aboard with their spurs on and grounded. You will have a seal on the new can from them and you will have a flier on the inside that will tell you who to call and what to do, everything. Everyone will have proof of service. When they will drop it at your house, that address will be tagged. You will have a proof of service in case you say you did not get one, we can go back and say yes you got one. I want you guys to know something, we could not do what we do without our commissioners. I know everybody has concerns, I do to but the cool thing is we have enough meet in this contract moving forward to remedy whatever problem we encounter. Right now we don’t, all we can do is scream and holler, pray and hope, hope that it gets done. John Guidroz is not with me here this evening, when I tell you I would like to have ten like him, it is phenomenal. Scott at the landfill, Tammy, everybody is an integral part of this wheel. Thank you for your patience when there is a problem and thank you for your faith in Solid Waste. Again, all of our commissioners do a phenomenal job. Please remember Mr. Brisco and Mr. Jack on appointment.

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "I would like to finally thank all of you for doing the job that you all do for St. Landry Parish. If we can do anything to make anything better for you and our constituents because we are here for our constituents. You come, you call and we are there for you. We do team work to please our constituents and that is our job."

Ms. Shala Buller, Mercy Cole Subdivision was called to address the council.

Parish President Jessie Bellard addressed the council regarding the Mercy Cole Subdivision. He stated, "Mr. Chairman, in regards to this subdivision, the issue comes about that there is not enough property for the road to enter into the subdivision. The only thing that they have is 30 feet. Thirty feet easement coming in, they will be able to buy it but again, it won't meet our specifications to become a subdivision. Beyond that section and what a subdivision is going to be at, the roads will not be wide enough. What they are asking for is to keep it a private subdivision, that whole back section that is in the plat. If we can get that to be a private subdivision, give them variance because there is no way other than them finding another route to get to that location, there is no other property to do it with. Our problem is, even if we give them a variance for the 30 foot road to get to the back before the subdivision starts, we will not be able to give them what they need to meet our criteria for our ordinance. So we have a dilemma on this one."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. and Mrs. Buller, are you all aware if you all have a private subdivision there is no garbage pickup, there is no mail and no postal service?"

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "There are eight families that will be living back there. Everyone is okay with bringing their garbage to the road and we really originally wanted a private subdivision but we thought we were going to have to make it into a subdivision to re-submit.

We found out that the best route to go is private because we cannot rededicate the road because it won't be wide enough. That is why we want a variance. We don't want to have to sue our neighbors to get road frontage to get to our place because we are landlocked."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Do we have anything showing that these others who live there are in agreement with doing this?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Right now from what I am understanding the land is purchased by these two people right here."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "But there are others that are living in that Subdivision right?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It will be turned into a Subdivision yes, but it is their land that they are dividing up which is the issue because it becomes a subdivision but whenever we can't give them the road to get to the subdivision or they can't buy it, I don't know what to do other than them having a private subdivision in the back. I don't know."

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "We have already purchased the land and there are five owners. There are five of us that have already purchased it. We had a contract and during the period of inspections we did not know that we did not have enough right of way because we had a road that we could get to the back but we did not know that it was not wide enough and there is a tower that belongs to Reach Communications. That would interfere with us getting back there so that is why we have to buy a right-of-way. The people do not want to get rid of 60 feet in front of us because they are already kind of squished. That is why we are going that particular route. The eight people who are going to live back there are; my husband and I, our daughter and son-in-law and our other daughter. We are the ones who purchased it. There are actually five of us that own it, the others are our close friends. Last meeting one of them came with us. Three of them are on business trips so they could not be here. The said if they would have to write anything or submit anything they would let you all know that they are fine. Everybody originally wanted a private road but we taught that we could not do it but that would be our preference."

