**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 18th, day of May, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio Vivian Olivier. **ABSENT**: None.

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin Requested to Amend the Agenda*** ***to add two additional line items.***

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Amend the Agenda to move the Full Council Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 20th, 2022 to Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 for the possibility of not having a quorum due to the NACo Convention in Denver Colorado.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to attend the NACo Convention in Denver Colorado.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

1. **CONDOLENCES:**

***Councilman Jerry Red Jr.:*** Vivian Broussard Lavergne, Michael Joseph Colligan, Rose Mary Pickney Lazare, Felicia Inez Richard, Gary William Offord Jr., Kenneth Michael Chevis, Bertha Mae Brown Joubert, Debbie Joyce Thornton, Rakatelyn Janae Colla, Nalva Guillory, Councilman Marty James Trahan.

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere***: Felicia Inez Richard, Kenneth Michael Chevis, Tommy Dean Sr., Dorothy M. Lastrapes, Edward J. Levier, Rakatelyn Janae Colla, Alton James Thomas, Alcee ‘Leb’ Borel, Robert Lee Walker Sr., Rose Mary Pickney Lazare,

Councilman Marty James Trahan.

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry***: Rose Mary Pickney Lazare, Michael Joseph Colligan, Vivian Broussard Lavergne, Erick Jermaine LeDay, Ben Joseph Hanchett Sr., John Harold Broussard, Alton James Thomas, Rakatelyn Janae Colla, Edward J. Levier, Dorothy M. Lastrapes, Georgia Ann Thomas, Rita Fontenot Singleton, Bertha Mae Brown Joubert, Kenneth Michael Chevis, Felicia Inez Richard, Shirley Ann Montgomery.

***Councilman Gil Savoy***: Vivian ‘Jackie’ Deviller Hargroder, Gilman Aguillard.

***Councilman Alvin Stelly***: Elaine Mary Landry Artigue.

***Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier***: Elaine Mary Landry Artigue.

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin***: Jules ‘Red’ Ortis, Joseph L. Montgomery III, William ‘Wild Bill’ Kartchner, Elaine Mary Landry Artigue, Shirley Ann Montgomery, Ozea Marie Noel.

***Councilman Dexter Brown***: Tommy Dean Sr., Nalva Guillory.

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

* **Pastor Kerney Thomas addressed the council to represent Mr. Tyrone Glover.**

**He stated, “**Mr. Glover asked that I come and stand in for him to make you all aware of what is going on at the Old Indian Hills Country Club. We are starting our Youth Program for K-12 Graders. On the 28th will be our grand opening and our celebration. The camp actually starts on the 30th. We have a free camp for all the kids. We are providing golf, tennis, basketball, swimming, weight lifting and other programs that will be beneficial to help to get these kids off the street and provide them a safe haven where they can come and enjoy themselves as well as being educated at the same time.”

* **Ms. Eltra Sam** was not available to address the council regarding her Blighted Property located at 115 Sam Street, Eunice, La. Parcel No. 0603314500.
* **Mr. Larry (Ruth) Thomas** addressed the council regarding their Blighted Property located at 117 Primrose Street, Opelousas, La. Parcel No. 0501246500. He stated, “I just want to let you all know that I am taking care of all of that stuff that I have in the yard. I am doing the best that I can but I am taking care of it. I just wanted you all to know. Thank you all.”
* **Michael Brocato** was not available to address the council regarding his Blighted Property located at 565 Koch Rd., Arnaudville, La. Parcel No. 0300657750.
* **Suellen Vidrine** was not available to address the council regarding her Blighted Property located at 541 Brignac Lane, Opelousas, La. Parcel No. 0104355500. Mr. Richard Lewis addressed the council regarding this property but his comments were not heard over the mic.
* **Mr. Matthew Steen II** was not available to address the council regarding his Blighted Property located at 239 Bullard Avenue, Opelousas, La. Parcel No. 0103875700.
* **Mr. Joseph Tyler** addressed the council regarding his Blighted Property located at 1620 Gladys Street, Opelousas, La. Parcel No. 0106539650. He stated, “I am still waiting for the city to fix the water leak in front of my property so I can get out there and do what I have to do.”
* **Mr. Richard Lewis** addressed the council but his comments were not heard over the mic.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “**Didn’t we give him an extension from the last Committee Meeting?

