

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th, 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 19th, day of October, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- I.** Vice Chairwoman Nancy Carriere called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II.** Councilman Easton Shelvin lead the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- 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. . **ABSENT:** Ex Officio Vivian Olivier
Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier was late for roll call but later joined the meeting.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, if I am in order I will ask that we amend the agenda to deal with two items which are both the same situation. It is about getting some blighted property taken care of as far as grass cutting. It deals with 664 Don Guilbeau Road. It was brought up here before. It looks like there is nothing that is being done. Mr. Duplechain said for us to amend the agenda and also deal with 121 Cook Street in Morrow Louisiana.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “As far as the timeline for these two Blighted Properties is on track. Following the Ordinance step by step, the next step this evening is to amend the agenda and put this on. It should be inserted in the Public Comment Section to see if the two individuals are here. They may not be here and then the council can vote to go forward with it from there.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am asking to amend the agenda to deal with these two items and I want to add to the agenda the blighted property at 927 McNeese Street for demolition. The Blighted Property of Mr. Ernest Broussard and Mr. Lawrence Ricard which the one on Mr. Broussard is at 664 Don Guilbeau Road and Mr. Ricard is 121 Cook Street in Morrow.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to amend the Agenda to add three additional items regarding the properties at: *927 McNeese Street, 664 Don Guilbeau Road and 121 Cook Street in Morrow.*

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: Jerry Red Jr. **ABSENT:** Chairwoman Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion Failed.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Red, did you say No?”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Yes I did.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Then these cannot be considered, we can move on. The motion failed. If anyone objects then it fails.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you Mr. Red.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You are welcome.”

Madam Chairwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Now we will do the Obituary.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We have other amendments.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Madam Chairwoman, are there any other additions to the agenda that you all would like to make?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We have the ordinances. Ordinance 16. Madam Chairwoman, we have Ordinance 2022-016. An Ordinance to Demolish Lawtell Water that was given to you to be introduced.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. stated, “That is not on the agenda.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “It is to amend the agenda to add it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will bring it to the Committee Meeting next month.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “What about Ordinance 19, you don’t want to do that one either?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Madam Clerk, are these ordinances to be introduced or to be considered tonight?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “They are for the Committee Meeting for next month.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “He said to wait until next month so we can proceed with Condolences.”

IV. **CONDOLENCES:**

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Mary Dorothy ‘Tut Tut’ Sylvester, James Ignatius Broussard, Bryla Kristina Lewis, Joseph Harold Thomas, Joseph Milton Reed, Terrell Wayne Gradney, Lasandra Robinson Fontenot, James ‘TeeDee’ Charles.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Lucy Ruth Jolivet, Henry Alfred Johnson Jr., Mable Stansbury, Ron Christopher Hicks Jr., Mildred ‘Millie’ Sellers Boudreau, Joey Bordelon, Elton Lee Freeman, Grace Marie Eaglin, Betty Lee Dunbar, Donald Ray Watson Sr., Damien Devon Rideau, James Ignatius Broussard, Joseph Earl Cains.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Cheryl Ann Bihm Myers.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Clayton J. Latiolais, Carey Edwin Walton, Michael Cyril Stanford Cheryl Ann Bihm Myers, Mildred ‘Millie’ Sellers Boudreau, Terrell Wayne Gradney, Wilbert Joseph Leger, Marie ‘Minnie’ Devillier, Albert Joseph Lasseigne.

Councilman Dexter Brown: James Ignatius Broussard, Donald Ray Watson Sr., Clayton J. Latiolais.

Councilman Jimmie Edwards: Clem Kibodeaux Jr.

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

- Mr. Mike Francis, Public Service Commissioner:
Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Mr. Francis called and stated he will come to the next Committee Meeting. He had a prior engagement that came up.”
- **Judge Valerie Gotch Garrett, Candidate for 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal Judge addressed the council.** She stated, “Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to address your council. It is my humble privilege to do so. Thirty years ago I began my legal career right here in St. Landry Parish and in Evangeline Parish. After the hurricane I went to work for Legal Services and Legal Services allowed me to serve as a Pro-Bono Attorney for the Parish of St. Landry and for Evangeline. Right out of law school now, I have to tell you that I went to law school later in life. I taught school, I ran a business and then went to law school later in life. At the age of seven I was told that I could not be a lawyer when I was in Public School. That is before I went to Catholic School and they told me that I could do anything that I wanted to do. With that in mind I went to law school later in life with two kids. I started off my career at Acadiana Legal Services. By the time I did that, I was not uneasy to come to St. Landry but I was terrified to go to Evangeline. At that time they had Judge Soileau over here and Judge Soileau believe the law was what he said and not what was in the law books. Soon Judge Soileau and I became, I guess not friends really, but he respected the fact that I held my ground and what law said I was going to make him realize whether I took it at the lower level in District Court or I took it to the Appellate Court, I was going to stand my grounds and follow the law. I earned, not necessarily a friendship of Judge Soileau, I earned, Judge Aucoin also, he was more difficult but I earned their respect. That taught me a valuable lesson. It taught me that hard work pays off, respect of people and supporting and fighting for those who could not was my calling. I realized that was easier to do than any other job I had done. So my teacher was wrong, I was good at what I did. Soon with the encouragement and the backing of Legal Services we came in and we helped the most indigent and underserved community of St. Landry and Evangeline. I also traveled to Iberia Parish and that began my true understanding and value for the Legal System and for people rights. In my career I have learned that the Constitution is so valuable. The Constitution that when we say the Pledge of Allegiance, I am sitting in the 15 JVC, and every time I stand in open court, I say the Pledge of Allegiance. I recognize that what I did at the moment really resonated with me when my second to the oldest got his masters, I am kind of telling my age a little bit, but my second to the oldest got his masters from Southern, he decided to go into the