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, "What is our opinion or our environment if a subdivision wants to be private. Do we have any objections to that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I know that we have an ordinance that says that we don't have private subdivisions. That is the thing where we are caught at right now."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "That is the problem that I have. The problem that we have is in about 2008 or 2009 we said there will be no more private subdivisions in St. Landry Parish. Regardless if they are talking about trash, your mail or your kids getting on the bus, you will have problems with that. If you are going to make a subdivision anyway, we just can't go private."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "The reason for the subdivision ordinance is to make sure that we have a road that can be maintained. If we don't have control of the road to maintain it, it will be just like these subdivisions where it looks like a third world country to get in there. I don't recommend that we change our ordinance. If we are going to change and do it, then that is a different story but we can't give waivers on things like this ladies and gentlemen. We had the same option to change a Cul-De-Sac frontage from 60 feet to 46 feet. If we do it for one, we have to do it for all. I would not recommend that we do anything. I am sorry that you can't get the property to make the road. I certainly would not go along with this."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "My question is, maybe it is a legal issue, that front row that she is talking about, if we can take it in as a 30 foot road, is that possible? Jacob is here and we have Garrett."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "We go back to the same point. So we are going to waiver the 60 foot right of way for others? I taught the reason for the ordinance was to be consistent."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I agree, I don't remember us, since I am back doing it that way, but I am being told maybe we had did it in the past. I don't know."

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "What do you all recommend we do? We really don't want to sue our neighbors before we even get there. So we are land locked. What do you all recommend that we do?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I don't have a recommendation."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "As I understand it there is a request for a variance on the sides of the road. If the variance is granted then there is a question, is it made public road or a private road. Now that is the decision. You will have, as I understand it, eight lots, eight tracks, eight houses and eight people fronting on that one road as I looked at that plat. At that point, probably you all want a public road and comply with the ordinance. We have eight people there who are going to be getting sewerage, electricity, road and water but, is the road public or private? I think maybe that is a decision, we don't have any more private roads so we could grant a variance on the sides of the road if they decide they were going to do that, the next decision, is it public or private road. You all probably would want a public road."

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "We are good either route. We just don't want to have to sue our neighbors for a right-of-way and they don't have enough to give us 60 feet."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "Do you have your developer here?"

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "We have the surveyor."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell, Morgan Goudeau & Associates addressed the council. He stated, "You all are correct. Since 2009 there are no private roads in St. Landry Parish and no gravel roads. There have only been one private subdivision after that and that is Post Opelousas but that is a Gated Asphalted Community and that is the only one. The reason for the variance for this specific subdivision is because they have no access. The only access they have is 30 feet. That is the reason for the variance. That is the only way for them to be able to do this is to get a variance from you all to keep it private. That is it."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "So who will maintain the private road?"

Ms. Shala Buller was not near the mic to clearly hear a response.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "The twenty feet of servitude for utilities, does that include 30 feet for the road? So you have 50 feet of servitude for the road and utilities."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "We already have 33 feet private road and utility easement combined."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "So it is not 50 feet, it is 33 feet."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "If it was 50 feet that we could do it but it is 33 feet. Private 33 feet passage and utility easement."

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, "It we make a move to go private would that solve your problem?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Yes sir."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I will make a to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 to allow Shala Buller of the Mercy Cole Subdivision to have access to a private road. I live on a public parish road and I still have to bring my trash can to the highway. I don't see a problem with it, it looks like you all will maintain it. I don't it is the same situation as Anointing Drive. So my motion is to send it to the full council to vote to make this a private road so they can access their beautiful property."

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, "I will second it."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "The people that live next to the private road, suppose they say later on, we don't want all of this traffic, we don't want all of this dust, what will happen then?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Buller's will own the road."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "So the people that live next door start to come to the council meeting and raising sand that we let this thing happen, what is going to happen then?"

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "The one's next door are selling us the road. On the other side, he actually was going to give us the right of way."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "But yet it is still keeping you from purchasing so you could have a 50 foot right-of-way and do it according to parish specs. So there is something somewhere is what I am asking, there is something somewhere that is keeping you all from having 50 feet whereas we can take it in as a parish road."

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "On one side there is a tower so we can't go to far on that side. On the other side is a lady, she already give us the right of way and she is concerned about selling all of her frontage. She considered 30 feet and not 60 feet. That is why we have that. We also have that road and the utilities in between."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I have a situation in District 9. It is call Fleur Des Coteau. It looks like a third world country. I get phone calls. The lady even called the Mayor of the City of Opelousas last week. He called me and asked what is going on over there? I asked the gentlemen when we would meet across the parking lot over there. I don't want to name him, I ask him to take this road into the system. He

stated, 'No I will handle it myself.' What he did, he sold the subdivision and left those people holding the bag. They have to bring their garbage one mile up the road and the people that live there have to smell that garbage all day and they have to put up with the flies in the summertime. I just don't want that kind of thing to happen to these people. I don't want these people to come to us and say hey, you all sold that package of goods. I don't have nothing against Ms. Shala or you Mr. Buller. My concern is, later on in life, some of us will be sitting here and we will have to here this moaning and groaning. That is what I am concerned about."

