

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 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 17th, day of August, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, I would like to offer a motion for us to introduce a Resolution to correct certain polling locations, assignments, polling location names or addresses and provide further with the respect thereto. Now that Mr. Hefner is in the ordinance, I will ask that it be put as item No. 1 so that we can hear from Mr. Hefner on the first item.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Amend the Agenda to allow Mr. Hefner, Demographer to be the first person to address the council regarding Resolution 020-2022.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Ardoin, we need to make one more adjustment for 21A.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “That is dealing with Precincts.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, he has a list of the specifics.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We can introduce it into the Resolution as we go with it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is one more Precinct, 21A. We need to make sure that we have the right polling location for 21-A. Instead of going to Fire District 3 Fire Station, it will be Opelousas Fire Station Substation #3, 116 South Union Street for 21-A. That is a correction on the paperwork that the address is wrong.”

- II. Councilman Easton Shelvin led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.

III. ROLL CALL:

Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio Vivian Olivier.

ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown

IV. CONDOLENCES:

Councilman Jerry Red Jr.: James Vernon Jenkins, James ‘FiGo’ Chatman Sr., George Allen Hill Sr., Ollie Gene Lavergne, Willie Mae Richard, Alonzo Davis Sr., Herman Vallien Sr., Davaska Savoy Sr.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Anasteen Jones, George Rufus Lemelle Sr., Gerald Barlow

Easton Shelvin: Freddie Smith.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Ollie Jean Lavergne, Authur “LeeLee” Sonnier, Demetira Yvette Bell, Catherine M. Denton, Willie Mae Richard, Devine Rosette, James Vernon Jenkins, Genevieve Simms, Rosa Lee Arnold, Rosa Mae Harris, Lillian Marie Offord Moten, Lisa Thomas, Genevieve Vasseur Bihm, Wanda Martin Butler, Merlene Breaux Guillory.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Charles Brian Fontenot, Antoine Raymond Hargroder, Ronnie Ortego, Johnny Ray Jr. Charles Daniels, Leslie Boyd Barker, Reverend Charles Nicholas ‘Nicky’ Trahan.

Councilman Coby Clavier: Gregory ‘Greg’ Paul Soileau.

V. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director, Solid Waste Disposal District addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening Madam Chairwoman, Members of the Parish Council, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Richard LeBouef, Executive Director of the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District. I am here tonight to speak to you about the appointments to our commission that you are about to make this evening. With all due respect to any applicants, the commissioners that are presently serving have done an excellent job representing the entities that appoint them by guiding the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Landfill to the level that it is now, not the Executive Director or the Engineering Staff but the commissioners that parish council and the Mayors of the municipalities within this parish appoint. They are the ones who have set the standard that we achieve and implement daily. They are the reason we are commended by LDQ and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. LDQ refers other landfills and municipalities to us to assist them in their quest for operational directions and in reaching and exceeding their compliance goals. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette now has an internship program that not only teaches landfill design in the classroom but also in a handsome approach as well. They are working on more efficient procedures of harvesting the Methane that we produce, all the while seeking grants to generate Hydrogen from the excess Methane produced here at the Landfill in St. Landry Parish. The commission is now in and transitional mode as we move forward into a new contract with a new service provider for our parish. We have weathered the storm for the last 15 years of substandard waste collection and the people of St. Landry Parish deserve much better than the status quo of the so far service that has now become the norm with Waste Connections. Our present commissioners saw the problem and allowed us to make the changes to better serve our parish. All of you here this evening have answered the call to public service. Some of you will face re-election next year in 2023. I trust you feel the same as I do, that until the job you have undertaken is complete, there is still much work to be done. You have all accepted a sense of duty that some people cannot fathom or truly understand but your drive and commitment for the betterment of our parish and the good of its people is what makes you a public servant. I implore you all that now is not the time for any changes in leadership for the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission to be made. Thank you so much for your consideration and all of your service.”

Ms. Linda Carriere addressed the council and thanked Parish President Jessie Bellard for cleaning the property on Pandora Street. She could not be heard over the microphone.

Councilman Easton Shelvin questioned Mr. Bellard about an update on the property next to the cleaned property that the constituent spoke about.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The city sent out their notices and stuff. They are asking us to help them with the removal of all the junk on the side. As soon as they do their due process, they will request us to go and help them again. That is how the next step falls.”

