

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 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 21st, day of September, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilwoman Harold Taylor lead the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation earlier in the meeting
- III. **ROLL CALL:**
Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio Vivian Olivier. **ABSENT:** None.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, if I am in order I will ask that the agenda be amended so we can introduce the Animal Control Ordinance by a request from the Parish President. I will ask that it be introduced tonight. It is not on the agenda but I will ask that it be introduced.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to amend the agenda to add a line item to introduce the Animal Control Ordinance.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

IV. **CONDOLENCES:**

Councilman Jerry Red Jr.: Gilbert Gallow, Joseph Edward Robert, John Edwards, Lee Edwards, Joseph Robert, Lincoln Celestine.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Mary E. Lemelle, Phillip Gilyard, Sandra A. Barrow, Martha Dean Auzenne Biagas, Vivian Remi Mason, Connie F. Keys, Mary J. Rosette, Joseph Edward Robert, John Edward, Ollie Gene Laverne, Mary V. Murray, Tonja Lakel Thomas, Kenneth Wayne Bellard.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Gilbert Gallow, Joseph Edward Robert, John Edwards, Francis Pearl Joubert, Jeremiah Guilbeaux, Clinton Broussard, Debra Connelly Israel, Fenrick Ardoin, Joseph Rougeau, Barbara Jean Thomas, James Calvin Rue, Vivian Remi Mason, Lincoln Celestine Jr., Joseph Robert, Lee Alfred Freeman, Lasandra Robinson Fontenot, Joseph Clarence Dupre, Jean Harold Marks, Doris LaFleur Mitchell, Lee Edwards Jennifer Arvie

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Allen Moreau, Mary V. Murray, Patricia ‘Pat’ James, Joseph ‘J.C.’ Dupre, Hal ‘Nap’ Napoleon Franchebois, Geraldine ‘Pap’ Duplechain Roy, Mary Ellen Massey, Roland Ray Vigie, Joel Ellis Sr. Leslie Boyd Barker, Larry Snyder Sr., Barbara Fontenot Richard, Marie Juanita Kennsion Bryant, Moise LeJeune Jr., Majorie Marcantel Ardoin, Sheryl Castille Guidry.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Eula Mae Dunn, Connie F. Keys, John Edwards, Kenneth Bellard

V. **PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Madam Chair, the five names on this list are for those that were sent letter to come and show cause as to why we should not clean up their property and stuff.”

- **Ms. Sharon Henry**, Wife of Mr. Robert Lee Henry, Parcel Number 010659220R, 121 Anointing Drive, Opelousas addressed the council. She stated, “We received a letter about cleaning up Anointing Drive. The grass and everything has been cleaned up. They are doing some repairs to the houses and the trailers. Everything is all clean, the grass is all cut. The grass was really high and all of it has been cut and cleaned and we are making repairs to the houses.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Madam Chair, in reference to this, we can give her another 60 days. They have already done the cleaning on the yard. The house needs some work but we can give her 60 days if that is the wishes of the council. She is making progress.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to grant Ms. Sharon Henry, wife of Robert Lee Henry, Parcel No. 010659220R, 121 Anointing Drive, Opelousas an additional 60 days to complete the clean up to their property.”

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

Madam Chairwoman Vivian Oliver stated, “You have 60 days to clean the house.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next one is **Ms. Carolyn Wentworth**. She took care of the issue.”

- **Mr. James Hamilton** was unavailable to address the council.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, to authorize the Parish Government to clean the property belonging to Mr. James Hamilton, Parcel Number 0500674600, 166 Briley Avenue, Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

- **Mr. Calvin Prudhomme** was unavailable to address the council

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Council Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish Government to clean the property belonging to Mr. Calvin Prudhomme, Parcel Number 0603805700, 136 DJ Lane, Lawtell, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

- **Mr. Woody Guidroz** was unavailable to address the council.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Parish Government to clean the property belong to Mr. Woody Guidroz, Parcel No. 030029900, 203 Stelly Street, Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

- **Mr. E. J. Allen addressed the council** regarding his appointment on the Lawtell Water Board. He stated, “Good afternoon everyone. I am applying for the Lawtell Water Board. I live in Lawtell. I am seven years with the Louisiana National Guard and a Reservist one year. I did eleven years running Mr. Gattis Opelousas Unit, some of you may know my face from there. I was in the car business for 25 years as a sales manager for the Toyota Dealership. I am now self-employed with a lawn service and I do brick laying work. I think I can do that board some good if I can get on it. If you all can help me I would appreciate that. Thank you.”