Military. After all the money that I spent to send this young man to school, he wanted to go into the Military. I was like, are you sure, what are you going to do over there? I had no appreciation even though I had Military people in my family that had pre deceased. My son sat and said I got a call from God and I am going serve my country. When I saw the men and women complete this training and come from the woods, I saw my young son who had now became a man, coming through those colors with the Soldiers, it was a moment that I will never forget. So the Pledge of Allegiance, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are the things that we hold in this country so dear and valuable. That is why I come before you now to let you all know why I want to be the next Third Circuit Court of Appeal Judge. It is because of my value for the Constitution, my value for all that serve our country, my for the rights of our citizens and our people is why I want to serve. I serves as a District Court Judge and I love what I do. I come to realize it is a gift. I had revocations today. Revocation Doctor is where you decide if people go to jail or not and some went to jail but some we were able to do creative thinking and it comes from a true passion to serve that I have. Before I decided to run for the Third Circuit Court, I called all the Judges that I knew that had retired. I consider Judge Harris to be a friend and I called him first. I asked him if he would run and he told me no. I called Judge Edwards who had retired and he said no. I called them all. My opponent is sitting here, I called her as well and she said I don't think so. So that meant in that seat, nobody was going to run. I fought and I fought because that would mean that I would leave where I am now and go higher. I serve as a Drug Court Judge. Every Tuesday Night from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. I am in Drug Court. If something goes wrong on the weekend, they call me, I am there to serve. So I say this all to you to say, one might tell you the largest percent of this race comes to St. Landry Parish and it does, we have never had a race in 30 years so we really don't know what our true numbers are. It does and your vote is valuable and I don't believe that anybody should vote a long line. Look at my credential, look at my service years, look at what I have done in the community, look at the things that I have done in my court, look at Lafayette Regional Airport where I have served 12 years. My staff thought I was working there and getting paid. My last four years I worked as a Chairwoman, bringing that new Terminal in. They told me that I could not turn dirt on it, I did, I went to Washington and let me tell you something, I served with some men and I was the only girl on the team. But I learned to work with the men and they thought me a lot. My favorite is Mr. Guilbeau, Paul Guilbeau. We drove that airport in and I don't know if you all know but it is debt free, we don't owe a dime. We get a one cent sales tax, we campaigned on it, we shut it down at a certain time and we start it at a certain time. We went to Washington, we matched the money, you know, New Orleans did not even do it. We matched the money, we saved our own and you have now a beautiful Regional Airport. I created the DBE Policies, there were none, I created DBE Advisory Counsel and I created DBE Group, an ability for people to serve. I say that all to say that I have served. Service is my passion. The Judiciary is honorable, it is humbling, it is meaningful and it is challenging. I would ask that you consider me, even though I am considered an outsider, please consider me on Election Day. Research me, look at my credentials and look at my service to my community on boards that touch across the region and look at my leadership. I am a mother of five, a grandmother of seven. I have two boys that are artistic twins, one get Epileptic Seizures and right before I came here he was sick but I serve. Nobody else that can tell you anything about me, I serve, I serve the people. I believe in the people. When you go to the Third Circuit you make Appellate Law that is important and inclusive to the lives of people. I was happy where I was, there was a challenge to go up and I am ready to receive that challenge. So on November 8th, early voting starts Tuesday, on November 8th, consider me Judge Valarie Gotch Garrett, No. 42 on the Ballot. Thank you so much for allowing me to speak to you today.”

- **Judge Ledricka Johnson Thierry addressed the council. She stated,** “Thank you Madam Chair and to the council. I am Judge Ledricka Johnson Thierry, your District Court Judge here in St. Landry Parish. I will say first of all as the St. Landry Parish District Court Judge, I am very humble and honored to have been elected as the First Female District Court Judge. In the northern part of this parish Lebeau Louisiana, I was born and raised there and finished at North Central High School. It is there along with my parents who are both 84 years old, I am very blessed to still have them with me, who have fulfilled a lot of morals and values and hard work. I can comfortably sit here, some of you know me and some may not know me as well but most of you know my story. It is my story. At seventeen years of age I almost lost my life right on HWY 71 in Lebeau.

I was hit by a bus on 71. I have no memory of how that happen or what happen at that moment. At that very time many people that found me on that road said that I continued to say, 'tell God I don't want to die, tell God I don't want to die.' I have to believe that what these people told me happened even though I could not remember it. What it did to me, it connected my Spirituality with my God and I understood that, although I could not understand that I got hit by a bus and not a car. This is different for a seventeen year old to process but I understood that God left me here for a reason. I did not understand necessarily what purpose and what capacity he was going to use me in but I have always stepped up to the challenge. When I recovered from that injury at nineteen years old, I was working with Habitat for Humanity, I was working with Amar core. Every parish that I have resided in whether it was just to undergrad for college or law school, I did service. Upon graduation I returned back to my parish, St. Landry Parish. In 2005, I clerked for Judge Alonzo Harris right here in this same Courthouse Square and I established roots here. I opened a law practice here and I opened an insurance agency here and I also opened a health clinic inspired by my daughter, Madison who has autism and is known as Madison Health Center. In addition to that you have known me before running for office, I did 15 years of free tax services for the residence of St. Landry Parish. We even included Evangeline Parish in those services. Now that I am a District Court Judge, my best friend have decided to take on what I have left behind. I have received an award from the US Department of Treasury for my Public Service back to my Community and the millions of dollars that I brought back to my community during that service. In addition to that you have known me also as a lawmaker, I was the first female District 40 State Representative here. I am very proud of the work that I have done as a State Representative, every baby born in the state of Louisiana tested for hearth defects because of my Legislation. Every person registered as a sex offender is prohibited from being on those social media sites to protect our children. That was requested by State Police. It is a policy that they are not supposed to be on those social sites but without State Law that could be enforced. It was not a popular thing when I did it, I was a Freshman Legislator and since I did it, I was featured on CNN and other States have followed that same law. There is a lady, Davina Chapman, she was thrown over the bridge in Krotz Springs. I don't know if some of you recall that situation but again going back to the injury that I incurred, one of the injuries I incurred from the bus hitting me, I had a ruptured spleen. I lived overnight right here at Opelousas General and they did not even know. When they learned of it, they gave me a blood transfusion and now I am standing here to talk to you today and I survived, well that is one of her injuries. The pathologist believed she lived six hours under that bridge. She had a ruptured spleen, if she would have gotten medical attention in a timely manner then she could have possibly had her life saved. When the family reached out to me, I was at a dinner and they walked over and they took a chance and told me that story. They thought I was not listening but I was listening. The very next day I went to work and I worked on it and we end up compromising on the name of the bill, it is Kelsie Smith Act. I authored it as the Davina Chapman Law. The reason that I did that was, no I could not save her live but I care about people. I wanted to make sure that her death was not in vain. When I offered that Legislation it was to give law enforcement another tool where they can pink a cell phone of an individual that maybe in the same circumstances as her verses having to wait and get a search warrant. When a person life is in danger, we don't have time for a search warrant, we need to be able to locate and find that individual as soon as possible. There are many other stories I could share. I have done Legislation, I got hit by a bus, I have done Legislation to change laws regarding the bus and coming in contact with drivers on the highway. If you look at all of my background, I have always focused on people. At the appropriate time, I have sought office and became the District Court Judge. At District Court Judge, I am a General Jurisdiction Judge. I also preside over Family Preservation Court which means that I am responsible for focusing on administering the K-Plan to try to reunite families that have suffered from substance abuse and try to reunite families back with their children provided that they follow the K-Plan. I am very proud of that and I meet with them twice a month for that program. I also preside over Criminal matters, not just the mild situations such as traffic, I do traffic, misdemeanors and felony including murder. I also do civil matters, some may range in value as low as \$50,000.00 and some of matters that I preside over are valued over \$3 Billion Dollars. Some of the cases that I have had are president cases. When I first took office I called several judges across the state and they said that they have never had situations like that. Every month I was getting unique situations.