Mr. Buller stated, "I am the oldest one that will be living there and all the others are much younger than I am."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "You can't speak for them, they are not here tonight. That is my thing, it is nothing against you all."

Ms. Shala Buller stated, "We understand, we are trying to understand everybody's point of view."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Mr. Duplechain, do we have to do something with the ordinance in order to allow this to happen? We have a law in place that says no, zero. Just by resolution or just by a motion, you cannot change that."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Well the ordinance....."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Says zero private subdivisions that you have to have so much easement, some of this and so much of that. The next thing that I cannot understand, Mr. Jarrell, when these people went to you, you knew what the ordinances are in St. Landry Parish did you address these issues?"

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "Don't tell me I don't know the ordinance. I addressed it and I told them from the very beginning that there is no private roads and no private subdivisions and they would have to submit it and get a variance from the council. I did not do this survey. Sonny LaJack did it."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Lejeune asked a good question. He said there is an ordinance on the books but yet we have a motion now to go ahead and stand for what they are asking for. That is going against the ordinance and that is to allow for a private subdivision. I have a problem when you know what to do what is right and tend to do what is wrong. That is what we are here for to do what is right."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Does the ordinance provide for a waiver?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Perhaps you should approach it with two questions. The first one is: There is an ordinance that mandates the size of the road, do you grant a variance to that ordinance, yes or no? That is for you to decide. Second question: All roads are to be public, do you grant a variance to that ordinance? Those are the two questions. You don't have to treat all as one. Ordinance mandates the size of the road, do you grant a variance to it. Second one, Ordinance states no more private roads, do you grant a variance to that?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "That is not the question, the question is, can we grant a variance? Is it in the ordinance that we can grant variances?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes, and I have that ordinance and I can bring it to the next council meeting. There is a variance ordinance and I can bring it to the next meeting."

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, "There is two things with this. After talking with Jessie I asked him if Karl reviewed this plat because I never reviews this plat. If it never went thru planning commission and public hearing, this thing cannot go forward to the full council. I am obligated to say that as a representation of St. Landry Parish. That is the first thing. The second thing is in certain circumstances variances can be granted. Not all of the same, you can't just give somebody 30 feet just because they don't feel like doing a 60 foot right-of-way and meet our standards. That is not right. In certain circumstances, like I said, that is to you all discretion, before they do this they have to get you all blessing."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "How did this get on the agenda? If it had not gone to planning and it has not been recommended how did it get on the agenda?"

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "They filled out a speaker card to speak on the Public Works Agenda. Last month, we forwarded from the Full Council meeting to come back to the Committee Meeting."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "Mr. Chairman, I would like revise my motion I made. I am not into bending the rules but in certain cases sometimes you have to do a variance on the rules and I know it is to access a piece of beautiful property is sounds like. So my motion is to grant a variance on the road to allow those people to access their property for this certain situation."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, "Mr. Chairman, you will have to withdraw that first motion."

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I will withdraw that first motion and revised and restated my motion."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "That first motion was withdrawn by Mr. Coby Clavier and has a new motion. Do I have a second to Mr. Clavier second motion?"

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I would like to repeat my motion. I would like to make a motion to forward to full council to grant the variance to allow the 30 foot road to be passed based on the situation. I think that is the only option."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "That is Mr. Clavier's motion, do I have a second to Mr. Clavier's motion? Do I have a second to Mr. Clavier's motion? There is no second to Mr. Clavier's motion, so the motion failed. Mr. and Ms. Buller, please work with our Parish President, Mr. Bellard and Mr. Jarrell and Mr. Carl Aucoin. If we can do anything to help and assist with this matter, please give us a call."

