

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- **Mike Francis – Public Service Commissioner**
- **Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett – Candidate for 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal Judge**

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting: September 21st, 2022

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Authorize Resolution 024-2022 Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a Formula Grant for Rural Areas.
- Authorize Resolution 025-2022 Declaring October 28 as Steve Duhon Day
- Authorize Resolution 026-2022 Authorizing Submission of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Application.
- Finance Director Caryn Fulop to present the October Financial Report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a two- year Engagement Letter with Darnall, Sikes, & Frederick to do Audits for St. Landry Parish Government.
2. Vote to re-appoint Sondra Cormier, Sandy Coleman, and Joseph Pickett Jr. for a two-year term expiring 11-18-2024 and re-appoint Brenda Ducote and Lastie Cormier for a one- year term to Fire District No. 7 expiring 11-18-2023.
3. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Talitha Koum dba TK Mission of the Woman’s Shelter that will house women that are released from jail, prison, rehabs, hospitals, behavioral clinics and homeless and authorize Parish Government to maintain the grass and perform all grass cutting on the property.
4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for four appointments to the St. Landry Parish Economic Development (SLED) for a three year term. (12-31-2019- 12-31-2022).
5. Authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the Preliminary Approval for the Ruth Olivier Et Al Repartition of 61.031 Acre Tract off of Hickory Road, Arnaudville, LA. 70512, Lots 1-7.
6. Authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the Preliminary Approval for the Gardner Farm Estates-Phase III, Lots 26-42 off of Chris Road, Sunset, LA 70584.
7. Authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the final approval for the Le Village de Colour Lots 1-41 off of Bearb Road near Sunset, LA. 70584.

8. Authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the final approval for the Aristide Estates Subdivision Lots 1-12 off of LA HWY 93 South of Cankton, LA 70584.
9. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to assist the City of Opelousas with acquiring a Grant to repair their Water System.
10. Authorize changing the name of a road from Coker Road to A.V. Coker Road.
11. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four- year term. (12-16-2022 - 12-16-2026).
12. Update on all cleanup of Blighted Properties on McNeese Street.
13. Authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to check the Right-of-Way for Laterals on the Fleur Des Coteau Subdivision.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-015 (Sponsored by Councilman Dexter Q. Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE IX, THREE-WAY INTERSECTIONS, SECTION 36-200 so that the intersection of Acadiana Road and Airline Road will be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as three-way intersections.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-014 (Sponsored by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE SECTION 36-180 AND REMOVE THE BARRICADE AT RAINBOW DRIVE AND PEBBLE ROAD BECAUSE THERE SHALL NO LONGER BE A DEAD END AT RAINBOW DRIVE AND PEBBLE ROAD
 WHEREAS, there is no longer a need to have a dead end at Rainbow Drive and Pebble Road.
 WHEREAS, this Ordinance repeals Ordinance Section 36-180.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that St. Landry Parish Ordinance Section 36-180 is hereby repealed and the barricade at Rainbow Drive and Pebble Road shall be removed because there shall no longer be a dead end at Rainbow Drive and Pebble Road.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2022

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,
 WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,
 WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Landry Parish Airport; and,

the sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,
WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the St. Landry Parish Government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor" does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport specifically as described in the Six (6) year Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance which is dated October 19, 2022 and which commences in the year 2023.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the DOTD Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 2022
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Jerry Red Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
3. Roll Call: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, Wayne Ardoin and Timmy Lejeune.
ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin and Ex-Officio Vivian Olivier.
4. Person to address the Committee:
 - Shalon Latour-Candidate for Public Service Commissioner addressed the council. He stated, “Thank you all for having me come out today. I am running for Public Service Commissioner. I will try to be as brief as possible but I can give you all a long story but I don’t think you all will want that one. I am from Calcasieu Parish where I serve as a Calcasieu Parish Police Jury. I know what it is like for you all, the challenges and everything is very personal on the Police Jury. If you have a problem, people come and visit you at your home. I respect what you all do, I was there and I was always there for my constituents. I encourage every one of you all to talk to anyone from Calcasieu that you may know and ask them how I represented my district. I did everything that I could for the people that I represented. That is exactly what I would like to do if I am elected this position. It is a huge district, it is 17 parishes and we are making good stride, I am hitting the road every single day. If you get time please check out my website, www.shalonlatour.com. There are a lot of things that I would like to do and everything is on my website. If you have any questions call me anytime. I would love to sit down with each and every one of you. I hope to earn your support. I think you all for having me.”
5. Parish President & Finance Report:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In your packet you have an engagement letter from Darnall Sikes & Frederick for a two year term. We will need action on that to move to the full council to do our audits.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, I am going to ask that you stipulate to them that we do just like we did this year, they have a meeting with us before he comes and give his report like he did last time. That way we can get a lot of things cleared up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right. That is fine.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to sign a two year Engagement Letter with Darnall Sikes & Frederick to do Audits for the St. Landry Parish Government.