Every time I never had a problem stepping up to the challenge and doing the right research and applying the law where I taught it would fit. Several of those matters have been brought before the Third Circuit Court as well as the Louisiana Supreme Court and my decisions were affirmed. So at this time I would not bring this up but since it was brought up in the room, Judge Harris was my person that I replaced and certainly I can tell you and he would certainly confirm what I would say that he had ambitions to run this seat as the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. That is something that we had always discussed for years. He told me recently in June of this year that he was not running for the office. So when my opponent, as she lauded to and stated that she contacted me, she contacted me in the spring of 2021 when I had just taken the Bench for District Court. My response to her was not no but that my Judge and mentor, Judge Alonzo Harris is running for that seat and I would never challenge my mentor. That was my response. When my mentor came to me and told me in June that he has decided because he is on the Washington Bank Board as well as getting retirement that is did not make financial sense for him to do so, then that position was now a place for me to make that decision. That was not an easy decision to make but I will say to you that I feel confident that God as order my steps. The same documents that I pulled for Judge Harris, thinking that he was preparing a run for this race, I am now using those maps and those documents. No it was not in my plans in 2021. In 2021 my job was to be the best District Court Judge that I could for St. Landry Parish. We are gone from that now and at this time what I would say to you is I still believe right at this point if I am elected and if God says the same, I can do three terms which will be 30 years that I will be eligible to sit on a Third Circuit Court of Appeal. The votes for the Third Circuit Court of Appeal does come from majority 48% here in St. Landry Parish and 21% approximately in Lafayette Parish, 22% in St. Martin Parish and 8% in Iberia Parish. Once elected we preside over 21 parishes. Our job is to review the lower court decision. My undergrad is in English Education, everybody knows that I love to read and write. Even as a District Court Judge I sometimes write double digit reasons because I know that they are going to seek review because of the importance of the case. I have always made an oath, everybody knows that a judge or even a lawyer, our job is certainly to analyze the law. I have been on the position where I have the opportunity to create law and now as a judge I can actually uphold the law and apply the facts and evidence as they are presented to me in the court. I do believe at this time with my professional, my educational as well as my personal life experiences it makes me a great fit for the Third Circuit. I have been a small business owner, a wife, a mother of three children but what most important is I am a Public Servant. Judges aren't politicians, we can't promise that I am going to change a road or I am going to fix something, what you want to make sure is that when you come before me you want a judge that you feel has the Judicial Temperament, not someone who gets upset because we have a pass issue or someone who can't be fair. You want to feel like when you come before a Judge you can present your case on both sides and that judge will give your case the importance and listen to each detail so that if you are successful you will know why you won. If you are not successful you will also know why your case did not make it. That is what I do in my court room now. Everybody comes in my courtroom and some of them are nervous because they don't have a lawyer. I tell them you can relax. If you don't have a lawyer, I am patient and I take my time and I try to explain to them that I can't give them legal advice but everybody will tell you in Judge Thierry's Courtroom, I treat you with respect and dignity regardless of what side you are on, you are still people and I attribute that to my humble beginning. With that being said, I will take that same work ethic to the Third Circuit Court of Appeal. I think that at this time I am the right candidate and this is the right time for me to seek this seat and I will certainly ask for your prayers and your support as I am brought from this journey. I will ask that you vote and elect Judge Ledricka Johnson Thierry #43, your next Court of Appeals Judge. Thank you.

- **Mr. Craig Kidder addressed the council. He stated,** “Hopefully no more than two minutes to talk. I have been speaking a lot with Lewis about the Adjudicated Property Process. When someone makes a bid and they have the high bid my understanding is that they have no timeline for the second highest bid to come and collect on the property. We would like for you all to consider putting 90 days or 180 days, whatever it maybe for the second highest bidder to be able to assume control or it goes back to being processed again. I have been waiting six months for one property. The person that won the bid has not shown up, he is MIA. I am ready to assume management of the property and I can't.”

- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Mr. Bellard, what are we doing about this?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “It depends on the property, if it is adjudicated for 5 years or more you get the 60 day process you have to do the notices and everything else. If it is 3 years to 5 years, you have to give them 6 months to notify and go thru the proper process and get the affidavit sent to us. We don’t have a time frame in which they start that process. They can start it whenever they want to. I don’t have a problem with putting 6 months or a year on there but at the same time you have to make that they are doing their due diligence and making sure that they get the system working. I am good with whichever way we have to do it.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I have been approached with that question also. I think you are asking because you are the next in line. How long the person that received the bid is going to have before they complete their paperwork so that if they don’t get it, does the next person in line gets it. I guess the question is, does it go to next in line or does it go back up for bid? Garrett if a person wins the bid and they don’t start their paperwork, he wants to know also because he is the next highest bidder. Will it go back up for bid or does it goes to the next person that is the next highest bidder?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “What the council can do if they choose to set a time limit. If I have the highest bid, I have a certain amount of time to come forward. I don’t know what that time would be, whatever is easier.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I actually thought it was 90 days that they had to complete their work from the time that they did their bid. That is one of the reasons why I requested a policy on the procedures of how we were going to do it because a lot of people ask that question if they only had 90 days. As soon as they get their award letter they had to get their attorney and start that process. At least show you all that they were making that effort. I understand what he is saying that some people figure they got it because they received their award letter and they have not done anything to complete the sale.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I don’t have a problem amending the ordinance.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I can make a motion that we can set a time limit and maybe set a rule that if we are putting it back into the bidding process or if we will accept a second highest bid. I also have another question, one of the questions that I have is: What is the time limit that a person can redeem that property? Lately a lot of people have been coming and redeeming after the people have won the bid.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The whole purpose of the notices after the sale is to give the property owners their due process. They can come at any time to redeem it.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I understand that but I am only asking this maybe Garrett can answer this question. We advertise it three times, that is almost 3 months that it has been on a roll, it has been on a roll for maybe 5-10 years because it has been sitting there. All of a sudden it is for sale and the people can come up, listen I own property, I would not want to just lose my property, so I understand the process, it is good that we are advertising it three time, I have been checking in other parishes that don’t do anything of what we are doing, we are really giving a long time. I understand and I have constituents that have lost the bid because someone came and redeemed it after it was sold.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Let me clarify something. It is not sold until everything is done. So just because they are awarded the bid or they have the highest bid, they don’t own anything. That goes through the process now where they have to give the notices. A person can come and redeem the property up until the time the affidavit is given back to us and all the process is done. If you all pass an ordinance saying to limit that I will Veto it because the people who owns the property, we have people in the town and in the parish that did not know that their property was adjudicated. We had several people, once they made notice of it, they came and pay. Our goal is to make sure that their taxes are paid and not to sell the property but the taxes are paid.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I can agree with you on that. I think that we all had an American dream that we would one day own something. So if we own it I can agree that they should be able to have that opportunity to buy it back. All I am saying is let’s make the people that is bidding aware. As much as you may think, a lot of them and like he thought when is going to happen, you have been watching it. Just like a lot of