- **Ms. Pat Mason-Guillory** addressed the council, she stated, “Madam Chair, members of the council, Parish President Mr. Jessie Bellard and members of the audience. I come before you along with members of Mr. Bobby Dupre’s family, close friends and my Veterans Memorial Volunteer Committee. We are here to ask you to please name the Veterans Memorial Welcome Center, which we are in the planning stage of, The Bobby Dupre Welcome Center. Mr. Dupre came forward when no one else did. We have spent many years struggling to find a place to locate the monument that the Meyers had donated for us to build a Memorial, not just to recognize the fallen but to recognize. Most of you were not on this council when I came before you 2004 but you gave me a task to come up with a plan to honor not just those who had fallen because we lost five young men during the Iraq-Afghanistan War. This council, Mr. Dexter Brown you were on the council and Mr. Wayne Ardoin, you all gave me a task to come

up with a plan to not just honor the fallen but to honor all those who served, those who are serving and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and so we did and we struggled. As a result of that we have a state of the art Veterans Memorial located on HWY 182 South because of Mr. Bobby Dupre. We are now trying to build a Welcome Center. A center that is long overdue. We have people from all over this country that come out and visit our Memorial and we have no place to welcome them. I think it is only befitting to give a person their flowers and their glory while they know that they have it. Mr. Dupre called me in June of 2011. He said, "Ms. Pat, I need to see you." "I said Sir, I am on my way to Houston, my sister is dying and I will be back next week." He said, "When you return, call me when you get to Lake Charles." I taught he was playing a game. He said call me when you get to Jeanerette and then he said call me when you get to Lafayette. I said, "Bobby what is going on?" Well land was the furthest thing from my mind. I had not given up but when I got to Grand Coteau he told me to turn on Harry Guilbeau Road. He directed me to the property where we are now, it was Mr. Bobby Dupre and Mr. Harvey Darbonne. Mr. Harvey Darbonne had coffee with him that morning and they use to call me Madam. He said Madam we finally got some property. In so, trying to build a Welcome Center, we think that it is only befitting that we name that Center the Bobby Dupre Welcome Center. It is 2.5 acres of land as well as he gave us our first \$25,000.00 to begin the construction. However, we are not there yet but we are working toward it. I have asked his family to come and all of his supports, not all of them to help me to present this to you. I would hope that you would find it in your heart to vote that we continue this process and name it the Bobby Dupre Welcome Center.

- **Andrew Guidroz stated**, "Bobby came to me and he said there are two or three different Companies that have tried to do something to make this thing happen. He said Andrew, what do you think of my property on HWY 182, what do you think? I said Bobby, they are trying to make it on 1-49 and they are trying to make it on 190. They are trying to do these different things. He said, we are only growing more towards the south this is an important thing, what do you think we can do? Do you think it will work? We went out there and drove on the property. He would make me drive and drive all off the road and through the yard. He came back to me and said, this is the way I think it is going to work, I said Great. He says make it happen. That was Bobby, Bobby had the vision but he had people around him to make it happen. I wanted you all to know he saw how hard Ms. Pat worked to make this thing go with Dessert Storm and both of the Iraq Wars. He watched all of this and he always was supportive of all of these people but he saw that they were trying to make something happen and these big corporation, I am not going to name the cooperation that fell through but everybody was trying to make it go but they could not get there. They had stock holders and they had people involved. Bobby said this is so easy, I can do it, let's go. I just wanted you all to know that he hit me with the thing and I am like I don't know, but Bobby said, I know and I wanted you all to know from day one I was there and saw it fact to face. It was beautiful."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Ms. Mason stated they have \$25,000.00 and Mr. Bellard you have the rest of the money with the ARA Fund am I correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have \$100,000.00 allocated to the Welcome Center. I think what she spoke of was the \$25,000.00 that initiated the whole Memorial Park. We will make it happen."