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 20th, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The first thing, Ms. Lena Charles asked me to invite you all to the 40th Anniversary for the Zydeco Festival. She will be coming here a little later but she wanted to let you all know that she will have your invitations in your box by the next meeting. She will bring them tonight but she is running late, so she wanted me to let you all know that. I have two more additions to the Blighted Property list: **121 Cook Road and 664 Don Guilbeau Road.** We need to add that to the due process on the Blighted Property that I think we have later on tonight. It should have been on the agenda but it is not. We just want to

add that to the agenda or I will put it as part of my President's Report to do the next step in the Blighted Property. That was some of the additions that was brought to our attention today. Richard will give you the information as far as the Parcel Numbers and the actual names of the people."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, "Can I get an update on the property on the corner of Bullard?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Richard started his process."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "What about the property on McNeese Street?"

Mr. Richard Lewis response could not be heard over the microphone.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "There are two pieces of property that Ms. Carriere is talking about and Richard will see about them in her district.

The update on the Buller property, I know there are some issues with it that was resolved, I think they purchased the whole front part of that property so they have to submit a subdivision plan because there is no more variance needed. It is just a matter of submitting the subdivision plan. I think they were waiting on the revision to the ordinance to make it a private subdivision and it is not in our ordinance yet. William and Carl are working on that part of the ordinance. I am asking that maybe we can just start the process and by the time she gets everything submitted and approved by that time we can make it a private subdivision if that is what the ordinance calls for at the time."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Bellard, Mr. Jarrell advised that he was going to get back with us around the 15th, of September. He was going on a trip and he stated that when he gets back he will put all his stuff together as far as what we are talking about on that ordinance. He told me that the day before yesterday in his office. I also advised Ms. Shala, who is here tonight, to bring it up and she was going to see about getting a plat and whatever it takes to bring her subdivision situation to us."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't think that there is anything more that the council can do at this time. Everything has been done."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It has to come to Committee First, is that correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct. That is all I have Madam Chair."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Do you have anything else on the Whiteville Project? How are you coming along with that project?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "On the Whiteville Project, those three Laterals are cleaned. We are waiting on Nick with DOTD to change one culvert on 182. They are doing a study on it to see if it needs to be changed. Nick is working on that on the state side."