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “**Has the water leak been repaired? I don’t think that it is necessary that we continue to have this man come back here until we are certain that the water leak has been fixed. That is in my district. I don’t really know Mr. Tyler but that is in my district. I am familiar with that little street and it is always with water on that street. So until the water leak is fixed, I don’t think we should have Mr. Tyler come before the council every time the council comes forth. Let’s make sure that we get this solved first and then ask him to come before the council if we need to.”

**Mr. Joseph Tyler stated, “**Once the water leak is fixed, I can get it done. I have a contractor that says it takes thirty days for the property to dry up and then thirty days to take it down. The contractor said that the yard is so saturated if you take a push mower and push it over the property it will sink.”

**Chairwoman Vivian Olivier questioned, “**What is the problem? Why won’t they fix the leak?”

**Mr. Richard Lewis addressed** Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier’s questions but his reply was not heard over the mic.

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, I would like to make a motion to postpone that resident until we get evidence that the water leak has been repaired. We will issue a letter to Mr. Joseph Tyler. We will leave this project alone until we get the city to cooperate with this matter.

**Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “**We have to give him adequate time for the land to dry as well.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to postpone the cleanup of the Blighted Property located at 1620 Gladys Street, Parcel No. 0106539650 until the City of Opelousas repair the water leak at that property. Once the water leak is repaired Mr. Tyler will be contacted with a time limit to clean up his property.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* **Ms. Lena Charles addressed the council**. She stated, “Good Evening Parish President, Councilmen and Councilwomen as well as our Chairwoman. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you. This is a positive understanding of what is going on with the monument. It has been four months and it seems to be a delay. I always like to come to the council because I have the confidence that the council did the right thing on last month. They had voted 9 to 3 to remove it. I have heard different rumors and different things about lawsuits and it is not going to moved and other things. To me, when I respond to that, it is the council that was elected by the citizens and they have already voted and they are going to do what they need to do. I don’t entertain rumors but I come to you to get what is really going on. I know from the first meeting The President had been working to try to remove it but I am just not sure what the delay is. That is why I am coming to the council because I know that Mr. Bellard had a proposal and I think everyone of you had a copy of it. I am not interested in having it going to a Citizen or having it stay in the parish but even if we had to remove it and store it so we can get this off of the place. I am not interested in being on the National News because this parish have so much going on and we are working together so we don’t want any delay to get us in the national light. I just wanted you all to know that I believe that you all did the right thing but what is the delay?”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I can answer the question. Number one, I am not moving it twice. I am moving it once. Number two, it was donated to the Sons and the Daughters of the Confederacy. As soon as they give me a location it will be moved. I have a contractor that will do it for free, I just have to get the Crane. I am not in no big hurry to move it right now until they give me a spot. Where they will put it in the parish is up to them. It is their monument now, it is not ours. It was donated to them. Like I told Mr. Cravins when he called me the very next morning and I will tell everybody else, we don’t have the luxury of having all this extra money to move things around. I am not going with the proposal that was submitted to me because it is not a licensed contractor in our parish that can do that period. So it will get moved but only once, I am not storing it, when it moves I have a guy from New Iberia that will come over here and tell us how to remove it and how to take it apart. The Crane will be there and everything will be done at one time. The last that I heard was three locations in the parish that they are looking at putting it on. Once they give me the locations, then we will move it, but I am not moving it twice.”
* **Ms. Lena Charles stated, “**I appreciate you giving me that information. That is why I wanted to come to the council. I taught the vote was to move it out of the parish.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The vote was to donate it to the Sons and the Daughters of the Confederacy, move it off the grounds of the courthouse. On the lawsuit side, the person who was wanting to file the lawsuit, I have asked him not to do it. If he files a lawsuit it will take us probably a year to go thru a lawsuit. The council voted to give it to the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy. Like I told him, let it be because if you file a lawsuit then I can’t move it at all, at least now, once the Sons and the Daughters find a location and we can move it and be done with this within a couple of months. So that is what I am waiting on. If he files a lawsuit, there is no telling how long we will have to fight that in court and it will take too much time.”
* **Ms. Lena Charles stated, “**That is what I was really concerned with. It would get to much attention with a lawsuit on the books. Do you have any kind of time line?”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I talked to them last week. The have three locations. They are trying to narrow it down to the right location. They want to move it into the country, not in the city and not into no municipality. They want to move it into the country, where at, they did not tell me. We are definitely working on it. We don’t have the money but the contractor who wants to help us move it will do it for free. I don’t want to ask him to move it twice. The proposal that I received, I am not entertaining that at all, I am not.”
* **Ms. Lena Charles stated, “**I am not interested in promoting one or the other, I just wanted to come to the council to get some answers because it was a strong vote and I knew that you all were in the process so now I know what to answer the folks that approach me.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It will be done as soon as they can give me a location. They are meeting with the National Organization to get some help on their end as well. I see it happening within the next two months the way that it is looking.”
* **Ms. Lena Charles stated, “**Two months is a long time but at least I have an answer.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It has been here 100 plus years.”
* **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**Mr. Bellard, that won’t cost nothing to the parish right.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It will cost us for the Crane to pick it up and put it on the Trailer. It has to be broken down into pieces.”
* **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**I taught Mr. Charles Cravins said they would have picked up money to move that monument. That is on the minutes.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “At the beginning he talked about not using parish money and that would be nice if we could. I don’t see nobody coming to the table to give us money to do that. The contractor is going to do it for free.”
* **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**If the parish has got to pay, excuse me I think we have better places to put our money than moving that monument off of the courthouse square. We have things that needs to be done in the parish and we don’t have no money to do it. How much are we going to spend to move that monument,