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next thing I have will be on item #6 but Ms. Caryn can bring you all up to speed on Finance.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “On her sheets that we just got today, Ms. Caryn, I thought we had an agreement that we would get our Financials a little earlier than three hours before the meeting.”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “I had to post all of the Audit Entries within the last couple of weeks then I had to reverse them all to make sure that everything was posting correctly the way it was so it took a little longer, sorry.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I thought we had an agreement. We need to look at the financials real good and ask you some questions. That is why we agreed that they would come in earlier because this happened last month. Would you please sent them in earlier. Do we need to make a motion that you will have the financials two days before the meeting? Is that possible?”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “I will have them for you. It was just because of the audit entries this month. I don’t remember last month not having them.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was the same thing last month and it has happen before.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Being that we just got it, would you go over it in the Full Council Meeting?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We can bring it to the full council meeting. We will have time to review it. Thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to allow Finance Director Caryn Fulop to present the October Financial Report to the Council.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to accept the Parish President and Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

6. Update on the contract for the Women's Shelter and allow Parish Government to cut the grass on that facility providing that we receiver beds to house people that are released from our jail or homeless. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In your packet you should have the contract that was drafted. We spoke about it last month and I wanted to wait until we got the contract in hand. If I am not mistaken, Mr. Duplechain reviewed it."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes I have reviewed it. It is good, it is acceptable."

Councilman Jerry Red questioned, "On that property, how large is that property, about 3 or 4 acres?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes about 3 acres. I am not sure how much property they bought with the building. I don't think it is that whole section that we are talking about. It is just where the building sits but I will find out."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "So we are probably talking about an acre?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, right where the building is at and a little bit to the east of the building. I don't think it is the whole thing."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The reason why I am asking is because I am concerned about the people but I am concerned about how much grass that we will be cutting also. For that portion with the building, I am fine with that."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Mr. Bellard, do you know if this Shelter is going to provide some type of program to prepare those who are housed there to get back out into the workforce or will it be just a place for them live?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, actually this is a place to get them out of the environment where they are at, first and foremost. If they need assistance to get help then that will be offered to them with the Second Chance Program. Our Workforce Development Team will be working with them to get them into programs to get them some jobs. It is a woman's shelter to get them out of the environment where they are living in but it starts a whole new life for them."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Talitha Koum dba TK Mission of the Woman's Shelter that will house women that are released from jail, prison, rehabs, hospitals, behavioral clinics and homeless and authorize Parish Government to maintain the grass and perform all grass cutting on the property.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Update on the removal of the Statue. (Councilman Coby Clavier). Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "That was addressed via e-mail from Mr. Bellard which he has stated that Camp Moore will be voting to waive engineer restrictions at its next board meeting on October 23rd, 2022. If voting goes as expected the slab can be poured and then the process of moving the statue can begin. I did hear from someone in person that was there Saturday that is a member of the daughters of confederacy. She said that they were preparing a sight for the slab to be poured now. Everything is looking like it will be moved there sometimes in the near future."
- Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "What do you mean in the near future?"
- Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "I don't have that time line, maybe Mr. Bellard does."
- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "After October 23rd, 2022, that is whenever they can pour the slab, after the slab is poured you have to let cure for a couple of days then we can move it."
- Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So you are thinking around November?"
- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am hoping November. By the end of November that should be done. We already have everybody lined up to move it. It is just to have the place ready for it. It is just a matter of them telling us to move it and we are good to go."

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, “Mr. Bellard, what is the cost of moving it and will this cost be on the tax payers of St. Landry Parish?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The person who wants to move it for us is going to volunteer to do that.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At no cost to the tax payers of St. Landry Parish is what you are saying?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, sir.”

No action taken.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Economic Development (SLED) for a three year term. (12-31-2022 – 12-31-2025).

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Excuse me Mr. Chairman, it will be four appointments. They called today. It will be a correction of four appointments on SLED.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Did they give you their names? You have a list here. Did they give you the names?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Would you be able to name them? You had one, now you have four.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “It will be four appointments. It will be Ms. Lena Charles, Mr. Wildon Fontenot, I don’t think that it will be Ken Simeral. I will have to give you the other two because they are not on this list. They have two others that is not on this list.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So it will be five instead of four?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “It will be four.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You said three already, so you have one more name.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Two more names.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You said Ken Simeral, Wildon Fontenot.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No, Ken is showing January 2025. It is two that was in January of 2023. She called and said it was supposed to be December, not January. So it will be four all together instead of one.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If I am in order can we postpone this and you have the names at the full council meeting. You started with one now we have four and you named three already. We need that before it goes to the full council meeting. Is that alright with the committee?”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for four appointment to the St. Landry Parish Economic Development (SLED) for a three year term. (12-31-2022 – 12-31-2025).