Councilman Easton Shelvin questioned, "Can you give an update on the Internet Service for Crooked Road."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Crooked Road, it will be one of those cases where they have not even started the process. Charter Communications has been awarded part of the GUMBO Plan. They just sent me a letter today, they will start their process to do the GUMBO Plan. The NITA Grant that we applied for and got, they are still working on getting everything done. It is not going to happen this year, I don't see it happening this year but it will be a process. I know that Charters is already running their lines down 190. That is from a Grant that happened two years ago, it takes time."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "The GUMBO Funds, have they been approved?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The GUMBO Funds have been approved and the company Star Communications got some in the Northern part of our parish. Charters Communications was awarded also. I think we got a little over \$4,000,000.00 for our parish."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Is it safe to say that we will have more areas that will be receiving the internet sooner than later?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes Ma'am. Right now the first round of funding was from the NITA Grant that was awarded last year. This year we have the GUMBO Plan that started and there is some more funding on the GUMBO Plan but there is another round that is coming around. I think every time we will get more money but it takes time to do all this stuff."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "In some of those rural areas, this needs to happen sooner than later because of the kids in school."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The GUMBO Plan and the NITA Grant were specific on the rural areas and that is what they are going to focus on first.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I just want to know how we are standing with the grass cutting and the ditch cleaning? Are we cutting or we spraying?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are doing both. We have another round of spraying and they are cutting as well.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have a list that I will give to you later. What area are you all in now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can’t answer that question. They are all over the parish. We are digging every ditch that we can with the money that is available to us right now. We did apply for more money and we did get awarded some more money but that is some Capital Outlay money that will take probably a year before we can start working on that one. It does not happen the same year that you get the money. It is coming and everything is moving in the right direction.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Is there any way possible that you can get the map of St. Landry and simply take a mark-a-dot and show about what you think the GUMBO Plan is going to accomplish in the internet service? When we get the next grant or funding, draw the dots on the map so we can see how wide from north to south, south to north and east to west how much area we are covering within the parish from the revenue that is coming in.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are waiting on Charters and Star to give us their mapping of the district that they are covering. We have the NITA Grant. We have that mapping already. It is just a matter of overlaying the two to see what is left. Everything is being done in the areas that don’t have service first then they are closing themselves into the municipalities. I will have a map from Charters as soon as they finish their mapping.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Maybe we can put it on the internet so everyone could understand the timeframe in which they should possibly see service anyway it is 24 months from now at least it gives them an idea of what is going on.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “With that said again, I only brought it up like everyone is talking about, like on Crooked Road, we only have four houses on that road without internet. Everything else has it except those.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Tomorrow if you don’t mind, send me those addresses and I will send them to Charter. I have a contact with Charter. I will send them the addresses and they will look at it and see if it is serviceable. If it is serviceable, they will contact them directly.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the Parish President’s Report with the additions.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer addressed the council. He stated, “Good afternoon Madam Chairman, members of the council, it has been a long day. I have been at Bossier Parish and back. I appreciate your consideration for the time. You have before you a resolution that is going to do some corrections with regards to your polling locations, names and I think the addresses have been pretty much squared away. As I understood it, we do have an Amended Resolution. President Bellard mentioned that 21-A needed to have a correction on it so I have added that as the second to the last whereas. Where it reads: **Whereas** a polling location for 21-A was listed in error as Fire District No. 3 located at 4210 Prairie Rhonde Hwy., Opelousas. Then I dropped down to add the correction in the **Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** under ‘F’. I went ahead and put it as ‘F’, Precinct 44 is now going to be ‘G’. So ‘F’ reads Precinct 21-A: The polling locations is permanently changed from Fire Station No. 3, 4210 Prairie Rhonde Hwy, Opelousas to Opelousas Fire Substation No. 3, 109 S. Union Street, Opelousas, La. Other than that, I believe we have all of our corrections in here.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “We also have another one. That St. Ann’s Hall that is in Lewisburg. I am not sure if that use to be a polling place for District 11. Did you ever have that as a polling location?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Lewisburg Church is what you are talking about?”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “It is the hall. St. John is the Church. Next to it is St. Ann’s Hall. I went drive over there Saturday to make sure that was a location. I just want to know if it was a polling location.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “It is supposed to be.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “I have it listed from my list from a couple of years ago as a polling location. It is the one that is located at 473 Bourque Road?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That is correct.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “The problem I have with that is we are in Lawtell.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think the issue that we look at is that there is too many in Lawtell to put another precinct there. It was over 2000 in Lawtell.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “These people will have to travel all the way to Lewisburg.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yeah, but that is the lower part of your district.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Some of them are from School Road and they will be traveling. If that is that same precinct, that is the precinct that is in Lawtell that is carrying over all the way to Lewisburg. This is a good ways for these people to travel.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “From the old district Mr. Red, those people use to vote in Lewisburg.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “From Lawtell?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “From Duplechain Road in that area going that way.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So that was the polling location? If it was already the polling location for these people, we will leave it as is, but if it was not, I would prefer it being closer to them in Lawtell.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “You will have to look on the map and see. I have the precincts listed from October of 2011.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “The reason I am asking is because this came to my district from reapportionment.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I do have a problem as well from another district. Sherell, I don’t know where is my paperwork. That gave me the precincts in which they were and where they are at. All I have is the list of them. They have no address on here so I don’t know what they were. I do know that we had three of them at Christ the King Church. One of the precincts was moved to Opelousas and the Opelousas Precinct to Christ the King. Those people are going to be going from one end to another and that won’t work either. We need to see where the lines are. I know where the districts were. The line moved but the people did not.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Hefner, I would like for you to explain, Mr. Savoy is not understanding, he wants to know, why some people have an error and not all. You and I have spoken and I wanted to clarify some things while we are in an open meeting about how did this happen and what did you tell me if you could share it so that he could understand.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “After each redistricting when you change your district boundaries and you have some changes with precincts, that is part of the natural process. Voters need to be assigned to their new precinct number and their new districts, not only on your level and the schoolboard level but also municipal level and all of your state levels as well. That is done. You don’t do voter assignment. That is done between the Secretary of the State and the Local Registrar of Voters. They work together collaboratively to assign the voters to the proper precincts which then tells them what polling location to go to. Also on that card is all of the jurisdictions that they vote for. School Board, if they are in the city like Opelousas, what district they are in, what district on school board parish council and all your state ones. They have been some errors in those assignments, not just in this parish. I have been hearing about it in other parishes, mostly in some of the more Rural Parishes such as yours. Where they have voters that are not assigned to the proper precinct. I even had one of them pop up that was an incumbent at the school board level that was actually put in the wrong school board district on his voter card. Those things have been happening. What concerns me is that, in that particular