$15 - $20,000.00?”

* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I am waiting on the crane guy to tell me what it is going to cost per hour to move it, he charges by the hour. The biggest problem is, it comes in pieces. It is not one solid monument. It is several pieces to it. We have the plans and we have the guy from New Iberia who deals just with monuments.”
* **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**So in other words, we don’t know what it is going to cost the parish to move this.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**No.”
* **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**I think we need to find out exactly what it is going to cost the tax payers in this parish before we move this monument. I know the council voted to move it but I would like to know what it is going to cost the tax payers in this parish to move that monument.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**As soon as I can get a hard number I will let the council know. We are in the process. We have everybody lined up to do it. I am waiting on the sight.”
* **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**You will let us know how much it will cost the tax payers before it is moved?”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Yes, I will. I want to rest assured and let everybody know that we will not do this in the middle of the night. This will be done in the daylight. There is nothing to hide here. I don’t want no National Publicity about this. We have nothing to hide. We will make sure everybody knows when it is being done. I just want to get it done and be done with it.”
* **Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “**Can we put a time on them to move it and find a place? They have narrowed it down to three. It should not take two months to figure out which place they want out of the three. We don’t know how long the guy from New Iberia is going to render is services for free.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The guy from New Iberia is going to charge us to do that work. It is the contractor that is not going to charge us to move it.”
* **Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “**So we have to make sure while he wants to do it for free that we can get that service done.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I will follow up with that, it is happening. It is not as easy as people think to take this monument that has been there over 100 years in pieces. I want to do it the right way. What I am afraid of is if I get the wrong person doing it and they damage the monument, then who is responsible? So the right people will do this job and trust me, nobody wants to get it off of here more than me right now because the phone calls don’t stop. So I want to get it off. I want to get it going but I have to do it in a timely manner and with respect. There is two sides to this coin. I am trying to make it where whoever gets it and where they put it at, they do it peacefully and we don’t have any issues.”
* **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “**I know Mr. Stelly brought up the issue about finances. I just want to know if that will make a difference.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No.”
* **Mr. Gordy Reed addressed the council. He stated, “**Good evening my name is Gordy Reed. I am from Krotz Springs. I have been to the meetings since last August to address the precinct changes that we had. I saw last week that there were some discussions. I was anticipating coming tonight for the vote to be taking place. I am thinking that it will be next month is what I am hearing. I am looking at the map. I am from South of Krotz Springs. I am still going to Port Barre to vote according to the map. According to this I am in 16 if anybody want to look at the map. They divided South of Krotz Springs at Courtableau and they go to Krotz Springs. They put them back in the right spot. South of Courtableau is 39A and that is going back to Krotz Springs. They were going to Arnaudville, these were the people that were doing the 80 mile round trip. I am currently driving to Port Barre to vote and I am still driving to Port Barre according to the map.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “If I am not mistaken, I know that we made some changes on the last one after the maps were done, but if we did not put 16 in Krotz Springs, I would like to make that recommendation that we put 16…..”
* **Mr. Gordy Reed stated, “**But 16 is a big area. 16 is quite a large area.
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**They would have 4 precincts at Krotz Springs Community Center.”
* **Mr. Gordy Reed stated, “**I am disappointed to say the least. Mr. Harold, thank you for giving me the map. This should be for the public to see. After you all decided last week where they were going to be, this should be on a website somewhere that we can access it. I should have been at the meeting I guess. I should not have to be chasing this down. Mr. Gil, you are my representative. You should have caught this. I should not have to go to Port Barre to vote when I am 6 miles from the precinct. I am not just picking on Mr. Gil at this moment. I think all of you need to share this information with your voters because undoubtedly you all are not looking at it very close. I don’t want to get on a rant here but I expect my precinct to be changed back to Krotz Springs. I don’t want to have to go past the precinct to go and vote.”
* **Councilman Gil Savoy stated, “**So that is 39A.”
* **Mr. Gordy Reed stated, “**No, 39A is correct. 16, according to the map that I am seeing here, unless I am seeing it wrong, and if I do, I apologize, Krotz Springs South is going to 16 according to the information right here, 16 goes to Port Barre High School.
* **Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**We will get it corrected.”
* **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We have a few of them that we have to correct since the last meeting.”
* **Mr. Gordy Reed stated, “**I appreciated it. I think all of you need to look at this to make sure that your information is correct.”