the other people, they win the bid and they are thinking I won the bid and now I own a part of this American dream. So I just think when I requested a copy of those policies and procedures it is for me to explain to some of these people that call me and tell them yes you bid on it. A lot of time they are waiting on their award letter to start the next process. So it is like they are waiting on pins and needles so they can hurry and get the lawyer to be able to finish that and go in front of the judge to be awarded that property so they can finally own it. They start all of this paper work and here comes the person to redeem it, it makes it a conflict. We may just need to regroup and get some better policies.”

- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I don’t have any problems adding a 90 day process after the award letter is given that they have to show some type of process is being done. After 90 days or so, I am good with that. The award letter does not go out until the council approves the actual acceptance. That could be another 30 days after the bid opening. It is a process but the property owners have to have their due process. I am not opposed to a 90 day process saying if you don’t have anything done in 90 days after your award letter is done then we will go to the second bidder. I am good with that. As long as we make sure that it is legal. I am good with that.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Is there any way possible in the future, and I know we are doing the social media, we are doing the paper and all of that, to notify these people that their property is up for adjudication and try to safe guard some future problems. Is there any possible way and I know it may be asking a lot Mr. Lewis because you already have to put signs out and all of this but really that they know that their property is going up for sale. It does lead to a heart break for a person, even though it is not paid for, you really don’t own your car until you have paid the last payment but the point is as you are driving it those years and you feel you own your car. It is yours.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Madam Chair, we are in the comment state, we are not debating issues at this time, can we move on.”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned,** “Madam Chair, I have a question on this matter. For Mr. Kidder, Mr. Duplechain, what the state law states on the 90 day. Is it 60 days or 90 days?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “After the person wins the bid, they can have a set time to come forward and sign their conveyance, claim their property and complete the process.”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “The State Statue states 90 days or does it say any other?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “It does not state that. It just say how long it has to be prior to whenever it is adjudicated. Five years or more they have 60 days to come forward. If it is less than 5 years, you have 6 months to come forward. That is the beginning of the process. At the end of the process the council can set a limit for them to come forward and claim their property.”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “My question is the thing with the bidders. Nothing about the owners, they can come back and the have a certain amount of time. I am talking about in the bid process we set up that rule of the 90 days?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Right, the council can set that ordinance.”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned,** “Have we set it at 90 days?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “No.”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Okay, can we bring that to committee next month so we change the days. We can go 120 or 60 or whatever. So we will have something in the ruling.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Definitely.”
- **Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “While we are in the process of redoing the ordinance, is it possible for us to just go on and say in that ordinance that instead of re-opening the process all over again, it should go to the next highest bidder instead of re-opening it and starting the bidding process all over. We already have it ongoing and if that first person did not come forth well then to me it automatically should be the second highest bidder in line. Maybe we should just state that in that ordinance if everybody feels the same way.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Madam Chair, I will get with Mr. Duplechain and we will draft something for the next meeting and we will have those two stipulations in there. I will bring it to you all for the next meeting.”

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 21st, 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 19th, day of October, 2022.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “On the agenda later on you will have a couple of Resolutions. The first one is for the Airport CIP Plan. You should have a copy of that. The next Resolution will be declaring October 28, 2022 at Steve Duhon Day. He is a Pro Rodeo Local guy and would like to celebrate his achievements in our parish. You also have the resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant. That is something that we apply for every year. It is for Roads and it meets a certain criteria. That has not been done yet but we need to get the application process started. That is also in the packet later on. A couple of things that I would like to do and it is not on the agenda and not on my President’s Report, I have it right here, McNeese Street on the northern part of the parish, another part of Opelousas, there is a house that is in disarray, it is a safety issue. What we have done with that is barricaded it off from public and placed condemned signs all over it to make sure that nobody goes into the property. We need to do the final letter to do the demolition process. I need the council to make a motion that we...they send out a final letter so the people could come to the next council meeting and give us their reason why we should not tear it down but in the interim we did declare it condemned for safety reasons in the process...in the meantime.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I won’t bother you all anymore but is that the one that I was talking about?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard response was not clear over the microphone.