Applicants are: Erika Milton, Hals Bearb, Wildon “Wil” Fontenot and Lena Charles.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. The St. Landry Parish Planning Department is requesting the Preliminary Approval for the Ruth Olivier Et Al Repartition of 61.031 Acre Tract off of Hickory Road, Arnaudville, LA. 70512, Lots 1-7.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Jarrell is in the audience. Would you shed some light on this Mr. Jarrell?” You son called me today and sort of told me what you are talking about.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “I am just looking at it and I am not very familiar with it.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “And we are less familiar.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is in Mr. Alvin’s District.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “It is a 61 acre tract of land on Hickory Road. It is being sub-divided into 8 tracts or 7 tracts, there is already one tract on there.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He advised me and said he could not make it tonight but he would have someone from the office to represent him. I thought maybe his brother would come but the daddy came.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “I was hoping it would have been the brother.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He said that the culverts that are in question there, they are the size that needs to be there.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “On the north end, the property is on the south side of Hickory Road. On the north side on the Hickory Road there is a 36 inch I believe is what I was told. Downstream towards the southern portion of the property, the owner of one of these tracts had NRCS size culverts and they were putting a 54 inch is what they recommended.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “He did mention that. NRCS was involved with it also. Do we have anyone in the audience that are involved with this property? Sir, you want to come up. Are you the owner or do you live there?”

Would you come up and state your name, address and your phone number please.”

Mr. Jim Womack addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Jim Womack. I live at 288 Henderson Drive. It is the subdivision just north of Hickory. We got a letter saying there will be a Preliminary this coming Thursday so we met with Jacob and some of the neighbors. Our biggest concern is not the subdivision property but the drainage part. Everything in our subdivision, I think we have about 30 or so lots, 21 of them have houses and a few are vacant and stuff like that plus some other areas that drain thru there. I went to talk to NRCS, Mr. Ralph after our meeting later that day just to get how to go about the process and I did talk to Jacob Monday afternoon when he called me back and he said he would get with those folks. They could not do it on my behalf because I don’t own the property so he would get with them. The will end up with 6 or 7 driveways where there is only one now, that one is closest to the bayou. Right around where William is talking about, that drains out of the 36” and it floods off to the private property. Bayou Bourbeau drains out about 50 yards south from where it comes out. The property that is closest to the bayou they put 54 inches when I talked to the NRCS guy that Thursday. All I am asking is to get with the Drainage Board Mr. Ralph and NRCS. I think they have done a flow test because that culvert was put in within the last year or two at the most. What I am looking for them to do is at least put on that the entrance have 4 narrow pieces and then they widen out to back. Tell them what size culverts so they will know ahead of time what is going on so we don’t get block up behind it.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Do you have any objections on this right here?”

Mr. Jim Womack stated, “No on the subdivision part, I am more concerned about the drainage part.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “They have to come in front of the board for a permit to put driveways in anyway. When they come up for their driveway then we can see about it and make sure that they get the right size.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “Let me just clarify. This is one thing that Jacob did tell me. He did speak to a Matt Moreau at NRCS. I am not sure which lot he sized the culvert on but it was the Southernmost or the second Southernmost. He sized a 54” and he and Jacob will get together and on the final subdivision plat he will put what size culvert is required for each one of those lots and that will be on the plat. So when people come in or call the parish for their permit the Public Works Department will be able to just look at the plat, get the lot number and tell them what size culvert that needs to be put in.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I guess out of all of this conversation my question is pretty simple, you are on top of this and you will make sure that the right size culverts are put in and so forth and so on, am I right?”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “I will say no because I am not going to necessarily know when the culverts are being put in. This is just a subdivision of property. It is not a development. There is no construction or anything that will go on with this. When the individual property owner wants to put in a driveway, they have to get a permit from St. Landry Parish Government. When they call the Public Works Department they should have a copy of this plat. It is required for people to call in and ask what size culvert is required at any specific location. They will be able to look on this and when they give them the lot number it will be on the plat, what size culvert or the minimum size culvert.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Is it on the plat now?”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “It is not on the plat right now. This is a Preliminary Plat. When it comes up for Final it will be on there.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “A few of them, 9 – 10 - 11 - and 12 that should be in Public Works is that correct?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Red, I thoroughly agree with you but the thing about it is that I just got a slip on Bear Road. It should.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “We will deal with them now but next month it should go to Public Works.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “May I make a suggestion. Sherell, before you do the agenda, why don’t you talk to the two Chairman. Tell them we have these items and they can determine. Obviously they would have said that this goes to Public Works.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to approve the Preliminary and final approval for the Ruth Olivier Et Al Repartition of 61.031 Acre Tract off of Hickory Road, Arnaudville, LA. 70512, Lots 1-7.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

10. The St. Landry Parish Planning Department is requesting the Preliminary Approval for the Gardner Farm Estates-Phase III, Lots 26-42 off of Chris Road, Sunset, LA 70584.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Jarrell, do you have something on Chris Road?"

Mr. William Jarrell stated, "I have the Preliminary Plat."