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 20th, 2022** as transcribed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

1. **PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

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

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Adjudicated Property, we made a Public Sale week before last. We are getting the tally up now and we will have that for the Committee Meeting in June. Then we can ask the council for approval to sell those properties at the full council meeting, so you all can accept the bids. It worked out pretty good, we had a couple of them that had the same exact bid so we will have to rebid that or if one of them drop out, but we are working on that now. We had a good bid, I don’t know about the dollar amount, I guess around $40 - $50,000.00. I forgot what the exact amount was, we did not do the whole sheet yet. We will have that for you all at the Committee Meeting.”

* **Update on the Public Works Report**

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “We will start with the ditching for the ARA money again. Everybody’s district got ditching last year and we are going to do the same thing this year. We already did the RFP’s so it will be between $3.75 and $4.00 on the cost. That is happening within the next couple of months you will start seeing more ditching work done across the board. We are opening up bids next week for Raiders Road and Grant Road. I am waiting to see that bid come thru to see how we are going to proceed with other stuff in the parish. I know that everything else we have done has increased by 35 – 40%. I am not sure what the bids will come in on this. We are waiting to see and we will have those numbers after next Wednesday.”

* **Update on bid prices for the St. Landry Parish Courthouse Windows**.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It was anticipated to be around $500,000.00. A bid came in at $794,000.00, that was only one bid, nobody really wanted to bid on that. They called and they said they were not in the window business. E. L. Habets bided on it and he got it for $794,000.00. So we will start that process and it will be a one year process and it cannot be done any sooner from what they are telling me. They will start it and take a whole year to do it. That is starting up as soon as they can get started.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Will we get to look at the contract and approve it?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No, that is not required.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**We are going to spend $794,000.00 and the council will not have any input on it.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**No Sir.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “I disagree with that.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The contract was signed this afternoon, it was executed and it is ready to go. I am following the Charter as it sits.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Mr. President, this council has oversight over the dollars. When you enter into a contract, we must approve it.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No Sir.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Counsel, would you like to weigh in on this.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**Whether or not council approves contracts it depends on the situation of the dollar amount and things like that. Such as Conveyance of Immovable Property, Adjudicated Property, things like that the council approves that. Whether or not a contract for services for infrastructure it is weighted on by the courts. It just depends on what it is.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “**Did we appropriate the $794,000.00 to do the job?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The budget was approved for……

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**What was the amount of the budget that we approved?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It really does not matter what the amount was, the line item movement of money can be done by the Parish President and that is what I am doing. If you all take the time Mr. Harold to read the Charter and understand it…..Let me finish explaining it to you…..I am being fair about it. I am not bringing stuff to the council that will delay the process. That is why we went to a Home Rule Form of Government so we don’t have to delay the process. It says, a contact that maybe approved by the council, and those contracts will come to the council like whenever the state calls and says I need a resolution from the council for this contract.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned,** “Did we appropriate $794,000.00 to do the work on the Courthouse with the ARA money? Is that what you used?”