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to approve changing the name of the Veterans Memorial Welcome Center to the Bobby Dupre Welcome Center.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "To Ms. Pat Mason-Guillory and all of the wonderful people who work along-side of you, we want to thank you all for the job that you all do. Thank you very much."

- **Ms. Delita Broussard addressed the council.** She stated, "Good evening Council, Parish President. I am speaking on behalf of Lauren to appoint her as the new Registrar of Voters. I have been knowing Lauren for a long time and she is very honest, dependable and a hard working person. As long as I have been going to the Registrar of Voters Office worrying them and registering people to vote, she has always been helpful to me as long as the other people

that goes into see her. She has been working in the Registrar of Voters office for 18 years and I think that she is the one for the job. Thank you.”

- **Mr. Wilfred Young addressed the council.** He stated, “I would just like to say in gravity that I am her to support Lauren for the Registrar of Voters job because she is qualified and she has been trained by the best, Ms. Cheryl Milburn. Every time that I have been there she was always cordial, very polite and very professional. My philosophy is, ‘What is not broken don’t try to fix it.’ I am asking you to please appoint her as Registrar of Voter. Thank you.”

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 17th, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have our Auditor here, Mr. Steve Moosa to present the 2021 Audit Report.”

Mr. Steve Moosa addressed the council and stated, “Good evening council. You have been provided a copy of the Audit Report. This is for your calendar year, December 31st, 2021. We have submitted the report to the Legislative Auditors on your behalf. We have given you a clean opinion on these financial statements for the year. I would like to go over real quick some of the highlights. If you will turn over to page 14 and 15 this is your revenues and expenditures for 2021 calendar year. The revenues for the year total about \$42 Million Dollars coming through the parish and that is an increase of \$13 Million from the year before. Most of that is Federal dollars that came through whether it is from COVID relief money and so forth. One example is Federal Grants for the year totaled \$19 Million Dollars which is an increase of \$10 Million Dollars from the year before. Most of that money came in during the last part of the year and mid-year so those monies were available to spend in the coming year they were not spent during 2021. The good news is the Sales Tax Revenue have rebounded in the prior years. They totaled \$8.8 Million for the year which was a \$1.3 Million Dollar increase from 2020. The Sales Tax Monies are used by the Road District to pay Bonds and the paved road home program that has occurred for the last five years which those bonds cost about \$5.7 Million to pay off each year for the debt schedule. You took in \$8.8 Million so that leaves about \$3 Million Dollars of excess for future projects. During the year the road district program used about \$2.5 Million Dollars for Road Projects in 2021. In addition to that smaller local revenues, video poker revenues were higher, grant revenues from the state were higher so overall you had a lot more influx of revenue during the year totaling \$42 Million. Expenditures were \$39 Million which is about an \$11 Million dollar increase from the year before. You will end up with a \$3.4 Million Dollar Surplus that will be carried into 2022. The parish is in good shape as far as the financials going from 2021 to 2022. As you all know the Federal Government provided \$8 Million Dollars of Money during 2021 they will provide another \$7 - \$8 Million Dollars for 2022 as well. This is all part of the COVID Stimulus Release Payments for Local Parish State Government throughout the United States. Overall that is good news. The rest of the report pages 19-46 are note disclosures. If you want to go through that at some point and see the details of the funds and the sources of the activities for the parish I will let you all do that. During the year we did have a few findings but much has improved from the year before. We do have a Budget Variance, one part was because of the failed dollars coming through the year and we were changing management. If you have more than a 5% Variance on your budget we must report that it was an excess of Variances in which there were more than 10% on several of the finds but management have discussed it with them and we will make sure they are resolved in the coming year. With the change in management during the year we had some Miscoding that we had to re-class during the audit and some reconciliations of accounts. Now that we have the people in place and they have been here for a while they will see to it that the procedures are in place to dissolve those findings as well. Overall that is where we stand for the year. If you have any questions on the report that was provided to you previously, again it has been submitted and you all are in compliance for 2021.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “How many findings did we have this year?”