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to authorize the Parish President to send out a final letter to the home owners on McNeese Street to invite them to come to our next Council Meeting and give us their reason why we should not tear down their property.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Also the Animal Control Ordinance.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. President, how about Don Guilbeau Road. Will you talk about that on your Parish President’s Report?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “On Don Guilbeau Road we were just notified that the driveway is open now and I have cleared it with Mr. Duplechain. Everything has been set legally. We will go and start cutting the grass since the gate is open. If the gate is not open we will open it and start cutting the grass. We did all of our due diligence with the law. That is our next process.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Do you need a motion to that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No everything was passed thru the council already. We wanted clarification if there is a gate blocking the driveway and do we have permission to go on the property and cut the grass. I thing that we are good on that right now so we will start that process.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “All of the letters required by the ordinance for Don Guilbeau Road was sent out. They were all recorded by our Council Clerk with the Clerk of Court with a Certificate of Mailing, all according to the ordinance. So everything for Don Guilbeau Road and 121 Cook Street in Morrow has been completed to follow the Ordinance.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So do we need a motion on those two items?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “That would be good.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So I will offer it as a motion.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Seconded.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “That did not pass because it was a lack of a full unity.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t need a motion for that.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Yes we do.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not to go clean that property. It has been through that process already.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “It was not even on the agenda. It should not have come up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not asking for a motion. I am just advising the council of the steps that is being done from this point forward. I know the questions will be brought up. So I don’t need a motion for it because we will take care of the problem tomorrow.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You can’t bring that up if it is not on the agenda.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is in my Parish President’s Report. I can bring up anything on the Parish President’s Report that come up. I am not asking for a motion Jerry.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “But you said it verbatim. It is not on the agenda.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, it is not on the agenda, but I don’t need a motion for that. I am just advising the council because there were some questions tonight about Don Guilbeau and the process. I clarified it before the meeting so we are good. We will clean up the property. I don’t need anything from the council.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So you did not have to bring it up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well I just wanted to make sure that the questions are answered.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “Madam Chair, point of order please so we can continue to proceed.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I withdraw my second. Are you going to need a motion?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t need a motion. I don’t need anything from the council for the Don Guilbeau Property. We are good.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Okay, let’s roll.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will withdraw my motion. It is just that it has been brought before this council and it was agreed that the process was going to start and it has not happened yet. So now it is going to happen. Thank you Mr. Bellard.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Animal Control Ordinance that we have been....”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “What happened to the junk on Mushroom Road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Next month we will bring that one to the council to give the final letter that goes out to him. Then we can start that process on that property.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Was the final letter sent out already?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard response could not be heard over the microphone.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The Animal Control Ordinance needs to be introduced tonight. I thought it was introduced last month but I don’t think it was. We did a couple of changes to it. Mr. Duplechain can say what the changes were. There were minor changes as far as wording was concerned.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I reviewed the changes with our Animal Control Official Mr. Kiddar. I believe those changes were made so the revised ordinance is ready now.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will offer a motion that we move forward with the ordinance with the changes and I will sponsor it.”

ORDINANCE 2022-016

(Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

Revised St. Landry Parish Animal Ordinance

Section .8-1 -8.50 Ordinance 2022-016

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Another issue that we have been having and since we have a Civil Code Officer, those people who are not cutting their grass, even though we give them the letters and the don’t cut their grass like the first of second round, the officer is going out there and giving them a citation. That is just to start the ball rolling, not that we are going to cut the grass but we are giving them a citation saying that you are not listening to what the ordinance calls for, you have been given letters and now you are getting a citation, a Civil Citation. So that will push the issue faster on our end. If they continuously not do it, that third letter that the council will do, then we will go ahead and clean up the property. In the meantime if they violate our ordinance and we give them their warnings and their letters and they still don’t it, they will get a ticket. That will help us speed the process up.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, “What is the cost?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Whatever is in the ordinance. I am not sure what the cost is. Whatever fines that you all have in the ordinance, I am not sure.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “So you don’t know what it is.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, but if they are given a citation, the citation will be presented to the front office with a copy of the ordinance that they have violated. Then they will adhere to whatever it is. You have first, second and third offenses, I am not exactly sure of the fines or the fees. That is something that we might have to look at in the future, possibly increasing it. It might be \$25.00, I am not sure.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Do they have a certain amount of time?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They have 45 days. If they don’t pay the fine then it becomes an issue brought to the courts and the courts can order them to pay the fine. If they don’t pay the fine then it becomes a Criminal Matter. Until it gets to the court it is a Civil Matter between us.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You said it may be \$25.00”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not sure what it is. I just said that because I know our fines and our fees are very low in our ordinance. Also, I don’t need a resolution, oh yes I could use a resolution for this. Community Action is applying for another Transit Vehicle. Another bus through DOTD. I need a Resolution to authorize the application to apply for this Grant.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Approve **Resolution 027-2022.**

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

Resolution No. 027-2022

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas
- 49 CFR 5339, Grants for Bus and Bus Facility Program

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by St. Landry Parish Government. :

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government Community Action Agency with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.

4. That the Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.
5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government Community Action Agency with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.
6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting of the St. Landry Parish Government certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the St. Landry Parish Government held on October 19th, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Another item is the introduction of a subdivision ordinance that will be an amendment to the original ordinance allowing private subdivisions. You all have a copy of that in your packet. The only thing that is different between that and what we are doing now is a 40 foot right-of-way or easement on the road instead of a 60' for a private subdivision so we can start that process and it will have to be gated and HOA in place for those subdivision. You all should have a copy in your packet. You all can review it if you all don't want to do it this month, you all can look at it for next month, whatever you all want to do. Mr. Duplechain typed it up for us."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I made the final revision to that ordinance right before the meeting so that ordinance is ready."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "That will be Ordinance 2022-022."

An ordinance to amend St. Landry Parish Ordinance Section 40-165 Pre-Application Consideration and Drainage Review.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The only thing that I am not quite sure about is when I said HOA. I don't remember reading HOA Policies into the ordinance. That is one of the biggest things that we need to put, can we Mr. Duplechain?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes, we can add an HOA into that ordinance. The only other thing is to allow for a gate. Do you want to place that in there also?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is what we had talked about, yes."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "All right, those two provisions will be added in. It will be ready to go next month."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The reason why I voted 'No' on all of these things is because none of this stuff came before the Committee. It just came through the President's Report and we the council voted that it had to go through the committee. It did not go through committee and we just want to take action. You don't even know what is going on but that is fine. Thank you."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct me if I am wrong, an ordinance does not go through committee, it is just an introduction that comes to the full council. That is why it is not brought through committee."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Everything was not an ordinance."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If the council would like for me to bring every ordinance to the committee, then it goes to the full council, I am good with that."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., "I want to know what is going on, that is all."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Oh I agree but what I am saying is that the procedure is in place and we are following them. If you all want to change the procedure I am good with that, I am good with whatever you all want to do. I just want to make sure that the record is clear, we are not breaking any laws and we are not trying to hide anything from anybody else. It is what it is. If you all don't want it that way, you all change the rule, I am good with that to."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We have rules."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Not for an ordinance, not for an ordinance."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Madam Chair, if I may out of all due respect to you Mr. Red, that Don Guilbeau Road came through this parish council not once but twice."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Yes it did."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "But yet it was still lagging and those people that live around there are concerned about why we have not done anything. That is why I ask that it be put on the agenda and he also asked about Cook Road in Morrow, La. I don't think anybody was trying to hide anything from you."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “It has to go through Committee Mr. Ardoin and you know that.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It went through the process with the parish council, thank you.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Madam Chair, the three resolutions that is in the Parish President’s Report, we have to vote on each one of those starting with Resolution 024-2022.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not coming up later on the agenda?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No because it did not go through the committee. So we have to vote on each one of them.”

