**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6th, 2022**

**OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Councilman Coby Clavier called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry

Parish Council to order.

1. **Roll Call:**

Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier.

Ex-Officio Vivian Olivier. **ABSENT**: Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown.

1. **Person to address the Committee:**

**Ms. Lena Charles addressed the council. She stated**, “Good evening, Chairperson, Councilmen and Women I missed you all last month. I had COVID again. I am almost in the book of world records for COVID. I stand before you today in appreciation of our parish and what we have done. The original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival went virtual for two years. It was for the safety of the community and being wise and following the rules. For 2022 we are going to be live and we are coming back for the 40th year. Forty years of non-stop Zydeco. This 40 years represent the keepers of the culture. I just want you all to know that since working with all of the different administrations from years and being accepted as a Parish Festival, we are very responsible to get all permits, all requirements and always have a good safe festival. We work with the Opelousas Police Department as well as the Sheriff’s Department. Everybody is working with the Parish President to make sure that it is a good and save festival. Again we will bring our parade route coming down Landry Street at the Courthouse Square. We will have our breakfast in the morning and the music will start at the Yambilee Festival Grounds in the Zydeco Capital of the World as well as St. Landry Parish. That will be from 12:00 to 12:00. We are looking forward to August 4th, to unveil all of the details of the Festival Activities. You are the seed of the parish and I just wanted to let you all know that we are going live again and we are excited about it. We think the community is ready. So thank you and I appreciate it. I just want to congratulate the parish, I brought Zydeco to Essence Festival Saturday for the State of Louisiana. We represented St. Landry Parish and Southwest Louisiana with Zydeco Day at the Essence Festival. We have been doing this for 5 years. Even with the hiatus, they welcomed us back and we were excited. I also missed the opportunity for bringing back the BBQ Festival. I heard it was a huge success. I applaud you all on that. This is so exciting that we can bring people to our community and let them know this is the place to be, St. Landry Parish and we have so much to offer. Thank you all for the BBQ Festival and we look forward for the support for the Zydeco Festival this year as well. Thank you.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated**, “Thank you Ms. Lena. Thank you for keeping us

informed on those things.

1. **Public Works Report:**

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “We started the ditch digging on the second phase of the ARA Funding. They are in the process of digging ditches now. That will continue until they run out of money in that fund for the category. So that is happening. We are still waiting on Engineers to start the Overlay Project for Raiders and Grant Road at any time now. The courthouse renovations and the changing of the windows will start soon. They estimate it to be a 1 year project. It will be a long process but it is starting as soon as they can get here and get the material in to start the process. They will start on the front of the Courthouse and take out 10 windows. They will start doing it with 10 windows at a time until they get it all complete. We have 278 windows. That is about all.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier questioned**, “Are they putting new windows or they are pulling out the old ones and putting in new ones?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**They are capping over the old ones with that Bronze Aluminum and sealing it and putting a new glass in the insert. It will be insulated windows. We should be better on electricity. The sealing of the Courthouse has been completed, that is done. The roof won’t be long. We had a Consultant Group to come and look at the roof and we have 2 layers that is on the roof. Now they have to take off the 2 layers before putting a new roof. That money is coming from the state. That is from a grant that we got from the state last year.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, “**What material is going on the roof?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It is a flat roof. I think it is that new material that stretches. I forgot the name of it. It is going to give a little bit. It is better than the one that we have now. That is it for now.”

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.

**Motion carried.**

1. **Discuss the ditch on the North side of Soileau Road, West of HWY 12.**

**(Councilman Coby Clavier).**

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “**Barry called me about this. It has been taken care of.

It is actually done. I passed by there the other day. It looks good. So that was handled.”

1. **Discuss when the work will begin for the widening of Beck Miller Road.**

**(Councilman Coby Clavier).**

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “**Barry called me about this also. That will be in the works

real soon. He is getting it going. That is being handled.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The only problem is the cost. We got a price a while ago. They just e-mailed it to us this afternoon, $194,000.00. We have to look at that and see how we can adjust some of the work.”

1. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four-year term expiring 09-02-2022.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Tuesday July 19th, 2022** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointment to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four year term. (09-02-2022 - 09-02-2026).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 7**

**for a 1 and 2 year term, both appointments expiring 09-19-22.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Tuesday, July 19th, 2022** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a 1 and 2 year term. (09-19-2022 - 09-19-2023 and 09-19-2022 - 09-19-2024).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term expiring 09-04-2022.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Tuesday, July 19th, 2022** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (09-04-2022 - 09-04-2026).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Update on the cleaning process for the Blighted Property on McNeese Street.**

**(Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).**

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “**It has been taken care of. Mr. Bellard answered the question earlier in the meeting.”

1. **Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.**

**None.**

1. **Adjourn**

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None

**Motion carried.**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE**

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**