Mr. Steve Moosa stated, “This year we had 3 findings.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Three Findings and one of them was miscoding.”

Mr. Steve Moosa stated, “Yes, The grant money is coming in and we have to make sure things were classified properly. You had some changes in management during the past year and you had 2-3 key employees in the operations office that had left and we had replaced them and sometime had lapsed. I think that may have had some cost to those miscoding during the last quarter of the year.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “What were the other two findings?”

Mr. Steve Moosa stated, “One was for Budget Variances. Your adopted budget for the year amended and at any point you have Variances over 5% Revenue or Expenditures is brought back to the council for approval to rectify those Variances and a lot of that was with the Federal Dollars coming in. We had some significant additional revenues in your last quarter that was just not picked up and voted on by the council.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “What about the last finding?”

Mr. Steve Moosa stated, “Reconciliation in the funding.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Thank you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “One other thing, The Engagement Letter for the next two years for our Auditor, we will have that for you all by the next council meeting in October. The next thing that I have is the Animal Control Ordinance which Mr. Ardoin introduced. You also have in your packet a new thing that came out this year. The State Legislature passed a law stating that all elected office have to pass this test. It is Home Land Security that is requiring it. It is 20 questions and you have a year to do it. You all should have it in your packet. Van can assist with information you all may need. Whether they can come over here and give us a class on it or not, I took the test today, I don’t think that we need a class on it, I think that we can just challenge it and pass it and not have to worry about having a class. It is up to you all if you all look at it on line let me know and we can go from there but we have a year.” We open up bids last Thursday on Adjudicated Property and you all should have a copy of that in your packets. I am asking the council to approve the Sale and accepting the highest bidder on each one of these properties. The total amount of money bided was \$148,484.90. That is just the beginning of that process but I want to be able to award the highest bidder the award the award.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, I was at the opening of the bids and there was one bid that was not mentioned during the opening. How are we going to fix that or correct it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What do you mean?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have someone that turned in a bid and it was mistakenly I guess not opened at the proceedings and I think that she mentioned it to you and it was the highest bid than the only bid that was received.”

Ms. Samantha Brooks addressed the council and stated, “It was a Pamella Street address. The bid on the property was for Mr. Matthew Zackary. I have a picture of it as well on my phone if you would like to see it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t remember that happening.”

Ms. Samantha Brooks stated, “It would have been the highest bid for that location.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We did not open it?”

Ms. Samantha Brooks stated, “Yes, Mr. Richard opened it when I was there. It is on the end of the live video as well.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you all don’t mind Mr. Clavier, let’s take that one out on Pamella Street which would be No. 33 so I can re-look at that one and see what the issue is.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “I will re-state my motion to move forward with the highest bidder with the omission of No. 33. Parcel Number 8100503000.”

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to accept the highest bidder from the sale of the Adjudicated Properties with the omission of the sale of Item No. 33, located at: 621 Pamella Street, Opelousas, La. Parcel Number 8100503000.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am requesting a Resolution authorizing the Parish to apply for Loans and/or Grants Funded by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. This is a \$500,000.00 Revolving Loan to do Drainage in the Parish. From what I am being told