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Chris Road is in Ms. Vivian's District. I think that we have discussed that one already. Mr. Bellard, everything that you know about it is all go."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to approve The Preliminary and final approval for the Gardner Farm Estates-Phase III Lots 26-42 off of Chris Road, Sunset, LA 70584.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

11. The St. Landry Parish Planning Department is requesting the final approval for the Le Village de Colour Lots 1-41 off of Bearb Road near Sunset, LA. 70584.

Administrative Finance Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is on HWY 93 as you are going out of Sunset on the right hand side, am I correct?"

Mr. William Jarrell stated, "No, it is off of Beard Road and HWY 178. Right across from Cushman Road. That will be in Timmy's District. That will be south of Lewisburg."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Will that be on the gravel road?"

Mr. William Jarrell stated, "No it will be on a paved road. It is north of Bristol. You go thru Lewisburg and you turn left on 178. The first road is Jessie Richard Road and the next road down if you turn right it is Bearb Road and if you turn left it is a gravel road called Cushman Road that goes up to Sidney Charles Road."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to approve The Preliminary and final approval of the Le Village de Colour Lots 1 – 41 off of Bearb Road near Sunset, LA 70584.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

12. The St. Landry Parish Planning Department is requesting the final approval for the Aristide Estates Subdivision Lots 1-12 off of LA HWY 93 South of Cankton, LA 70584.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Jarrell, all is good?"

Mr. William Jarrell stated, "I have a letter from Aucoin and Associates, they did the final review. There were some comments in his letter and everything had been addressed per his comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to approve the Preliminary and final approval for the Aristide Estates Subdivision Lots 1-12 off of HWY 93, South of Cankton, LA 70584.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor, and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

13. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.
None.

14. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to adjourn the Administrative Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Harold Taylor and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Easton Shelvin. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 2022
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Chairman Dexter Brown called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Roll Call:
Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier
ABSENT: Ex-Officio Vivian Olivier.
3. Person to address the Committee:
Ms. Hanna Artigue addressed the council. She stated, "We have been trying to get Bear street taken over by the parish. My neighbor Julie David has been coming for years trying to get the road taken over and nobody ever wanted to take it over. They told us that we had to fix the road and we fixed the road and now we are having a problem with the trash. The lady who just moved here down our road does not want our trash cans at the end anymore. We all signed a servitude of passage papers for the trash to pass except two people down our road that does not live there, they only have property there. She does not want our trash on her property. We need you all to take it over so that way we can get mail and we can get our trash cans picked up. We need to figure something out. We did the road, we fixed it like they wanted us to. We have been dealing with this. I have been talking to Richard LeBouef. I am sure you all know about that." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have been meeting in regards to the private road issues. I think we have 400 plus private roads in the Parish of St. Landry. Prior to the meeting Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Taylor and myself have been discussing a possibility of starting a Pilot Program in the Parish of St. Landry that we can hopefully address at the next council meeting. You would fit in the district that we are talking about. We have some details to workout but that is one of the things that we are looking at doing. We are trying to bring in some private roads into the system because some of these roads are not getting any services, not just trash or mail but they can't even get an ambulance down there or a police car or a fire truck. We think that is a major safety hazard for the people that live down there. They are living down there and I guess they chose to live down there, but still we have to take care of our people one way or the other. We are in talks and I think by the next meeting we will have something to bring to the full council as a Pilot Program. I think your road would be one of those in that Pilot Program, it fits in that district." Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "In the meantime, what do we do about our trash?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will call Mr. LeBouef in the morning and ask him if he can talk to the new company to go down there. That is another big problem that we are having with all of these private roads. Trash is brought to the end of the road and someone is bothered with it." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "How long is the road to start with roughly?" Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "I would say it is about one-half mile long." Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Where are these two properties located?" Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "All the way in the back. Where the turn-around is located their properties meet with the turn-around, all the way at the end." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You can probably get him to go down the part that he has the servitude on and turn around and come back." Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "That is what we wanted him to do because they lived at the end but Ms. Dotson lives right there at that turn-around also and she did sign the paper. I don't know how that works." Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "That depends on your plat. If the property line goes to the center of the road, each of them owns half of it, technically. I think if it is all the way in the back you may be able to get Solid Waste out there." Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you don't mind you and I can meet in a little bit to discuss it and we will get you some kind of relief. I think in the near future we will have a plan to start fixing these problems." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "My first question is for the Parish President. Will that meeting be among just two council members or the whole council?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The whole council." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The reason why I am asking is because of Bear Road. Is Bear Road a Private Road?" Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "Yes Sir." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "When it is a private road I did read the information that we got from the state. We understood that on a private road, if the parish does go and do anything on it, we are assuming the responsibility on it. Am I correct?" Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is correct, yes." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "But yet at the same time, what district is that in, District 6? Do you know about that Mr. Savoy?"

Councilman Gil Savoy stated, "The road is wide and it meets all the criteria and it is doable.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "What do you mean doable?"

Councilman Gil Savoy stated, "It has proper drainage. The only thing that they are asking for is garbage pickup. They have to go all the way to the end of the road and it is very dangerous there. I have a picture on my phone. All of those garbage cans were thrown into the ditch. You are asking ladies to go and pick up the garbage cans out of a ditch and that is not right. These people pay taxes just like we do."

Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "The one who just left here also have pictures on her phone where she lives right there at the end. She has pictures of the trash cans and the trash. Literally there was trash all over HWY 741 the other day because people just drop their trash. They will hit the trash can and trash goes everywhere. It is really horrible."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Bellard, I think the first thing that we have to look at is finding out how many private roads we have in the parish and look at trying to take them all in. Try to look at what is the best scenario to look at."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The idea that is being tossed around and we have been discussing this as everyone here knows. We have an issue across the parish regarding taking in some private roads and just bringing them up to the standard. Not necessarily bringing them up to a black top standard but if it is a gravel road bring it up to a gravel road standard and give them a good road to pass on so they can get service down there. If it is a black top road bring it back to whatever standard it was. Not to take in and promise anybody a brand new road that is not what this is about. It is just trying to get them service down these roads especially those that can't."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The main thing, if it becomes a public road, you can get your mail, your trash picked up and the school buses can pass on them. If they have the proper weight and they are in a condition for the parish to start doing work on the road. In that district they also have a Public Commission in that area. I think that it is a big plus."

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, "How many residents are on that road?"

Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "We have 18. We have some that have two separate properties. So it is 18."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Mr. Bellard, what is the possibility of us seeking some type of Grant Funding for that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Last week we submitted a request for Capital Outlay in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. The deadline is November 1st, 2022. This will help us with roads in the Parish of St. Landry. Not specifying anything in general but it could be used for that as well, yes."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Is there is a Cul-de-sac at the end of that property and everyone has signed, the new company when they spoke to us they said that they had some satellite trucks or smaller trucks that could go down smaller roads. Is there some kind of way to give them some kind of relief? The other garbage pickup did go down private roads."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Right with the signed copies giving them permission to go down that road, yes."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Can we make sure or a request?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I will get with Richard in the morning."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Ms. Artigue, we will do everything possible to correct that sanitation situation that you all have. I will speak for Mr. Richard LeBouef, he will do everything 100% possible and that is legal to go and correct you all sanitation problem."

Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "He has been working with me for the last two weeks. He has been awesome."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "He is awesome. We will take care of you all and we will stay legal."

Ms. Hannah Artigue stated, "Thank you all."

4. Public Works Report:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only thing that we are doing extra this month is spraying grass, they started spraying last week trying to knock down some of that and it has been working out pretty good. Hopefully that continues to be our process."

Councilman Alfin Stelly questioned, "Is it a little late to spray right now?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, they said the temperatures are still good enough to spray and we want to knock it down. So I said spray."

Councilman Coby Clavier questioned, "Regarding the spraying and the poison you have the tall grass and it just becomes dead and it is still tall and eventually it might lean over but are we going to cut as well?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are cutting first then they come back and spray after."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "Were we able to cut on the Ball Park?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, they were there today with the Boom Ax and the Shredder. They had some trees that were growing out there so they knocked those down. I don't think that they are finished yet but I know that they went today and started it so it is dry enough and they war working on it." Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I know, it is really dry so that is a big plus."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "With the dry weather like we have been having it they have been grading the roads and creating dust. We still have to get these road in shape for the winter time. That is all I have unless you all have questions."

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

5. Discuss adding a 3-way Stop sign proposal at the intersection of Acadiana Road and Airline Road. (Councilman Dexter Q. Brown).

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, this is Austin Road and it switches to Acadiana Road.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am familiar with it. Do you want to one in that curve?"

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Yes. Our Public Works Director called and asked. He stated the problem is when a bus is coming off of Airline and either making a left or a right, we have some people that are coming off of HWY 190 that is coming with a little speed. When they get into that curb, airline is right here. It is a proposal to put a three way stop sign right there."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is fine. That is what we did on School Road. That was a little bit different because they could not see but it was the same purpose."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Barry called me and said he would call Mr. Timmy as well. I told him that area is real close. Mr. Timmy and I share."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Airline Road is in District 1. It is about one and one half miles from HWY 190. I went over there Saturday and it is a dangerous spot. If they put a three way like they put on School Road it may be effective but the people just have to obey the traffic signals. I think it would be a great idea."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Thank you Mr. Red. If you can Mr. Bellard, can we place a sign before the three way stop that says Stop Sign Ahead."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Oh Yes, we can do all of that. Once the council passes it we can make that happen."

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 an introduction to Ordinance 2022-015. An Ordinance to place a three-way stop sign at the intersection of Acadiana Road and Airline Road.

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

ABSENT: Coby Clavier: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

6. Discuss assisting the City with a Grant for repairing their Water System. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Jessie, I am asking for a little help. We have some Grant Writers here and you know that we have a problem in Royal Gardens, the city furnishes the water there. The infrastructure of these water pipes is a shame but we have that also on the South end of Opelousas and I am getting a lot of phone calls. People are having water leaks and when the city goes and fix the water leak and they leave us a mound with some limestone and we get another water leak a little further down. I am just asking for any kind of help that you all can maybe assist the city in getting some kind of money for us to correct that problem. What they have within the city, I am still the councilmember there but they have a city councilmember there. We need all the help that we can get."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will get with William Jarrell. I think they have some projects that are coming around pretty soon. I don't think that it will affect Royal Gardens I think it will affect inside of the city but we definitely can ask for help."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Whatever help that we can get. I just want to assure these people that we are trying to get them some help. The phone calls keep coming in."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We will jump on that tomorrow morning."