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

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Did we appropriate $794,000.00 to do the job? No we did not.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It does not matter.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “You are fooling with Federal Money Man.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “If you all have an issue with that, have the Attorney do the research. I am good with that.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “I would like the Attorney to research this and get an Attorney General’s Opinion on this. I would like to make that as a motion.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**First of all the Attorney General Opinion won’t be given unless the council passes a resolution asking for the opinion. Then the request is sent in and the Attorney General will render an opinion if that is what the council wants. As far as what the ARA Money can be spent on, the final opinion of the United States Treasury can be spent on Construction of Roads and Infrastructure. I taught there would be a question about that so it can be spent on infrastructure.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**I am not questioning that Sir, I am questioning whether or not we appropriated the dollars to do it to start with. That is the question.” What is the wishes of the council? I have a motion to ask for an Attorney General’s Opinion.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “**Could you repeat your motion please.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**The motion is that we ask the Attorney General to decide whether or not the Council has to approve a contract to do work on the Courthouse that we have not appropriated money to do.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Let’s make it broader. Let’s make it Contracts in General and not be specific.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**No, I want the appropriation part of it because that is our job to appropriate. Your job is to spend it after we appropriate it but if we don’t appropriate it then you can’t spend it.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**That is a good question. I say bring it up.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Mr. Bellard, we approved that contract that you asked us to approve? The contact on changing the windows, is that correct?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**No Sir.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “You never did ask us.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No Sir. We brought it up and you all ask me to get prices. I was just asking for you all opinion on whether we should do it thru the ARA or we could do it thru the Line of Credit. I chose to do it thru ARA and not borrow money to do it. We have the money available to do it. That is why I asked you all opinion. I did not ask you all to approve no contract or nothing. The way that this Charter reads, it says that the council may approve contracts. The way the budget reads, once the money is in the budget, I can move from one line item to the other and that is what I am doing right here.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**May I correct you, the ARA Money was done in a separate budget. It was budgeted under the ARA. It was not $794,000.00 to do the Courthouse.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned,** “How much was it?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**We put $500,000.00 in there to do the renovations of the Courthouse. We did other things in there.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Now we upped that to another $294,000.00 without an appropriation. That is where the question is.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I am good with that, ask your question.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to request an Attorney General’s Opinion to decide whether or not the Council has to approve a contract to do work on the Courthouse that we have not appropriated money to do.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin and Coby Clavier. NAYS: Alvin Stelly,

Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The next item that I have is for Roy Road. We need to do an easement for Arnaudville Water to pass the Waterline on Roy Road. They did not give me all of the specifics, they just brought it up tonight so I want to make sure that we can do that. I think Garett was going to look into that to see if we could give that easement.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**There is a drainage lateral that the parish can work on the side of the road, roadside if they want to run that waterline right there they can get the easement from the parish. Assuming that is where they want to run the waterline.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It is just a Resolution if the council could suffice, that is what I am understanding.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**It would be an actual easement. The council can pass a Resolution if they want. That would be a good thing but it would be an actual easement which would be drawn up.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated**, “I would like to make a motion that we give the town of Arnaudville an easement to pass a waterline on Roy Road. They are starting to separate all that land and everybody in their family is starting to want to build but there is no town water. That is what they would want.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday June 15th, 2022 to approve a Resolution to give the town of Arnaudville an easement to pass a waterline on Roy Road in Arnaudville.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Parish Presidents Report.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

* + - 1. Discuss allowing a 30 foot variance on the Buller Property.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I don’t think that it passed thru Committee. I think that it was stalled in the Committee Meeting. I am asking the council to look at it again for a couple of reasons. Our Legal Advisor provided us the Variance Ordinance which allows us to do this. It says where the developer can show that strict adherence to these regulations would cause unnecessary hardships. This particular case right here, there is a way to go around our Ordinance. They can do it that way and become a private Subdivision. I am not in favor of doing that type of stuff but if we don’t give this variance on that 30 foot right of way then they are going to do that family owned property back there and they will have a subdivision. What I am concerned about more than anything else is all of the trash is going to come to the end of the road, all of the public services that won’t be provided to the people in the back, they will have to get it at their road. We know what we are having trouble now with the trash being put at the end of the road. I am trying to avoid that and I am trying to avoid having another private subdivision like that in our area.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**I oppose the Variance on this particular deal. We have an Ordinance that says we need a 60 foot right of way. We give one Variance then the next will be a hardship. If we need to change something, let’s change the Ordinance to apply. For goodness sake, a variance, you are opening a can of worms. I would suggest two things. We talked about the trash at the end of the road, well maybe we ought to have some teeth in the ordinance. Maybe we ought to say that the subdivision such as that have to have a H. O. A. which is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the subdivision and the road that they put the trash out on. It gives me heartburn to think that we would do a variance on a public road that the ordinance clearly says that we need a 60 foot right of way.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I taught we had asked our attorney to research that and change that ordinance. Some of the wording that they have in it. I taught we had discussed that at the Committee. Look at it as far as changing that.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**The Variance Ordinance, I have provided a copy to the council. If the council wants to repeal or change that ordinance they can do so. In this particular case, council can do what it wants. I think the person is asking for 300 feet of the road to be 30 feet. Council can do whatever they want. I am just trying to explain how the ordinance works as best as I can. As far as the variance ordinance, if the council wants to appeal it, they can or they can change it however they want to. They have to decide which one of those they want. I provided a copy of the ordinance for the council. If they have any questions on the ordinance, they can ask me now.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**The people that were involved with the property were sitting in the front, they just left.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**No, that was not them.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**They were part of that party. That was Ms. Shirley Bulla.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**No, it is Shala Buller that is asking for that variance**.**