it is a Revolving Loan but they always take our percentage out and we don't have to pay back the loan but it is just a process that you have to go through. So we are applying for the Grant so to speak.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is Resolution 021-2022.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to approve **Resolution 021-2022**. A Resolution authorizing the Parish Government's Application for Loans and/or Grants Funded by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It has been brought to my attention that we are still having issues with the Precincts and the Voter Registration and just the whole ordeal. I am going to ask the council to form a committee to work with us to come to an understanding and try to get this resolved before the election takes place in November. I think time is of the essence to get this done.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “What size committee would you like?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Whatever you all think. I think we need to have a working committee so we can get to the answers. I don't want November 8 coming around and we have an issue.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “About a 5 person committee. I will offer a motion that we have a 5 person committee made up of 5 Councilmembers voluntarily.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Before that motion we have some questions.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “I know you mentioned that there are still some issues, I would just like to understand a little more if you can clarify that.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “In my District I have Power Street that is considered in the City Limits. To my understanding our Demographer redistrict that precinct and now they are scheduled to go to Lawtell when they live right near Grolee. I have a problem with that because there is nothing that have changed in my district but taking the portion from District 11. I think it is very important that all 13 Districts check because if you all don't get a call from your constituents with a problem, the problem still arises. If we can't fix the problem and there is still a problem, how can it be corrected? My take on this is number one, our Demographer has to go back and put everything back like it was before. There was nothing in the portion of my district that was changed. That part of my district, nobody is joined to me except District 3 and that is not even close. For that portion to be re-directed all the way to Lawtell when they live in Opelousas, that is a problem. Just last year we had people that lived across the street from Opelousas Junior High and had to go to Reverend Ford Church and that was a problem. I think that it is very important that every district needs to check. I had some people, Mr. Richard Lewis, he lives near Grolee and they sent him a voter's card to go to Prairie Ronde, I mean North West, it was rectified but there was still a problem. I am asking every district to check because when they are going to go to the polls and after the election they will come back to the court house and they will be upset with the council and this here was not the council's fault, this was the Demographer's fault. I am saying it now to let everybody know that there is a problem.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I agree, I am glad he mentioned that Mr. Hefner needs to come back and help all of us in the 13 Districts. I know you mentioned that it was him so he needs to come back and make this work. It is not necessarily the Registrar of Voters Office. That is fine, I just wanted to clarify that it is Mr. Hefner and he needs to come back and address this with us.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I also have a major problem. I tried to address it on several occasions. The voters in Ko-Ko-Mo Subdivision normally vote at Community Action now they are going all the way to North West. They put them all in precinct 8 and they are telling me that we cannot split a precinct. Why can't they stay at Community Action where they were because this is a major problem? You have a lot of elderly folks and what is going to happen, they are not going to go and vote if they have to travel all the way to North West. We definitely don't want that to happen. I have tried to get it fixed but I have been told that we cannot get it fixed now so I just want you all to know that I have been trying to do what I can do to get this done correctly. I know that I would not want to leave 10 minutes away from my home and have to go another 20 minutes further to vote.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have the same problem in District 9, people that voted at OHS for all of these years. The line is on Flagg Station Road, now they have to go to Sunset.

I just feel that we need to form a committee, have Mr. Hefner back and we need to go back to the drawing board. I think that question was asked last night. We are the ones that made the Ordinance that is in place right now, we are at fault. I also think that we need Demographics really done as far as where these lines are going to pass and where the precincts are going to be drawn up at. People are used to going to one place and get changed. It is like last year or last election, they closed down Park Vista. People were voting and they had to leave Park Vista School and drive to OHS. We don't have wagons anymore and it is just uncomfortable to try to keep people from having to go and vote I feel sometimes."

Jessie Bellard stated, "It is just my understanding that the precincts are already set, the boundaries like you said in Precinct 8. You all will not be able to change that his year, I think that is impossible for this year. They are telling me next spring you all can start looking at it again. For this election cycle we can't change those precincts but the precinct locations is what we can look at and make sure that it is right. In Mr. Red's case and some other cases that I have been hearing is the boundary lines that are set and maybe they are in the wrong polling location. Maybe the right precinct but the wrong polling location. We just need to make sure that is right but we cannot change the actual precinct boundaries that has already been set."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I think we need to go ahead as Mr. Bellard said and form a Committee of five people and let them look into this thing and investigate it and get with the Demographer and get all the details and the facts on the table and see how we can handle this. The 13 of us in a room with the Demographer trying to solve this thing will be chaos. It was chaos when we put it together. My motion is to form a 5 member committee of volunteers. Mr. Bellard would you like to choose the five or how would you like to do that?"

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, "I think we should have the demographer with us with the committee that we are forming."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Will this committee just address their concerns or the concerns of all of the parish?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "The concerns of the whole parish."

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to form a Committee of 5 Council people to volunteer to meet with Mr. Mike Hefner, Demographer to revise the Voter Precincts in the Parish.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the Parish President's Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. St. Landry Parish Council to serve as the Board of Review for anyone present + wishing to file a protest in reference to their property value.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Do we have anyone that would like to file a protest on their property value? If not we can move on.