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to authorize the Parish President to assist the City of Opelousas with acquiring a Grant to repair their Water System.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

7. Update on Land Erosion parallel to Mr. Olan Quebedeaux's property located at 1397 Charles Fisher Road. (Councilman Dexter Q. Brown).

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, we have two situations right there along Charles Fisher Road going north and south. On the West side where Mr. Olan Quebedeaux's house is they have a land erosion problem there going to the coolie. Also at the corner of his property where the canal begins we have water running west coming from underneath our three railroad pipes. They have an erosion problem at that embankment and alongside the south side of his property. He has been asking me and he has been calling me and we have been talking. He ask that I help him out on this situation and I would like to know where we are with the progress."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The progress is simple. The Engineers looked at it and there is nothing that we can do. We done beat this horse to death. It is what it is. I brought property in Eunice and guess what, I border a canal. Guess what I have, I have erosion problems but I brought that property with that canal on it. I can't help people on their private property, I can't help that. I hate to be like that but we have this conversation every other month. The engineers went out there and assessed it and they are telling me everything is like it supposed to be."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "I know along the west side of Charles Fisher Road, the front of his house, 1397 Charles Fisher, we have a large flow of water going to that canal because it is draining all of Charles Fisher and water is also coming from Dufilho Road as well. Do they look at that as well?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is designed to catch that water. Years ago we put that extra cover across there to catch all of that water so it would flow. It is doing what it is supposed to do. I don't know what more to do with it."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The problem that he is having is that on the front of his property?"

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "It is in the front of his house and it is also along the south side of his property."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't think there is anything in front of his house. I think his problem is at the Coolie on the northwest corner."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Last year or the year before, I believe when they dug the ditches in the front of his house Charles Fisher sat high but our road sits higher than his land. What we don't want to happen is the bottom of our road at Charles Fisher going towards that canal to start eating out from underneath. That is why we need to reconstruct the whole road."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is what has been happening across the street. On the east side of that road it was eating up the embankment against the road. That is why we had to put the culverts down across the street because our road was falling. On that side it is not happening. Like I said, I am no engineer but I rely on both of our engineers that we have and they both tell me the same thing. Unless someone else can tell me different and prove to use that we are doing something wrong with it then I can't do anything."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "If he wanted an engineer's report from our engineers can he get that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, I can get that for him. I will get with Barry in the morning."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Okay, I will call him after the meeting. Thank you sir."

8. Discuss changing the road name of Coker Road to A. V. Coker Road. (Councilman Coby Clavier).

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "The resident on that road, Ms. Sandy Coker stated that was her husband's grandfather who the road was actually named after. She asked if I could bring this up to see if I could possibly change it to A.V. Coker which was his name he was named by. That would properly represent who that name was named after. I am asking to bring it thru this committee. If no one have a problem with it on this committee we can bring it to full council. If it is approved in full council, we will ask Sherell to contact 911 to put a request in on 911 to see if they have any problem with that road name change. If they approve of it then we can see about getting it changed. So I am asking this committee to help me forward it to the full council."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Out of all fairness Mr. Clavier, I taught that this council, some years back, when we needed to change the name the people that were going to get the name changed would be

responsible for the cost of the sign and everything. I think that we did that as an ordinance or a resolution.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “We can ask our Lawyer Mr. Garrett to check into that and see if we have something on that.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “They can make a donation to the Government. 911 will have to be notified and they will have to approve it and they will have to log it in with the change. If that happens then we can have an ordinance to do all of this. Our clerk will have to contact 911 and let them know. That is step number 1.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “At this point I would like to forward it to full council.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to approve changing the name of a road from Coker Road to A.V. Coker Road.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one year term and three appointment for a two year term expiring 11-18-2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 all applications receive two appointments for a one year term and three appointments for a two year term to Fire District 7. All expiring 11-18-2022.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

10. Discuss going forward with the process to place Speed Bumps on Roland Oaks Road. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “If I am in order, since Ms. Carriere is not present should we forward this to the next Committee Meeting?”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edward to forward this agenda item; Discuss going forward with the process to place Speed Bumps on Roland Oaks Road to the next committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 because Councilwoman Nancy Carriere was absent for this meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (12-16-2022 - 12-16-2026).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four year term. (12-16-2022 – 12-16-2026).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

12. Update on all clean-up of Blighted Properties on McNeese Street. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward this agenda item; Update on all cleanup of Blighted Properties on McNeese Street to the next Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In reference to that item, she was given a copy of the update like everyone else.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “There is no need to forward it.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “So do we need to forward this?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We gave a copy. I saw it on the agenda and we wrote a letter to make sure that everybody was the same page."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "Since we have a motion and a second and we have voted on it, we will forward it anyway to take care of it in two weeks."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The same thing with item 13. She was given a copy of the procedures as well as all of the councilmembers. Nothing has changed on that."