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

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I move on Resolution 024-2022.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Second.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “What is 024?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No. 024 is the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Formula Grant. That is the Annual for Community Action

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is the one for the Airport. Resolution No. 024-2022 is the Airport CIP Plan.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to Adopt

Resolution 024-2022

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

NAYS: Jerry Red Jr., **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

RESOLUTION 024-2022

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under any of the following FTA programs managed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

- 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by St. Landry Parish Government. :

1. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government Community Action Agency with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to FTA transit programs.
2. That the Parish President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
3. That the Parish President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or financial reimbursement of the project.
4. That the Parish President is authorized to set and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project’s procurement needs.

5. That the Parish President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of St. Landry Parish Government Community Action Agency with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the DOTD.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting of the St. Landry Parish Government certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the St. Landry Parish Government held on October 19th, 2022.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, I move on Resolution 025-2022. A Resolution declaring October 28 as Steve Duhon Day.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to approve Resolution 025-2022.

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 19th, day of October, 2022.

RESOLUTION 025-2022

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OCTOBER 28TH AS STEVE DUHON DAY

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon was born and raised near Opelousas, Louisiana, and is the son of long-time racehorse trainer; Billy Duhon.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon attended and played football for Belmont Academy in Opelousas, Louisiana where he graduated in 1981, and was a three-time all-state honoree and named Louisiana Best Defensive Player twice.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon attended and played football for one year at LSU in 1981 before deciding to pursue a rodeo career.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon turned professional in the rodeo industry in 1985 and won Rookie of the Year in steer wrestling.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon set a world record in 1986, which stood for 15 years until it was tied, by taking down a steer in three seconds.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon's 14 ½-year professional rodeo career produced three pro Rodeo Cowboy Association world championship steer wrestling titles and qualifications for eight National Finals Rodeo.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2003, the National cowboy and western Heritage Museum, and the Louisiana sports Hall of Fame in 2022.

WHEREAS, Steve Duhon continues his rodeo passion by hosting any young people who have interests in pursuing the rodeo life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council, that October 28th be declared Steve Duhon Day.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the St. Landry Parish Council

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, I move on Resolution 026-2022.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to Adopt Resolution 026-2022.

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 19th, day of October, 2022.

RESOLUTION 026-2022

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government ("Parish") desires to submit a Louisiana community Development Block Grant ("LCDBG") application (the "Application"); and, **WHEREAS**, the Parish desires to enter into an agreement with Aucoin and Associates, Inc. to perform all administrative consulting services associates with the Application, which includes assistance with developing the Application, and thereafter performing all administrative consulting duties following a grant award,; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to enter into an agreement with Morgan Goudeau and Associates, to perform all engineering consulting services associates with the Application, which includes assistance with developing the Application, and thereafter performing all engineering consulting services, including basic engineering design, surveying, project representation, construction phase services and any other engineering costs incurred by the Parish, following a grant award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT:

1. The Parish enters into an agreement with Aucoin and Associates, Inc. to develop and submit the Application, and thereafter to perform all administrative consulting duties following a grant award.
2. The Parish enters into an agreement with Morgan Goudeau and Associates to assist with the development of the Application, and thereafter to perform all engineering consulting services, including basic engineering design, surveying, project representation, construction phase services and any other engineering costs incurred by the Parish, following a grant award.
3. The President is authorized to execute respective agreements with Aucoin and Associates, Inc. and Morgan Goudeau and Associates, and to execute and submit the Application, as well as all related documents, to be on such other terms and conditions as he shall deem advisable, and to do any and all things necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution and to fulfill its objectives and purposes.

Opelousas, Louisiana this day **19th** day of **October, 2022**.

Finance Director Caryn Fulop presented her Financial Report. She stated:

General Fund Revenue: \$3,223,767.00

Expenses: \$4,557,439.00

Road & Bridge Revenue: \$2,799,159.00

Expenses: \$3,637,918.00

Health Unit Revenue: \$744,985.00

Expenses: \$1,332,598.00

Jail Fund Revenue: \$205,655.00

Expenses: \$705,785.00

Road District 12 or Ward 2 Maintenance (26): \$126,850.00

Expenses: \$132,650.00

Road District 1 of Ward 3 Maintenance (27): \$151,437.00

Expenses: \$147,780.00

Sub-Road District 2 of Road District 11-A of Ward 1 Maintenance (28): \$80,627.00

Expenses: \$139,546.00

Sub-Road District 1 of Road District 3 of Ward 1 Maintenance (29): \$26,675.00

Expenses: \$109,709.00

Sub-Road District 1 of Road District 11-A Maintenance (42): \$109,321.00

Expenses: \$185,985.00

Airport (146): \$222,797.00

Expenses: \$403,970.00

American Rescue Act (158): \$7,976,246.00

Expenses: \$4,174,458

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Ms. Fulop, are you going back to August 31, 2022?”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “According to what you have her on Sub Road District 1 of 11-A which is District 9, you are stating that they have a \$393,000.00 balance. That is not the same thing that you gave us. Am I correct? That is Road District 1 of 11-A.”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “Are you asking about the Cash Balance of \$373,670.00? Yes, that is correct.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So that is the correct figure? Thank you. On your report, this is the report that you wanted to give us the other night at the committee meeting, Am I correct?”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “Yes Sir.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Let’s go to the page in reference to the Travel Expenses. You have a figure of \$25,345.00 as of August 31st, 2022. In July you had \$20,264.00 as the balance, why has the balance changed so much in the following month?”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “Because I re-classed a few of the expenses that you had discussed at the previous council meeting about the Washington D.C. Trip. So it was not on the council’s travel expenses.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So you put it in the proper place.”

Finance director, Caryn Fulop stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “So that is a true figure there?”