2. Vote to approve LA Act 526 Opt in Expedited Temporary Housing Assistance Waiver.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to approve LA Act 526 Opt in Expedited Temporary Housing Assistance Waiver

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

3. Vote to approve the Preliminary and Final Approval of Burnley Ardoin Subdivision an 18.250 Acre Tract being portioned into lots 6-10 located on LA HWY 10 Washington, LA.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In reference to this one I will ask that we table it until I can get a better clarification. On item No. 4, Mr. Jarrell is here to discuss the issues that was brought up earlier. If we can table Item No. 3 and bring it back for the committee.”

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated he can discuss item No. 3 on the agenda. He stated, “Good afternoon council. Jacob Jarrell of Morgan Godeau and Associates.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I think Mr. Taylor had a question on the letter from Aucoin and Associates on Number 1 on new elevations. Contours have been provided and how will the subdivisions be addressed on drainage.”

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, “That is a standard comment that Karl has made on every single letter that he has ever written for every subdivision for the last 10 years that I have been doing this. The problem is that it is part of a subdivision ordinance to show contours. When the elevation is so flat there is no contour. What we do in reference to protect the parish we put a note on the plat that lot owners will be responsible for the grading and drainage to the respective highway ditch. That is the natural drainage but the area is so flat that there is no contour elevation will not be able to be show. That was addressed in the Public Planning Commission meeting and that letter was dated for that meeting. I am surprised that is the first that you all are seeing of this letter.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was dated August 17th, 2022 according to what I have here. You are talking about the Burnley Ardoin Subdivision?”

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, “Correct, both of them. The planning meeting was in August. You all should have had that letter for the Committee. That is why we put the note that the land owners will be responsible for their drainage. That will relieve the parish because that will be private property. That is the standard note that he has to put. I put it on plats that I have reviewed. It is a standard note, it is part of the Subdivision Ordinance.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “So you are satisfied?”

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, “That have been discussed in the meeting. That is one of the only things that have been discussed. That is the very first thing that have been discussed.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to approve the Preliminary and final Approval of Burnley Ardoin Subdivision an 18.250 Acre Tract being partitioned into lots 6-10 located on LA HWY 10, Washington, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

4. Vote to approve the Preliminary and Final Approval of Begnaud Ridge Subdivision. A 16.259 Acre Tract of Land Partitioned into Lots 1-12 located on Begnaud Road, Sunset, LA.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “You did say it is the same for this one right?”

Mr. Jacob Jarrell stated, “It is the same. This one I can tell you all that I have done an analysis to give to Barry with Public Works. I have culverts for this one because it actually has a break in the drainage at the road. I will have a culvert tabling everything on that one so they will know the elevations and everything for that one. That is the only difference. It is pretty much the same. There is a big drop off at the highway. You can see those contours very well and those are reserved for commercial. DOTD will be pulled into that when those goes for any kind of approval and that will over ride our standards for drainage wise they will have to go through a very substantial analysis for those lots.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the Preliminary and Final Approve of Begnaud ridge Subdivision. A 16.259 Acre Tract of Land Partitioned into Lots 1-12 located on Begnaud Road, Sunset, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

5. Vote to appoint one applicant to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for the remaining of a four-year term. (08-12-2019 – 08-12-2023).

Applicants are: Mr. David Bellard Sr., Mr. William Fontenot and Mr. Curley Allen.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to appoint Mr. Curley Allen to the Lawtell water District No. 1 for the remaining of a four-year term. (08-12-2019 - 08-12-2023).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

The vote was as follows

<i>Councilman Jerry Red Jr.</i>	<i>Mr. David Bellard Sr.</i>
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>
<i>Councilman Easton Shelvin</i>	<i>Mr. David Bellard Sr.</i>
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	<i>Mr. David Bellard Sr.</i>
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>
<i>Councilman Gil Savoy</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>
<i>Councilman Wayne Ardoin</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	<i>Mr. David Bellard Sr.</i>
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	<i>Mr. David Bellard Sr.</i>
<i>Councilman Coby Clavier</i>	<i>Mr. Curley Allen</i>