13. Discuss the procedure of Adjudicated Properties. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I gave everything. I don't know what more to do."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "I am going by the agenda, thank you. Item 13, we have a motion and a second. Roll Call."

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward this agenda item; Discuss the procedure of Adjudicated Properties to the next Committee Meeting held on November 2nd, 2022 because Councilwoman Nancy Carriere was absent for this meeting."

Roll Call: Councilman Coby Clavier voted 'No.'

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "What are we voting on? Are we voting to forward this or what?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "To forward to the full council"

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "I thought we had said it had been taken care of."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "This is the Procedure of the Adjudicated Properties. Ms. Nancy is not here and she requested for this to be on the agenda."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Chairman, I rise to a point of order. I am sorry a Parliamentary Order, excuse me. Ms. Nancy is not here to discuss it. It was a discussion item. Why would you want to forward this to full council?"

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "That is what I am saying why? So mine is a 'No' vote."

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, "We will scratch item 13. Next item is item #14."

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

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I have a letter that was sent to the Public Works Director on September 22, 2022. It is to deal with Fleur Des Coteau Road. You all are aware that Fleur Des Coteau Road is that third world country road that is across from the Lodge on LA 31. These people brought these lots under the pretense that someone will take care of the road. Roads are not taken care of because it is a private road. It is sort of like the one that Ms. Artigue is talking about except that it is worse than Ms. Artigue's road. These people have a lateral behind their property and behind their homes which separates another piece of property which faces Old Spanish Grant Road. They have a lateral behind both of those parties. I sent a letter to Mr. Soileau and out of all due respect to Mr. Soileau and I sent it to the Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District, because these people are paying a tax in the Drainage District also they are paying the Smooth Ride Home Tax, are they getting anything back from it, no. Mr. Barry Soileau is under the pretense that we cannot do anything with this little lateral. This Lateral is a B-Ditch. I don't know what the plat says if that B-Ditch was put before those properties were sold. But it will be up to Mr. Duplechain, I am asking this committee to bring it to the full council to get an Attorney General's Opinion. Can we deal with that lateral behind those houses? When we will get a hurricane or bad weather someone will be hollowing that they have water getting into their homes. I feel sorry for these people because they have a situation there."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "As I understand it the lateral is on private property that is not road side."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is not roadside, no sir."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "These property owners would have to grant the parish or the district permission to go and clean it out which they can do that. They would probably want to and they can, we have done it before. I have the agreement forms that they can sign. They can clean it out. This is a private property which mean government has to have their permission to do it and they go in and clean it out."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Can the Drainage District do the project? They are paying taxes into the Prairie Basse Drainage District. I am not asking that Parish Government accept all of the responsibility, can that Drainage District go and clean out this lateral so these people would have some relief?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That would be the job of the Drainage District."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Okay, that is why I want to ask for an opinion. Barry is in the right by telling me we can't do anything."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If these people refuse, you can't do it, they won't let you do it, don't come on my property, Barry is in the right. But if these people agree to it then they can do it."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I want to know if it is legal for the Drainage District can get involved with taking care of that project. That is what I want to know. I want an Attorney General's Opinion on it. I know it is a superficial deal, it is cleaning up a ditch but between these two properties. It has been brought to our attention so we need to try and get a little logic on it. I will ask that it goes to full council to get an Attorney General's Opinion on it."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "If the drainage board pays a tax there they can dig up any canal."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is the assumption that I had of it, but Mr. Soileau stated that he don't think that we have the authority nor does the drainage board. So that is why I want this opinion. That way it will be in black and white. They probably had some other situations like that so let's try to do it that way and give these people some relief."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "We can add that lateral to their inventory. All they will have to do is accept that lateral as an inventory."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Barry is doing his job. Thank God we have Barry. I would ask that this council go ahead and ask for an Attorney General's Opinion in favor of Prairie Basse and Parish Government. Mr. Duplechain can we do that, we appoint those members to that drainage board. They are an entity of St. Landry Parish Government."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That will be a Resolution at the Full Council Meeting. The council is asking the Attorney General's Opinion. There is a case law on it, I have read it but it would be good to get an Attorney General's Opinion."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "One of the ladies, this was a couple of years ago, she called me, then a lady that works for the Attorney General's Office called me saying this road that you all have over there, why are you all not keeping it up? First of all, it is not our road, it is a private road. That is why I want to involve the Attorney General's Office. They got involved with this deal here, well get involved with this matter with this lateral and give us some clearance on what we can do and what we can't do, please."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "Mr. Ardoin, that lateral, is that recorded at the courthouse?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That I do not know. But Barry told me after he got a copy of this letter that I sent to him and Prairie Basse thru Ms. Sherell Jordan, Barry tells me, and look he is doing his job, not knocking him, he said we can't do anything. I asked about the Drainage Board and he said, no the Drainage Board can't do anything either. So that is why I am asking for what I am asking for here tonight."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "I will make the motion to bring it to the full council but if that lateral is recorded at the courthouse, it does not make any difference who has land or who does not have land, they have a 100 foot right of way on that land. If they don't have it every landowner will have to sign to go thru. If one refuses it is all over. We go thru that every day."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I am asking for some help for these people, please."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Stelly, would you add to your motion that we authorize the Attorney to look into the record at the courthouse and see if it is recorded. Somebody dug the ditch. If there is a ditch, somebody dug it. If it is recorded that it was a servitude given then we won't even need an opinion. It would be just a matter of getting them to do it."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It would be recorded under that name of each property owner. The right-a-way would be recorded under the name of the property owner Smith, Jones, each property owner if they have it recorded at the courthouse."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "That is why you need to look into it. Thank you."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "I make the motion to bring it back to full council or if they want an opinion from the Attorney General. The first thing that we need to do is find out if it is recorded."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Fleur Des Coteau is the road that these people on. On the west side of Fleur Des Coteau you have another road that runs parallel which is Spanish Grant Road. You have people that are in front of Spanish Grant and in their back yard is where this little B-Ditch Lateral or whatever you want to call it is separating the two properties. So you have two different entities you have to deal with, two different property owners. Property owners that face Fleur Des Coteau and Spanish Grant."