case, there was no change to a precinct boundary, there was no change to the precinct number and there was no change to the districts, yet for some reason or another he got assigned over into a whole different precinct and district.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You did explain to me and I want to clarify this because you did explain to me that this was not a local level mistake. You mentioned the Municode and that the state had used it because they don’t know all the local roads and district. This error came from not locally but the state.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “I am not sure of how they are handling it inside of the Secretary of the State Office, but it appears to me that they may have taken the voter data base for every parish across the state and do what we call Geocoding, which is basically locating on an electronic map where each voter lives and where that dot lands they assign the precinct and all the different district data to that dot and they send the cards out. If that dot is in the wrong place, they are going to have some errors on it. You are not Geocoding at the local level, I am thinking the IT Department at the Secretary of the State may be the one that is Geocoding. I think a lot of times you have errors and incomplete address ranges on your roads and streets, particularly in your rural parishes because they don’t have the resources to employ a full time GIS person that keeps that updated like Lafayette would or Shreveport or some of Baton Rouge. It is not unusual to get errors on your Geocoding. I do a lot of the student Geocoding in this parish so I know where a lot of the gaps are. I have been doing it for several years so I know where to go look and double check. But if they are doing that at the state level for the first time on this scale, they don’t know whether they have a mistake or not. I think what they are doing they are putting all that together and they are sending it down to the local Registrar of Voters and saying here is your voters data base, you check it. They don’t have the resources to check it, most of them are not trained on GIS. They can’t pull it up on the map like I can. Some of those errors are coming out on the cards and the voters are getting it like in your case, District 2. They are saying, why am I going to a polling place in Port Barre? I said none of your polling locations are in Port Barre. We went thru each one of them, it was simply a miss assignment. Unfortunately you can’t correct that but the Registrar can correct that working with the Secretary of the State’s Office. Those are the two entities that need to make those corrections. If a voter gets something that they are not sure of or they think something is wrong, go talk to the Registrar of Voters and have them double check the address. If it is an error, they will fix it. They will get the information from the Secretary of the State and get it fixed. If it is not an error, like some of these that we found with precinct 35, it should not be that polling location, it needs to be at the Community Center. That is what we are trying to correct here. There are some errors out there and they are probably going to continue to pop up as people will say, what is all of this about my voter card? Let me take a look at mine. That is where it need to be fixed.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “What is the deadline as far as us correcting these Geographical Data Errors for the voters?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “I think they can do it actually until the day of voting.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I had a little problem in District 9 as far as closing down Park Vista. Everybody went to O. H. S. Now some of the O. H. S. people have been sent to Park Vista because they live a block from O. H. S. We still have a few that we have to work on.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “We had a lot of changes like a lot of other parishes did because of the 2020 Census. We just have to work on it, it is nothing to panic, and there is a way of fixing it.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Can she can print out a card here to give to that voter?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “I am really not sure about that. I don’t know if they can issue that card here locally or if it is issued by the stated. That I am not sure about.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune question, “Is there any way that you can you tell me what precincts were at Christ the King Church in 2011?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “That is going back about 2 or 3 data bases from me so it is a little awkward to get.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That would be the only way that I would know that these people were relocated. From what I understand they were moved to Opelousas. I would have to go on the old precincts to make sure that everybody that was there is still in their old place. I have a question for you Mr. Bellard, I have several of my constituents that called the courthouse, I don’t know who they spoke to, but they are saying that it is the council’s fault that these people are moved all over the place. I would appreciate it you would fix that.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can assure you that it is not going to be anybody from the Parish Government Office blaming it on the council. I can assure you that. They might call the court house but they are not talking to our people. I promise you our people are not going to be passing the blame on nobody. If anything we are asking what the problem is and we are trying to see how we can help them to get it fixed.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “The best way to do it is actually have the Registrar pull up a record and see who it is and have them double check it. That is usually how you catch it. I understand that the Secretary of State is going thru all of the records here for St. Landry so some of these things may get corrected on their end without any intervention from the voter or the Registrar. That is what I am hearing thru the grapevine. I don’t get involved in that part of it, I do the geography of it and send it to them. I may have to get back to you a little bit on that. I do see after the 2011 redistricting, precinct 123 was at St. Ann Parish Hall. That included also part of it now, 32A. 32 and 32A was part of the old 123. 32A was created from the redistricting plan. That is why it got split up.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Tomorrow I will have Ms. Sherell send you a copy of this District 11 of 2011. We will look at the precincts that we have and where these people were and compare them to what we have today. I know their names and all of that be we have to make sure that these people go back to where they were.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “As close as possible. Some of these precincts back then now are maybe in a couple or two-three different new precincts now because of your election plan. She did call and we did go thru a lot of those on the list. Because I am having to work thru multiple data bases because we have had several precinct mergers and consolidations since that time, I am having to take a look at that. It take me a couple of minutes for each one of those records to figure it out and make sure that I am giving her the right information.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Can we put this on the next meeting before the election and make changes if we have to?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “For this here, you want to get this done as soon as possible. If they are going to be issuing new cards, you want these precinct corrections on there. You don’t want this to linger out there any longer than you have to. If there is something else that needs to get fixed then we will deal with that. I would not suggest holding this up.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Unless I have that information, we can’t make a move on that tonight because that is the issue. It looks like a precinct that Mr. Wayne belongs to came from Opelousas and went to Christ the King Church and one from Christ the King Church went to Opelousas.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “I think that is a voter assignment error. That is not an error on the polling locations assignment that was in the resolution. That I believe is a voter assignment error. There is nothing you can do about that.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “We addressed in the last meeting and I just want to make sure that these people are not driving from Lewisburg all the way to Opelousas to vote and they live across the street.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “No, they should not be. I am looking at the map right here. Like Precinct 32, St. Ann Parish Hall is physically located in that precinct. There is no reason for them to go anywhere else. 32A was split off from 32. They originally were also going to St. Ann’s Parish Hall. That is why they were still going to St. Ann’s Hall. Mr. Red is saying, now that you have them as a separate precinct wouldn’t it be more convenient to send them to Lawtell? I think that is what he is asking. They use to go to St. Ann. That is where they have been going. They have been going there for a long time because that was part of precinct 123. That is how it is now. I think that Mr. Red is asking that 32A which is in his district, that part of precinct of 32, which is in his district, that is why it is 32A go to Lawtell. Now we would have to add that to the resolution to change it. 32A is made up mostly of the old