6. Vote to appoint Denise Cannatella to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission. (No set Terms).
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is that the only applicant?”
Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes ma’am”
 A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to appoint Ms. Denise Cannatella to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission. (No set Terms).
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointment to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year term and three appointments for a two-year term expiring 11-18-2022.
 A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointment to Fire District No. 7 for a one year term and three appointments for a two year term expiring 11-18-2022.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

8. Discuss going forward with the process to place a speed bumps on Roland Oaks Road
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I would like to consider having some speed bumps put down on Roland Oaks. They have been having lots of accidents.”
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Am I out of order if I ask a question at this point? Do we still have to follow the same procedure in the past? We had to get a document and go to each person on that street. Everyone must sign saying that they want it or they don’t want it. Isn’t that a part of the process that needs to happen before we can consider? I was just wondering if that had changed.”
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand that is a part of the process but I was told that I can bring it forward in front of the council. I do have the paperwork to start that process.”
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I just want the clarification for myself.”
Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Did this go thru committee?”
Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “What is the process to start the process Counselor?”
Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It generally will go thru committee. If the process has started a survey will be mailed to all of the registered voters on that road. Our council clerk knows how to do that. The Speed Bump Ordinance was revised recently so you have 75% or more have to agree to it. If that is done then the first responders will be notified and there will be a public hearing and our Public Works Department will look at it. That is the process. The

Speed Bump Ordinance was revised recently and that is the process that we will follow. Our clerk is very familiar with that process.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Well that is fine. We can move it to committee first and discuss it there.”

9. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the contract for the Women’s Shelter and allow Parish Government to cut the grass on that facility, providing that we receive beds to house people that are released from our jail or homeless.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In reference to Agenda Number 9, if you all don’t mind I will bring the agreement once it is done. I just wanted to let you all know what the process was with this right her. I don’t have the agreement ready. I don’t think that any action should be taken until we get the agreement to you all.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you want to bring it back to Committee?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, you all can bring it back to Committee.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to forward back to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, October 5th, 2022** to authorize the Parish President to sign the Contract for the Women’s Shelter and allow Parish Government to cut the grass on the facility, providing that we receive beds to house people that are released from our jail or homeless.”

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

10. Update by Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain on the removal of the Barricades on Pebble Road and Rainbow Road.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “There is an ordinance which places a dead end at Pebble Road and Rainbow Drive. If you pass an ordinance to repeal the ordinance and remove the barricade so there is no longer a dead end there. If you are going down Pebble Road coming from the interstate on the right there is a wooden barricade which makes Rainbow Drive a dead end so you can’t turn right from Rainbow Drive onto Pebble Road and go to the Service Road. It is a wooden barricade right Ms. Carriere?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It is a wooden barricade. Pebble Road itself is a dead end but on the right hand is a wooden barricade where you can’t get to Rainbow Drive. It is on the Agenda this evening for introduction. It is the only one for introduction by Ms. Nancy Carriere.”

11. Vote to appoint to a New Registrar of Voter for St. Landry Parish.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to appoint Byron Stelly as the New Registrar of Voter for St. Landry Parish.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin and Mildred Thierry.

ABSENT: None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

The votes were as follows

<i>Councilman Jerry Red Jr.</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Councilman Easton Shelvin</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>
<i>Councilman Gil Savoy</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>
<i>Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>
<i>Councilman Wayne Ardoin</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>

<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	<i>Lauren Jones</i>
<i>Councilman Coby Clavier</i>	<i>Byron Stelly</i>

Mr. Byron Stelly addressed the council. He stated, “Madam Chairwoman and members of the council. I am extremely excited to be able to return home and bring my expertise and knowledge back to this parish. I am confident that I will make all of you proud. Thank you.”

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

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.

This Ordinance having been introduced on the 21st day of September, 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:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-013.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 013

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 at least 30 days before the sale.

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:

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **September 7th, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED: None.** **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **September 7th, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED: None.** **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED: None.** **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of September, 2022.

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