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edward to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to authorize Legal Counsel to check the Right-of-Way for Laterals on the Fleur Des Coteau Subdivision.

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

Motion forwarded.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Mr. Bellard, I could not let this meeting end without asking you this. Is there any way, I have about five gravel roads that I know of presently in my district. I have received several calls again today about the dust. On one of those roads I have a person with COPD. They are dying with COPD and others in that household with asthma. Is there anything that you could do to try

to give these people some relief? I know we have to get the roads done and I know about the funds but these people are having to deal with that dust and it is not good for their health.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not but I mean at the end of the day, if it is not raining we can’t control the dust.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “What about if we put some material, would that help some?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not going to help anything. The dust still will come up. Right now there is so much dust on these roads because it has not been raining for so long. When it will rain, we will have mud now. We are fighting the battle on both ends. I will ask Barry is that water truck that we have can give some kind of help. I will ask him in the morning.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Solar Panels forms will soon come up. We have one company that is in District 4, mainly in District 3 and District 4 that William gave them their approval on the plat. That is the first step. The next step is going to a public hearing. What I would like to do is meet with the council members with the company so you all can meet with them and understand what their projects will be about before coming to the council to get the full approval in the next couple of weeks. At that point that company is going through another company in Baton Rouge to get their Tax Exempt Status done. I want you all to have a chance to sit down with them and ask questions and get that ball rolling so we can get that first Solar Farm started. They want to start making it happen by Mid-2023.”

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “Whenever you set up that meeting with the Solar Panel Company and ourselves can it be around 6 p.m. Some of us are still in the workforce.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will do it like three different times. We can’t have it all at once so we will have different one.”

Public Works Chairman Dexter Brown stated, “One of those three different times, could it be after 4:00 p.m.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, correct me if I am wrong, the only reason we sold that Solar Panel Ordinance to ourselves or whatever you want to call it, I thought it was going to bring some finance into St. Landry Parish and here these people are already asking for a Tax Exemption?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They will be Tax Exempt to a certain degree on property tax. The property tax that they are leasing goes from Farm Land to Commercial Property. So that will be a different ball game all together. All together I think we will come up with right around \$3,000,000.00 of Sales Tax on both of these project. Also for 15 years I want to say it will be \$400,000.00 more a year in Property Tax that they will be paying even with the Tax Breaks. On the other one that will be in Mr. Alvin’s District, that one will be even better than this one. It covers more land and it is a bigger project.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I don’t want us to shoot ourselves in the foot and we don’t get anything. They are making the money and we are here sitting here.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will be coming out pretty good on this deal”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “A follow up on Mr. Ardoin’s question, when we meet with them could you let them know we would like to have the particulars of what they are proposing and what they are asking for the Industrial Tax Credit, the number of years. So we can formulate questions that we cans ask.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They don’t have anything on paper yet. It is just in discussion. It is looking like 15 years maximum for the Piolet Program that they are calling it. They wanted to do 25 years. We told them that they could not do 25 years, 15 years is the maximum for the life of the Solar Panels from what we are being told by the experts is 20 years. We are trying to get with them and try to help us at the same time. Sherry will have those figures for us ahead of time before we set the meeting up and I will make sure that I will get it to you all.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard, we spoke about Residential Solar Panels to see what type of program they had in the state or from the Feds. You were going to look into getting us some information on that. Have we gotten to that point yet? Do we have any information? Have they given us anything?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not yet. We will double check in the morning.”

15. Adjourn

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

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