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I realized that but she called me the next day after the meeting in reference to that on why we would not give them permission to be able to do whatever they were doing. They did not bring anything up with an engineering firm. They were borrowing Mr. Jarrell the other night. I think we need to discuss it and bring it back to Committee and try to change this thing. We don’t want another Annointing Drive.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I know, if you all change the subdivision ordinance right now knowing full well what they want to do, I can promise you that we will lose every day and twice on Sundays. We know what they want to do. If you all change the ordinance now, it will show like what we did on I-49. What happened on I-49? The same thing. We knew what they wanted to do but the council changed it at that time and you all had to reverse it and it cost us some court money. All I am saying is there are two options.

We can do the 30 foot variance and everything will be a public road. We will have the public system and everything will be good or they can do it thru the loop hole that we have in place now and it will be a private subdivision and a private road and then we possibly could have an Annointing Drive. That is all I am saying. It is the council action and you all take action however you all want but it will happen one or two ways. I would rather see a public access and not a private. That is all I am saying.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “On the other hand Mr. Bellard, I am like Mr. Taylor, we don’t need an ugly sight as far as garbage cans on the road and liter all over the place because nobody is picking it up.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I agree. But if you all let it be a private subdivision, we might have another Annointing Drive. You all have an ordinance in place that allows for the variance. You all also have the subdivision ordinance that allows for the loop holes. All they are doing is playing within the game. They playing within the ordinance. They are not trying to break any laws here. They are not trying to do anything illegal or unethical. All they are trying to do is follow the ordinance that is in place, that is all they are trying to do.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I just think that we need to look at the situation. I begged Ms. Shala the other day to go back to that lady and try to buy you another 30 feet so she can have a 60 foot right-of-way and have a good road. I know some situations are going to come up but we don’t need to leave ourselves open for an unhealthy situation with the garbage at the road.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Again, if you all don’t grant the variance tonight, I can assure you what will happen tomorrow. They will be in my office getting the permit for those three 20 acre tracks that they will sell to their family members. The only route for the trash collection is going to be at the road. Right now, if you all do the 30 foot variance, the ordinance that you all put in place, I don’t know how long ago, since 2008, allows for the variance. I don’t want to see a private road, I don’t want to see the trash at the highway. If we don’t grant the variance, you all can rest assure the next move for them is going to be in my office getting the permits and there is no way that I can stop the because the ordinance allows for it, unless you all see something else that I don’t see.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**How long has those people been dealing with dividing that property? How long has this been going on? For a long, long time. They were also told that there was an ordinance in place that did not allow them to do that because it was not wide enough. So my understanding was, they were going to sell off some of those lots once this property was developed. It was not like it was stated in the meeting that only three or four family members were going to live back there, that is not the intent. The intent is to totally develop that property into various lots and they can purchase property on the other side or create that road to get into that piece of property. That is what they said the other night, that is what I understood.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The loop hole allows them to sell to their family and that is where it stops. They can’t go no further than that.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**They will. So all 20 acres are going to be divided. Each track is going to be divided and they will all sell to individuals and create a new subdivision back there.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The loop hole allowsonly for the family members. Once the family has it then they cannot sell to an outsider. They can sell to another family member. The original plan was to divide it up into 8 or 9 lots. Whenever they found out they may have trouble then they will just sell to their family members and just do 3 or 4 lots. That is it. That is all we can do. They can’t do more than that with the loop hole.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**So each family member can sell to its other family member.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes Sir. Again the council passed an ordinance in 2008 that allows this to take place. All I am saying is, I don’t like to have a subdivision that would be private. Like Mr. Ardoin said, we are going to have another Annointing Drive no matter what.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “No we won’t. Mr. Bellard, the issue with the trash at the end of the road, is that we are talking about? Don’t we have an ordinance that says you can’t trash a road? If it is all family, we can dig thru it and see who thru the trash out there.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It is not that. When you put your trash at the end of the road, it is just a big old clutter. Look at Annointing Drive.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Jessie, you are an innovative young man. I think you can rectify that situation by getting out there and telling them they have to clean their mess up. This is not the same thing as Annointing Drive where you have multiple families to find out who trashed it up is another question. I have a real problem with this variance folks. If we give one, we have to give others. So we are going backwards. We can fix the trash problem.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**So I will ask the council if you all are not going to give this variance and take this off the books so it does not allow it to take place.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**It does not qualify as a variance as far as I am concerned. You are changing the whole ordinance by going from 60 to 30 feet.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It says where the developer can show that a strict adherence to these regulations…….”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**I read the thing, you don’t have to read it, I understand it perfectly. But you are wrong on this one Jessie, let it go. I have a motion to deny the permit.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Deny the permit or deny the variance**.”**