123 and a little bit of 5A. Ninety percent of it is the old 123 and they were all going to St. Ann Parish Hall.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Hefner was saying that those voters were going to St. Ann Hall at the time they were doing my district, now that they are in your district they are still going to St. Ann Hall so they are not moving anywhere.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We can move them. We can move them to Lawtell.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “You can but they are already there. But that is up to you.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “They are there because they were in District 11 and they are no longer in District 11. My take on this is, if they are going to be at 32A at St. Ann’s Hall in Lewisburg, I don’t have a problem with that. But I have a problem when they find out that they are not in the same district, then they feel that they should be voting closer to where they live.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “Because it is split off from 32, which was the old 123, you can keep them where they have been going which looks like it was St. Ann’s Church or you can have them go to Lawtell Elementary. You have that choice.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, “How many people?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “I am showing 32A has, now I can’t give you the registered voters because I don’t have that information. All I can tell you is that the total population is 485 with a voting age population from the census at 310. I don’t know how many of those are registered and how many are not but that will give you a rough number of what is in precinct 32A.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I tell you what, let’s leave it at the St. Ann’s Hall but the other one in Opelousas, is it at the Fire Station.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “Yeah, that one we corrected, it is 21A. I think the wrong Fire Station No. 3 was picked up.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I think where that could be a problem, they say Fire District 3. Fire District 3 is in different locations. Sunset, Shuteson, Frilot Cove and Washington. If we could change that one to that Fire District in Opelousas on Union, I am fine with that.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “That is what we are calling now the Amended Resolution. I have added on my copy and I know Sherell will have it on her copy.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “While we are on that subject, I also had Richard, he is in my district, they had him going to Prairie Rhonde. I don’t have a polling precinct in Prairie Rhonde but that was corrected.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “You think that was part of that 21A?”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “If his was there and his mother’s was there, I am pretty sure everyone else around there was possibly.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “A lot depends on how they did the assignment if you do a Geocoding. I have seen it where it properly Geocoded the address of a sibling, when it Geocoded the other sibling address it was something like way over here. It is the exact same address. It was two siblings, one was correct and one was not. That is only assuming, I don’t work for the Secretary of the State or have contact with the IT but is kind of looks like that could be it to me because of the Geocoding. I know they have been wanting to do that for a while. Actually that is a really good thing to do. There are some issues you have to work thru when you Geocoding. It is not perfect.”

Councilman Jerry Red. Jr., stated, “I am glad I knew my polling precincts. That was a big help. I would just advise everyone to check and make sure that your people are going to the right place.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune question the constituent’s cards and polling locations. His question could not be clearly heard over the microphone.

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “The polling locations will change, I cannot speak on how they might have Geocoded or coded what district they are in. It sounds to me that it is a coding error on the district. It they are out of your district and they are actually in District 12 but they show them in District 11 that is something they would need to check. That actually would be what precinct they are in. That part of precinct 44 that is in District 11 is 44A. That

remainder is 44B which is in District 12. This resolution removing that polling location to the Fire District 6 Substation instead of Highland which it really should be here.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “But the card indicates that they are still voting for District 11.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “It should not be. But I don’t know, I don’t have the actual address. That is what the Registrar does on the local level.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “She is here and she is trying to address it.”