Finance Director, Caryn Fulop stated, “Yes, Sir.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “On the Road and Bridge Fund, Fund #21 in July you stated that you had \$423,983.00. In August you are stating less, \$121,000.00 and now you are saying as of August 31, you have 121,326.00 Balance.”

Finance Director Caryn Fulop stated, “We have the CSLED Project in there so it is possible that we just paid one of the contractors at the end of the month. I will have to go back and look to see exactly why.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Would that be the big difference?”

Finance Directory Caryn Fulop stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “Ms. Caryn, can I get an itemized list on what is happening in District 3.”

Finance Directory Caryn Fulop stated, “Okay.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly 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. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a two-year Engagement Letter with Darnall, Sikes & Frederick to do Audits for St. Landry Parish Government.

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 19th, day of October, 2022.

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 expiring 11-18-2023 to Fire District No. 7.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to reappoint Sondra Cormier, Sandy Coleman and Joseph Pickett Jr., for a two year term expiring 11-18-2024 and Brenda Ducote and Lastie Cormier for a one year term expiring 11-18-2023 to Fire District No. 7.

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 19th, day of October, 2022.

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, also authorize the Parish Government to maintain the grass and perform all grass cutting on the property.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I believe we have spoken about cutting the grass on that one acre and not the whole facility. Will that change in the agreement?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't think anything was changed in the agreement. It is just to cut the grass on the property that they owned."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We talked about that at the committee to cut just where the facility is at and not the whole property."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't think we changed the agreement."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We asked about changing that at the committee meeting."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You all can make that motion now and make that change to accept it as it is with the changes. I am good with that. I don't know what was changed in it after it left the Committee Meeting. What I am saying is I don't know if anything was changed after the Committee Meeting. Garrett, did you make that change in the agreement?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "No, it says cut the grass on the property shelter that is necessary."

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "So you did not change anything? All we are asking is to cut where the facility is at. We don't want to cut all....."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We can easily put that in there."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Can you make the modifications?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes, they can pass it with the modifications and the modifications will be in tomorrow morning or today."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, with this company that is coming in, this TK Mission, you had stated that it is on HWY 190 and you had given the address I believe, where would that be located on HWY 190?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you are heading to Lawtell, just before Andrepoint Road to your right, look on your left, it is a big old sign that reads for sale. It used to be an Event Hall to your left. It will be on the south side of 190 before getting to Andrepoint Road."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "So it is that little event hall and the property that goes along with it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct, yes."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Is that her name? Is she the owner?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct."

Councilman Jerry Red stated, "We have a motion and a second with the changes."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "With the changes in place."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The changes will be in today, it will be inserted on the computer."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "To cut the grass only where the facility is located."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That is correct."

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin 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, also authorize the Parish Government to maintain the grass and perform all grass cutting on the 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 19th, day of October, 2022.
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).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards

to 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).

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 19th, day of October, 2022.

5. Authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the Preliminary Approval for the Ruth Olivier Et A1 Repartition of 61.031 Acre Tract off of Hickory Road, Arnaudville, La, 70512, Lots 1-7.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned: “Is that standard for us to approve the Planning Committee to do the final approval of the Plat. I don’t ever remember doing the approval for the Planning Department?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not sure if it is supposed to say authorize the Planning Department or authorize the approval. I am not sure if it is worded correctly Mr. Taylor, to be honest with you. I don’t remember ever seeing the Planning Department ahead of that. I think that we are just giving approval for the Garden Farm Estate and that is just the preliminary approval and not the final approval.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Jarrell was at the meeting. It would be a Preliminary. Mr. Jarrell spoke about this subdivision at the last Committee Meeting. It should be Preliminary.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If they have the word Preliminary, I will move on it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the Preliminary Approval for the Ruth Olivier Et A1 Repartition of 61.031 Acre Tract off of Hickory Road, Arnaudville, La, 70512, Lots 1-7.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: Jerry Red Jr. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Harold Taylor.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

6. Authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the Preliminary Approval for the Gardner Farms Estates Phase III, Lots 26-42 off of Chris Road, Sunset, La. 70584.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards To authorize St. Landry Parish Planning Department the Preliminary Approval for the Gardner Farms Estates Phase III, Lots 26-42 off of Chris Road, Sunset, La. 70584.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

7. Authorize the 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.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Madam Clerk, what is the difference between those item numbers 5, 6 and 7 because all three were brought up at the Committee Meeting.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “All four, there are four different ones. Two were Preliminary and two were final that she sent me. All four of them are in your packet.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So number 8 is a final also?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the 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.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

8. Authorize the 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

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the 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

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

9. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to assist the City of Opelousas with acquiring a Grant to repair their Water System.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “What is our part?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t know but we can help anyway that we can. I am not sure. Mr. Ardoin is the one who brought it up.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Taylor, I have a situation where the city furnishes the water in Royal Gardens Subdivision, south of Opelousas. We are having some problems with their infrastructure, their water system is collapsing. Some places they fix the water leak and three day, three weeks later we are back again where those people are calling saying they have water leaks. I am asking if we can assist them in any kind of way financially, just like we did with the ARA Money. We gave everybody a piece of the action. I am asking if maybe we can assist the city in any kind of way to maybe come up with some Bond funding of find some funds to help these people with their water system.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “So, this is out of the city limits but the city supplies them water?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes sir, the city supplies the water.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “And the city does not have the funds to do it?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Evidently not, I can bring you over there and there are some water leaks in four different areas right now and I know we have plenty in the city of Opelousas. I am trying to get some assistance for some of these people in Royal Gardens.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand Mr. Ardoin your concerns but off of McNeese Street they also have water leaks. It is outside of the city limits and the city provides water there also. If we are going to assist we need to assist all of those areas.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I think this is very vague right here. It says to assist the City of Opelousas with acquiring a grant for repairs to their water system.

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I don’t believe we have the funds to help but I think if we have a Grant Writer.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is what the motion reads to acquire a Grant to help them repair their water system.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “If it is about a grant, I am all for it.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I am in support of helping you all get a grant.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This is what it says, a Grant that is what I asked for to assist with a Grant.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So none of our Government Money is being used for it.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “No Sir.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Just to help and find and locate a grant, okay.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is what the motion reads right here.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to assist the City of Opelousas with acquiring a Grant to repair their Water System.

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. **ABSTAIN:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

10. Authorize changing the name of a road from Coker Road to A.V. Coker Road.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What district is that in?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Coby Clavier’s District 13.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “I will speak on that. We will table it and we will go a different route. It is too much of a big deal to change a road name. So we will go a simpler solution and I will ask to table that matter.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Without objection to table it. Is that what the motion is? Do you have a second?”