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Deny the Variance.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “**My concern, again if we do it for one, we will have to start re-opening a door. The second thing, I know you said that it will not be a private road so therefore we will have to maintain this road for private residence. I cannot just go on that road, it is a public road but I am sure guns will be drawn because it is a private quote-unquote private because it is only the family that will be living back there, not anyone will be able to just go buy land or just go down the road to just look.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It will be a subdivision like every other subdivision in our parish that have to meet the standards. That is a decision that you all will have to make. I am telling you all what the end results will be.

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated** “We will have to maintain that road.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “It will be brought up to a parish standard.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, “**Correct me if I am wrong but we did say this item right here did not pass thru committee.”

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

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated,** “They have discuss. Item number one it says ‘Discuss allowing. I would say let’s bring this back to committee. I don’t know what Mr. and Mrs. Buller are going to do tomorrow morning but let’s bring this back to committee for next month and that way if we would look at the ordinance with the variance that we have in place. If we need to tweak it to correct some of those loop holes then that is what we will do. I would like to send this back to committee because the line item said just to discuss it. I would like to send this back to the committee meeting in June.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We done discuss this. I don’t have no more information to give you all at the committee meeting or now. Mr. Taylor has a motion and it was seconded. That is why everything is prolonged. Let’s take action.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Deny the Variance on the Buller Property. ***Note: A Yes vote would deny the Variance.***

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

***Motion Failed.***

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “**Before we vote on this, what was the Planning Committee decision on this?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**We did not get to the Planning Committee yet. This is the thing. We can’t move forward until they can have the variance or not have the variance. If they don’t get the variance, then there is no need to go nowhere with it because they will go thru the loop holes and get it done administratively thru my office.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “My understanding is that it comes from the Planning Committee and then it comes to us to approve it or not.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**But if they don’t get the variance, they are just going to go thru the loopholes and it still does not come to the council. That is what I am saying. I would rather not have no private…….”

**Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “**So if they get the variance, then they would have to bring it to us.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The variance will bring it into a Subdivision Ordinance and everything have to go to the Planning Committee and everything else then it will come back to the council for full approval.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**This was not done by Resolution. This is an Ordinance so therefore it has to start all over. It won’t happen for next week. You can’t just say we approve it. You have to go thru a hearing, you have to go thru the whole motion anyway.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**You all can approve the variance thru resolutions. It don’t have to be done thru ordinance. You all don’t always approve subdivisions thru ordinances.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr. to forward the further discussion of the Buller Property to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, June 1st, 2022.**

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Trey Stanford to the 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: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Vote to re-appoint Jason Fitzgerald 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 Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Jason Fitzgerald to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (06-16-2022 – 06-16-2026).

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District 5 for the remainder of a four year term expiring 07-20-2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public

Works Commission District 5 for the remainder of a 4 year term expiring on (07-20-2024).