Lauren Jones, Deputy Registrar of Voter addressed the council. *“Ms. Jones was not by the microphone. Some of her response was not clearly heard over the microphone.”*

She stated, “You all did not change, you all go into effect in January.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “But you have the school board race that did.”

Lauren Jones, Deputy Registrar stated, “Right and theirs is correct. The School Board and the Council usually run on the same line. The council District 11 is not into effect yet, you all will go into effect in January.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I think the people are confused because they know that they vote in District 11 and they moved them to Highland. So that is why the confusion is there and they are calling the courthouse and they are telling them that we moved them and we did not. Either someone in your office is telling those people that.”

Lauren Jones, Deputy Registrar stated, “That is correct, we made the changes but we did not agree to make those changes. Those are not changes that we said okay we are going to do this and sign off on it. That is why your constituents are calling you. I can’t answer their questions as to why it was done or why the lines were drawn the way they were.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “They don’t know why they moved to a different precinct.”

Lauren Jones, Deputy Registrar stated, “We did explain to them that it is reapportionment. Once we explain to them, a lot will ask, well who came up with that, who idea was it. And it truly was not ours.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “I represent everything on the East side of HWY 182. Christ the King is on the West side of HWY 182 and it is located in Lewisburg. That is Precinct 33A. I have it as one of my precincts.

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “If they have not updated your parish council on your card that is why.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So it will be updated in January?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “When they flip it over next year.”

Lauren Jones, Deputy Registrar Comment to Councilman Wayne Ardoin could not be heard over the microphone.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is 148 people and I have a feeling it is right there going into Sunset on 182 which is Manual Road and part of that other road.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “That explains a lot. If the Secretary of the State have not rolled over the voter to your parish council district because your elections are not until next year that answers a lot of questions. It may be why we are getting parish council questions more than school board questions. I am not getting any school board questions.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Like you explained to me the other day. There is a lot of Geographical Data Error. She just came on, she been working there but yet her people don’t know the geographical areas in the parish, what roads belongs where and what should be.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “That is where your local knowledge comes in. As they work more of that. In Baton Rouge, if they are doing the assignments in Baton Rouge they for sure don’t know all the ins and outs.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Definitely. Well I called there yesterday and I will be very honest with you, the lady I spoke to was not too helpful but never the less, I got some help this morning.”

Councilman Gil Savoy stated, “I have a lady call me this morning. She has been voting in Municipal Elections. She got her card and she has to vote in Washington and she lives about a mile and a half from the voting polls in Port Barre, could that be a mistake?”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “That sounds like that could be a mistake. If she votes in Port Barre and she lives in the town of Port Barre there is no reason why she should be going to Washington. That is a Municipal Precinct. The town of Port Barre is its own precinct.

It is not split with any other district or anything, it has it owns district. So if they live in Port Barre they need to be voting in Port Barre.”

Councilman Gil Savoy stated, “Another situation, a gentlemen called me this morning, he lives a block from the polling place. He is in a wheelchair. He has to go to Port Barre. He lives on HWY 31.

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “That sounds a little odd. Those kind of things are probably best to take on an individual bases. Those questions are probably best to take on an individual bases and work with Lauren on that. If Lauren has questions, she is more than welcome to give me a call to get it resolved.

Ms. Lauren Jones made a response but she was not near the microphone.

Councilman Gil Savoy stated, “In my opinion it has to be a mistake. She lives in the neighborhood and she is the only one that was picked to go to Washington, it does not make any sense. I don’t understand, if you vote in Municipal Elections and then you have to go vote in Washington, I don’t understand that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “On Hwy 31 Mr. Gil, I was explaining to him only on the left side that is his district of 31. I know where he lives but he probably will have to go to Port Barre and he is right on the corner by the fire station. It is not his first time, they started that before.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “If we do run into some issues with the upcoming elections cycle, we should be able to take a look at making some of those correction, changes, modifications in the spring. They will go into effect for your election cycle in 2023. Hopefully it will go smooth. What you said about the assignment of the Parish Council that answers a lot of questions for me. The cards were not rolled over to your new districts yet. Normally we do redistricting, we do you all together but most of the time School Board get done this year and Parish Council get done next year and Parish Governing Authority. That is probably how they have it set up, I don’t know. That is the Secretary of the State. I have enough to deal with here.”

Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier questioned, “Mr. Hefner, will they be issuing new cards? That is one of the questions that I have been getting.”

Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer stated, “They should be, yes once they get this and work it in their system. They should be getting new cards so they will have that when they go and vote. The only thing it won’t show your new council district but it will show the new school board district. Eventually it will be the same.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the amended **Resolution No. 020-2022.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Vote to re-appoint Leroy Randall Jr. for a one year term (09-19-2022 – 09-19-2023) and Robert Allen Carter for a two year term (09-19-2022 - 09-19-2024) to Fire District No. 7.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to re-appoint Leroy Randall Jr; for a one year term (09-19-2022 – 09-19-2023) and Robert Allen Carter for a two year term (09-19-2022 – 09-19-2024) to Fire District No. 7.

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

Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.
 Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.
 WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

- Further discuss the eroding at Olen Quebedeaux’s property located at 1397 Charles Fisher Road on the Southeast Corner Parallel to a Drainage Canal.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Madam Chair, if I am in am in order, I talked to Mr. Brown and he would like to forward this back to the next committee meeting next month.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will take care of it. That is my job, I will do it.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Okay, disregard that.”

- Vote to appoint two applicants to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for a four year term. (09-02-2022 – 09-02-2026). Applicants are: Mr. Edward Brisco, Mr. Jack Ortego and Mr. Herman Rue.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “On this item, Mr. Brisco has no opposition in the area that he represents. The only two that we have to vote for is Mr. Ortego and Mr. Herman Rue. Mr. Brisco is affirmed as a commissioner because he had no opposition.”

Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “As Chairwoman, I want to vote.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, Mr. Brisco and Mr. Ortego.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We will vote for only one because Mr. Brisco is unopposed.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You still have to vote for him. You still have to appoint him.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I guess there would be two votes. One vote for the unopposed Mr. Brisco and the second vote would be to choose between Mr. Ortego and Mr. Rue. There are two openings so I guess there would be two votes. So vote twice, I mean take two votes. One to install the unopposed Mr. Brisco and the second vote is to choose between Mr. Ortego and Mr. Rue.”

The votes were as follows:

| Councilmember | Applicant |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <i>Councilman Jerry Red Jr.</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Easton Shelvin</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i> | ABSENT |
| <i>Councilman Gil Savoy</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i> | ABSENT |
| <i>Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Wayne Ardoin</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i> | ABSENT |
| <i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |
| <i>Councilman Coby Clavier</i> | Edward Brisco – Jack Ortego |

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Mr. Edward Brisco and Mr. Jack Ortego 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: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

4. Vote to re-appoint Nelene Guidroz, David Edwards and Edward Barron to the East St. Landry Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (09-04-2022 – 09-04-2026). A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to re-appoint Nelene Guidroz, David Edwards and Edward Barron to the 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: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.
Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.
5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for the Full Time Position as Registrar of Voters for the St. Landry Parish Government.
A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for the Full Time Position as Registrar of Voters for the St. Landry Parish Government.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.
Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.
6. Further discuss the procedure of the way we accept subdivisions. Are we notifying the State after the subdivision has been accepted in the parish?
Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I think Mr. Bellard advised that his staff will be advising when we accept a subdivision. He will be advising them to notify the state, the people that represent the state and the health department.”
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is a process. It has to go upstairs first. It is not an automatic deal but it has to go upstairs and be recorded and at that time it will be sent once our process is done.”
Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You are taking care of that Mr. Bellard so we can take this off the agenda. It has been on the last three agendas, this is the third one.”
Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir.”
7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four year term expiring (08-12-2023).

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remainder of a four year term expiring (08-12-2023).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Nays: None. ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission. (No set Terms).

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, second by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Greater Krotz Springs Port Commission. (No set Terms).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Nays: None. ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

9. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Contract with Delta Specialty Contractors, LLC for the Perimeter Fencing Phase II at the St. Landry Parish Airport.
A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier seconded by Councilman Jimmy Edwards to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Contract with Delta Specialty Contractors, LLC for the Perimeter Fencing Phase II at the St. Landry Parish Airport.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.
Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

10. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease and Operating Agreement between Fedare “Mark” Hubbard and the St. Landry Parish Airport to Lease Lots 22 and 23 for Hanger Construction. (Note: Construction will take effect September 1, 2022).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease and Operating Agreement between Fedare “Mark” Hubbard and the St. Landry Parish Airport to Lease Lots 22 and 23 for Hanger Construction. (Note: Construction will take effect September 1, 2022).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.
Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

Ordinance No. 2022-013 (Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE SIGNS ON ADJUDICATED PROPERTY WHICH STATE THAT THE PROPERTY IS FOR SALE WHEN THE PROPERTY IS ADVERTISED FOR SALE

WHEREAS, a parish government may sell property which was adjudicated to the parish government from a tax sale for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes, as per LA R.S. 47:2201, et seq.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the public have sufficient notice that the adjudicated property is being advertised for sale by the parish government.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that when the St. Landry Parish government advertises for sale property that has been adjudicated to the parish by tax sale, a sign stating that the adjudicated property is for sale shall be placed on said adjudicated property.