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to **Table** the name change of Coker Road to A.V. Coker Road.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

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).

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Just a reminder, District 6 is a State Chartered Commission as a procedure by which we receive nominees to appoint or not appoint, we don’t take part in that process. They send us the nominee and we can vote up or down for it but we can’t take applications for it. They have to go to each Precinct and get a nominee. We are wasting our dollars advertising for it. District 5 and District 6 are State Chartered Commissions. All we do is do the appointment once they are recommended to us. Much like Economic Development. I suggest we **Table** that motion.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Will a letter be sent to them when they have a vacancy coming up or an appointment coming up?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “They have an appointment coming up.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “What precinct, do you know? None the less the only thing that we do is if they send us a nominee, we can vote him in or vote him out. That is the decision that we have in this one.”

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to **Table** authorizing 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: 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. **ABSTAIN:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

12. Update on all cleanup of Blighted Properties on McNeese Street.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “We sort of addressed that tonight. The only other thing that I want to ask about is the grass cutting. The blighted property that the grass had to be cut on McNeese Street. Is that pretty much taken care of?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The Council Clerk and I might need the address of the property on McNeese Street. The council will go forward with it.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain repeated, “927 McNeese Street.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is that the grass and the house? And what about the Grass, the one that Ms. Hammond was concerned about on McNeese, the corner of Johnson?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is the one that was just redeemed the other day.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So how are we going to handle that? Are we going to maintain the grass? Are you going to send them a letter?”

Mr. Richard Lewis, Code Enforcement could not be heard over the microphone for his response.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “While we are on that subject, Garrett, I don’t know if this is what the procedures are because we put it in place by ordinance. What the law says, two letters that takes 30-45 days and another letter that take 30 days, if we are dealing with grass cutting by the time the process has ended it could be 5 feet tall. We are doing this according to what the ordinance calls for but is that mandated by some kind of state law. Can we change the ordinance where we don’t give people much time when it comes to grass cutting?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “On the Blighted property ordinance, if it is Blighted Property like maybe a structure that is falling down we have to send the certified letter and it takes a long time to get it back. If it does not come back or it is not accepted then notice is sent regular mail ten or more days before the meeting. The meeting comes and they show up or they don’t show up then the council goes forward with it and that is for Blighted Property. When it comes to grass cutting, that maybe another ordinance where you cut the grass but they have to pay for it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What I am asking, do we have to wait on the three letter process or can we streamline it and make it faster because the grass is getting out of control.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “There is no set period of time, we can send the letter today and have them to show up 30 days later, we can do that Certified Mail. It takes so long to get the Certified Mail back is why we are sending the letter in July for the Don Guilbeau Road and setting it for October.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the next council meeting, if I come to the council with a new ordinance amending the ordinance strictly on grass cutting, not on the Blighted Property or Structure of any type but just cutting the grass and lessen the time frame would we be in order to do that?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Right, we can do that, put just the grass cutting. We can tailor it to a timeline that is more efficient and acceptable.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In the ordinance it specifies 18 inches or so. It is just a time line and it is taking so long to get it done.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carrier questioned, “Are you all going to draw this up?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, I will get with Mr. Duplechain and we can get something drawn up for the next council meeting.”

13. Authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to check the right-of-way for Laterals on the Fleur Des Coteau Subdivision.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I think that is set for today. I check the Conveyance Records and I found a Right-of-way for the Laterals on the Fleur Des Coteau Subdivision. It is signed and recorded at the courthouse. There is a copy for each of the council which I have placed where you sit. It is a Right-of-way for the Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District #15 for the Laterals located on Fleur Des Coteau Road. You all have copies.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chair, I asked that this be researched. If they did not have anything they would get an Attorney General’s Opinion but we have it here so I will ask that the Drainage District be notified and let Public Works be notified. Mr. Soileau was notified about it but they did not want to move until we get this Right-of-way. So I will ask that Parish Government and the Drainage District proceed on trying to clean this lateral up. Mr. Bellard are you aware of the one that we are talking about?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes I will get with Barry in the morning and he can contact the drainage board for them to go and do it. We will support them and provide what we need to but if they can do it it would be a lot better for us.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Thank you, do we need a motion for that or will you take care of it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard response could not be heard over the microphone.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you.”

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-015 (Sponsored by Councilman Dexter 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.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Madam Chair, Is this an introduction of Ordinances to be acted on for the next meeting?” We don’t need a motion, all you have to do is introduce it into the record.”

X. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-014.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier.

NAYS: Jerry Red Jr., and Dexter Brown. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 014

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:

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to adopt **Resolution No. 023-2022.**

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of October, 2022.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Madam Chair, “That is what I was talking about earlier. You all approved all of those Resolutions in my Parish President’s Report.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “This is a different Resolution.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, I know but it is the same thing. That is what I saying. The numbers might be different but it is the same resolution.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We started with Resolution 024 for you Mr. Bellard. Do you have a typo?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I understand, no I don’t have a typo.

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, “What he is saying is that the Resolution is the same but the numbers are different.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is right, the numbers are different.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is a different Resolution. That first one is Community Action, the second one is Steve Duhon and the third one is the Block Grant Application. This is a DOTD Resolution.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The very first one on my Parish President’s Report is this one. It is about the CIP Plan for the airport.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “The first one on here, the Transportation Grant is a different one that I received from Community Action. That is not this one here. This is totally different from what I received from Community Action.”

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:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **October 5th, 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 19th, day of October, 2022.

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned, "Mr. Bellard on page 12, item nom 7 basically what I was talking about that land erosion with Mr. Olan Quebedeaux's property off of Charles Fisher Road, I have one question. Did you get or did the Public Works Department get a copy of the Engineer's Report for Mr. Olan Quebedeaux that you may know of?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We were instructed to get a copy and give it to you. I did not get the copy myself but I asked them to give it to you. So evidently if he does not have it, I will make sure that you get it tomorrow. William Jarrell did the study and all of that was done. A copy of the report should have been given to you but I will make sure of it in the morning."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Okay, I will pass and pick it up. Thank you Sir, I appreciate it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **October 5th, 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 19th, day of October, 2022.

Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Madam Chair.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Motion to adjourn”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I second the motion to adjourn.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I had a question Madam Chair.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You can’t do that.”

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 19th, day of October, 2022.

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