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Authorize Code Enforcement to contact Landlords that own apartment complexes and inform them that they will be held responsible for the clean up after a tenant leaves the apartment.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I ask that this be placed on the agenda but it is not after a tenant leaves. They have some apartment complexes in the Linwood where the tenants are just littering stuff and where the landlord would be responsible. I think we just need to say leaves the apartment complex.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Instead of doing it by individuals, we are going to post it on Facebook and on our Website. We don’t know all the tenants and we don’t know all the people in our parish.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I just asking that they be notified.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**We are going to make it a public notice to give them a reminder so they can make sure that they adhere to the policy or the ordinance.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “**I just wanted to say, not just say Apartment Complex, Landlords also because of anything that they are renting.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I just think it should be re-worded Ms. Sherell. It says tenant leaves. That was not the intention of putting it on the agenda.”

**Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “**You mean for whom ever is at that resident that is leaving trash. They are responsible and not just the landlords.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I will refer it back to Committee. Mr. Lewis has contacted a couple of landlords. Let’s just hope that the word would get around.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to the next Committee Meeting held **on Wednesday, June 1st, 2022** the further discussion to Authorize Code Enforcement to contact Landlords that own apartment complexes about the clean up after a tenant leaves the apartment.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Authorize the Preliminary & Final Approval of Derek Alexanderenko Partition/Subdivision Lots 1-13 located off Austin Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to authorize the Preliminary & Final Approval of Derek Alexanderenko Partition/Subdivision Lots 1-13 located off Austin Road.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Authorize the final approval of the Teche Ridge Subdivision Extension.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the final approval of the Teche Ridge Subdivision Extension.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Authorize the Act of Lease between Parish Government and the Yambilee Association Louisiana Yambilee Inc. Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain to give opinion on the term of the lease.

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated**, “The case law on the statue set the limit at 99 years.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Act of Lease between Parish Government and the Yambilee Association Louisiana Yambilee Inc.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: Alvin Stelly. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: Harold Taylor.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four year

term ending 10-02-2025 to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for the remainder of a four year term ending 10-02-2025 to the Lawtell Gravity Drainage District No. 11.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Approve moving the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday July 20th, 2022 to Tuesday,

July 19th, 2022 due to Councilmembers attending the NACo Convention in Denver Colorado.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to approve moving the Full Council Meeting that will be held on Wednesday July 20th, 2022 to Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 due to Councilmembers attending the NACo Convention in Colorado.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

* + - 1. Approve Council Clerk, Sherell Jordan to attend the NACo Convention in Denver Colorado.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown

to approve allowing the Council Clerk Sherell Jordan to attend the NACo Convention in Denver Colorado.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards

and Coby Clavier. NAYS: Harold Taylor. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

1. **ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**None.**

1. **ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-006.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022–006 (Sponsored by Councilman Coby Clavier)**

**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;

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-007.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-007 (Sponsored by Councilman Jimmie Edwards)**

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 2022-008 Revised Group Home**

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated**, “This is the ordinance that we said it would be re-worded. I don’ know how we will handle this but do we do an Amendment? Because I am not supporting it written as it is.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated,** “In between the introduction of the Ordinance and the time for passing it a sponsor of the ordinance can alter it.”

**Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “**I sponsored that, we changed that a while ago.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**What is the amendment going to say?”

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “**They could not operate in a Residential Area or a Subdivision.

A motion was made by Council Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly Amend Ordinance **No. 2022-008** to add an additional line stating no Group Homes will be able to operate in a Residential Area or a Subdivision.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: Gil Savoy. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., and Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

**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 requirement 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. ***No Residential facility shall be located in residential areas or subdivisions for single family dwellings. This ordinance in no way prohibits community homes, as defined by LA R. S. 28:477 and 28:478, from being located in residential districts zoned for multiple-family dwellings.***

**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:

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| 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.

1. **RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to **Adopt Resolution 010-2022.**

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

**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;

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned,** “You will negotiate and we won’t know what you negotiate but we will approve it before you negotiate?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “From what I am understanding, it has already been done. It is just an ongoing contract that we do with WIC every year.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned**, “Can we get a copy of that before we approve this or do you need it approved tonight?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No, I taught you all had a copy. I taught that was given to you all. It is just to keep the WIC Program in our Parish. The money don’t change. I don’t think we can negotiate the terms. They make the terms which I agree to it or don’t. They are paying us to do the WIC Program.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “It is not really a Negotiation, it is an agreement to the Contract?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “It is an agreement to sign the contract to do WIC Reimbursement in our Parish. If it is anything different, I will bring it back to you all.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to **Adopt Resolution 011-2022**.

**On roll call vote:** YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

**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.

1. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday,

May 4th, 2022 as transcribed.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 as transcribed.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

1. **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards

to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**On roll call vote**: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry,

Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of May, 2022.

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

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**