5. Public Works Report:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In your packet you have an Act of Lease between Parish Government and the Yambilee Association, Louisiana Yambilee Inc. This is to take the Yambilee Building and the grounds and everything and put it under one lease. Right now we have two separate leases. The Ag Arena Portion is coming up in 2023. We did one in 2014 for 20 years on the Yambilee Building. This takes and combine it into one Lease for 40 years so we can do the renovations we need to do to the building and get everything on one lease."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Counselor, we are talking about a 40 year lease. I did not think we can do anything that drastic beyond our term of office?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I can look into that if the council wants me to for a full council meeting if the council wants me to."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have a 20 year lease right now."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I understand, is it legal to have a 20 year lease?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We had one in 2014 for 20 years."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I got that but was it legal than?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Nobody objected to it."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "But that is not the question, is it legal? We should get a legal opinion on it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't think I would have brought it to you all if I taught it would have been illegal."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "But you are not the Attorney. Could we just get the Counsel to give us the blessing to do a 40 year lease?"

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "To clear up the air, let's go ahead and ask our Legal Counsel his Legal Opinion and bring it to the full council meeting so we can vote on it."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The full council meeting, yes."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The committee has to bring it to the full council so the full council can vote for that Garrett? I am asking you to research it so we won't have to have permission from the council. It will be a lot easier that way."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I can research it for the full council meeting."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Are we forwarding it to the full council meeting?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you don't mind, it does not have to be favorable or unfavorable. They can bring it up at the full council meeting and Garret should have his legal opinion by then."

A motion was made by Council Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 the opinion from Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain on a 40 year Lease between the Parish Government and Louisiana Yambilee, Inc.

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

Motion forwarded.

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

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

Motion carried.

6. Update on the water leak on the Blighted Property located at 1620 Gladys Street, belonging to Mr. Joseph Tyler.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There was no response. I am looking at the possibility and we did look into it. We can fix those water leaks and save our roads but it still have to be a joint venture between us and the city. I will contact the Mayor again, hopefully we can get that one repaired but we have several of them that are like that. I don't know what to do."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "A year or so ago I had a water leak on that very same road but it was at the beginning. It took me over six to seven months before they even addressed it. So I don't feel that it is fair to the man to tell him that you have to it done by this time or we don't know when that water leak is going to be fixed so that the property can dry up."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I agree, I am with you until that water leak can be fixed, I don't think we should be able to do anything regarding the property."  
No Action taken.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Five for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 07-20-2024.  
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 07-20-2024 to the Public Works Commission District Five .  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None  
Motion forwarded.
8. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 11-18-2023.  
A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022 all application received for one appointment to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 11-18-2023.  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None  
Motion forwarded.
9. Forward all applications received for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term (06-16-2022 – 06-16-2026).  
A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 18th, 2022 all applications received for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (06-16-2022 - 06-16-2026).  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None  
Motion forwarded.
10. Discuss the status on debris pick up throughout the parish. (Councilman Coby Clavier).  
Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "Mr. Bellard, what is the status? I know that there is a bunch of red tape by the time they pick it up.  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I gave up on them. What we are doing now, when someone calls in and complain about debris pick up, either we pick it up or we call Solid Waste and they pick it up.  
Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I have a pile at the end of Ashy Heinonen Road. It has been sitting there since the last hurricane. It is a big pile and the truck that came the first time could not even get it. It is a big pile. It is not trash, it is cut up trees."  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will send somebody to pick it up."  
Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "It is located at the very dead end of Ash Heinonen Road. They may have to make more than one load when they can"
11. Discuss any other business.  
Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "Mr. Jessie, remember the ditch that we talked about digging on the north side of Soileau Road? Did you find out anything on that? We also talked about the widening of Beck Miller Road. It is very narrow and highly traveled"  
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, Barry has the crew lining up for that. He will take care of it. I don't know why they did one side and did not do the other side. Barry will also work on Beck Miller Road as well."  
Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "On the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District, I received a call that one of the guys, Brian Belleau has stepped down from his positon. I am asking Public Works to forward advertisement for replacement of a member on that board."  
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 18th, 2022 authorizing he Council Clerk to advertise for one position for the remaining of a 4 year term ending on 10-02-2025 to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11. (Mr. Brian Belleau has stepped down.)  
On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None

Motion forwarded.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Bellard, I had spoken to you about Choupique Road off of Country Ridge. Did you ever check it out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will talk to Barry tomorrow morning. He never did tell me anything. I will check with him.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “What is the status on McNeese Street with the Blighted Property. Have you all started cleaning it?”

Mr. Richard Lewis replied to the Blighted Property on McNeese Street. His reply was not clear on the mic.

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

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

**XIII. ADJOURN**