This Ordinance having been introduced on the 17th day of August, 2022, notice of Public Hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read, and the Ordinance considered, a record vote was taken and the following results were had:

X. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-012
(Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adopt **Ordinance No. 2022-012**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

An Ordinance to Establish the Procedure and Appointment of Officer(s) for St. Landry Parish’s Civil Enforcement of its Code and Ordinances.

- **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-05 provides that “the Parish Government of St. Landry Parish shall continue to have all the powers, privileges, immunities and authorities previously possessed under state law.”
- **WHEREAS**, La. R.S. § 33:1242 provides parishes the authority to “enforce ordinances which they are authorized to pass... and may prosecute... by fine or forfeiture to be collected by civil process before any court of competent jurisdiction.”
- **WHEREAS**, La. R.S. § 33:1236(10) provides parishes the authority to “appoint all officers necessary to carry into execution the parish regulations, and to remove them from office.”
- **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-05 provides, “The parish government shall have and exercise any other powers, rights, privileges, immunities, authorities, and functions, not inconsistent with the Charter, that may be conferred on or granted to a local governmental subdivision by the constitution and general laws of the state, and this includes the right and authority to exercise any power and perform any function necessary, requisite, or proper for the management of parish government affairs which is not denied by this Charter, general state law or the constitution.”
- **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-06 provides, “The parish government shall have the power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the parish, and this includes the power to pass ordinances on all subject matters not inconsistent with the constitution or denied by state law.”
- **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 1-14(d) provides, “Violations of this Code may be abated by injunctive or other equitable relief. The imposition of a penalty does not prevent injunctive relief.”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following Ordinance establishing the procedure and the appointment of officers for St. Landry Parish’s civil enforcement of its Code and ordinances.

1. Civil enforcement authority—Determination of need to function.

The parish council hereby determines, finds, and declares upon its own initiative that violations of the Parish Code and ordinances exist in the Parish, and to promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the citizens of St. Landry Parish, there is a need for the civil enforcement authority to function.

2. Parish Authority to Civilly Enforce Parish Code and Ordinances.

The Parish shall have supplemental authority, through civil action, to enjoin and issue fines for violations of the Parish Code and ordinances. This supplemental authority shall be enforced by the Executive Branch of the St. Landry Parish Government and its designees, and is in addition to other civil and criminal enforcement authority provided in the Parish Code and ordinances. No other public or private entities or agencies shall exercise the authority granted herein. The fines may be assessed and issued civilly by the Parish regardless of whether the fine is enumerated in the Code and ordinances as a civil or criminal fine. The Parish shall follow all applicable notice and procedural requirements found in the Parish Code and ordinances.

3. Other Civil and Criminal Enforcement Authority Unaffected.

The authority delegated herein shall be supplementary to all other civil and criminal enforcement authority detailed in the Parish Code and ordinances, all of which shall remain unaffected by this ordinance. The civil enforcement authority shall defer to any appropriate criminal enforcement authority, and shall only act when the appropriate criminal enforcement authority determines it will not to act, does not act within a reasonable time, or acts but does not abate the violation.

4. Civil Enforcement Officer.

There shall be a parish civil enforcement official who shall be the enforcement officer responsible for supplementary civil enforcement of the Parish Code and ordinances on behalf of the Parish. The Parish President shall appoint and remove the civil enforcement official, and shall set the salary for the position.

5. Enforcement of the Parish Code and ordinances.

The parish civil enforcement official may, through the parish attorney, seek to enjoin further violations of the Parish Code and ordinances. The parish civil enforcement official may also issue a Notice of Violation to the individual or entity in violation of a provision of the Parish Code or ordinance. If the fine assessed in the Notice of Violation is not paid by the violating individual or entity in forty-five (45) days, the Parish Attorney or District Attorney, if there is no Parish Attorney, may formalize the Notice of Violation into a civil petition, file a civil action lawsuit, and seek to judicially collect the fine.

6. Judicial review.

Any person aggrieved by any action of the civil enforcement authority may appeal to a court of law as provided by the laws of the state.

Ordinance having been introduced on the 19th, day of July, 2022, notice of Public Hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, a record vote was taken and the following results were had:

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt **Resolution 019-2022.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 10, 2022, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, December 10, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent

and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE)**

Shall Bayou Mallet and Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of ten (10) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$231,600 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 constructing, maintaining, operating and improving the gravity drainage works in said District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022 as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

Nays: None. ABSENT: Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of August, 2022.

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