**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 21st, day of December, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated**, *“I have something here that I would like to read to everyone in here. It is a personal story. There are people who work very hard just to keep food on his table for his family. This particular year just a few days before Christmas he punished his little five year old daughter after denying that she had used up the family’s 20 rolls of expensive gold wrapping paper. As money was tight he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoe box she had put under the Christmas tree. He was also concerned about where she had gotten the money to buy what is in the shoe box. Nonetheless the next morning the little girl filled with excitement brought the gift box to her father and said, this is for you daddy. As he opened the box the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction now regretting that he had punished her. When he opened the shoe box he found it was empty and again he angered slightly. Don’t you know young lady when you give someone a present there is supposed to be something inside the package? The little girl looked at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered, daddy it is not empty I blew kisses into it until it was all full. The father was crushed, he fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger. An accident took the life of the child only for a short time later. It is told that the father kept his little gold box by his bed for all of these years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love that his beautiful child had put in there. In a very real sense each of us has been given and invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold. According to the internet if this short and inspiring story is true, whether or not it actually happened it is a wonderful inspirational story for people of any faith. In this session of love may we all remember the beautiful love from a small child and wishing you a meaningful and loved filled Christmas and a New Year. I would like to wish everyone in here a very Merry Christmas.*

1. **CONDOLENCES:**

***Councilman Jerry Red Jr***.: Barbara Marie Nevills, Rufus Joseph Matthews, Carlton Handy, Dolores Daniels, Shirley ‘Jeannie’ Lemelle Hunt, Joseph Hayes Jr., John A. Miles Sr.,

Floyd Stephens, Andrea Young West, Gary Courville, Bobby P. Dupre.

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:*** Larry ‘Nip’ Malveaux, Shirley Lemelle Hunt,

Floyd Stephens, Jimmy Ray Fontenot, Bobby P. Dupre, Jimmy Guillory,

Vina Mae Garrett Semien, Rufus Joseph Matthews, Alex Frank, Anna Mae Auzenne,

Samijah Yu’Nae Leday, Alexia J’Nae Joubert, Thomas Ray Lavine, Simon James Jones.

***Councilman Gil Savoy:*** Jo Ann Miller, Dora Hollier, John Robin, Tony Nezat, Leo Marks.

***Chairwoman Vivian Olivier:*** Sylvia Ann Dodge Sibille.

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin:*** Andrea Young West, Davis ‘Jim’ Breaux, Brenda Dupre McGee, Gary Courville, Sylvia Siblle, Nella Delahoussaye, Grayce Bryson, Raymond Blanco,

 Dr. Robert Speyrer, Harold Baque, Glenn Juneau, Samijah Yu’Nae Leday, Bobby Dupre,

 Alexia J’Nae Joubert, Herman Daigle.

1. **PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**
* Golith Adams (Parcel No. 0103564000) 927 McNeese Street Opelousas, LA

*Mr. Golith Adams addressed the council and stated*, “My name is Golith Adams Jr., I live at 927 McNeese Street. I am here because I received a letter concerning my Blighted Property. The property is blighted and it is my permeant property. I started getting letters from you all and we are going to get together and fix it up. I need a little time for that. I have my boss man at Any Time Home Furniture that deals with real estate and he is willing to lend me a hand, I already have material to start doing that. The man’s name is Sergio, he is a Mexican and he stays down the road. He stated that it is too cold to start with it now but by the beginning of the year when it warms up we will be able to get that done. I would like to have another meeting around April and I will show you all some great improvements on what I have done.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*This house is unrepairable. The roof fell and everything else. It needs to be torn down.”

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “*Do you have any pictures Mr. Bellard?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*Not with us right now, no.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “*I am not sure if I have spoken to you but I have spoken to someone at the property. There are several times that I have been down there and it is very much blighted and I agree with Mr. Lewis that it is unrepairable.”

*Mr. Golith Adams Jr., stated,* “I would like to respond to that. The plans that we have to fix the house is tearing it down from the inside and rebuilding from the inside. That is the plan me and Mr. Hargroder from Anytime Home Furniture had planned to do. He works on houses and he has a carpenter that will work along with Mr. Sergio, the Mexican dude. If you like I can bring you all some plans on how we will do this. If you all accept then we will proceed.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*It is a family piece of property. It is not owned by him. There is a whole bunch that owns it and the rest of the family is aware of the situation. They really want the house torn down. There is no electricity, no water that runs into the house, the roof is caved in and I don’t see it being repairable.”

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*Madam Chair, if I am in order I will ask that the proceeding start as per Mr. Bellard’s request.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Parish President to proceed with the demolition request in regards to the Blighted Property belonging to Mr. Golith Adams Jr., located at 927 McNeese Street, Opelousas (Parcel Number 0103564000).

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

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

 *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*The process will start Mr. Adams.”

*Mr. Golith Adams Jr., stated, “*Can you give me a date so I can clean up the things around it for my personal items.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Mr. Adams, Mr. Lewis will get with you before they start.”

* Jeremy Quebedeaux (Parcel No. 0301042300A) 541 Mushroom Road Arnaudville, LA

***Mr. Jeremy Quebedeaux did not attend the meeting*** regarding his property 541 Mushroom Road, Arnaudville, La.

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “That property as well. We already started the process of trying to clean it up to stop some of the problem. The people are going back at night and causing some more trouble. That one needs to be cleaned up as well.”

*Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “*That is in my district. He is not doing nothing and it is time for us to start cleaning it up.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Parish President to proceed with the cleaning request in regards to the Blighted Property belonging to Mr. Jeremy Quebedeaux, located at 541 Mushroom Road, Arnaudville, La. (Parcel Number (0301042300A).

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards

and Coby Clavier. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Nancy Carriere and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

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

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, I just received a text. We are on Social Media. They are asking that you speak into your microphone. You are the Parish President and they are asking that you speak into your microphone so they can hear you on Social Media.”

* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly addressed the council. She stated*, “Good evening, I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I am attorney Brigette Piattoly. I am the Chief Attorney specializing in litigations for the Humane Society of Louisiana. I also represent the former recently terminated director of the St. Landry Parish Animal Control shelter Ms. Terri Courvelle. Additionally I represent Meshelle Benoit, a citizen of St. Landry Parish who have been the victim of a crime and whom has had her Constitutional Rights shredded by employees of the parish. The Humane Society through the years St. Landry Parish has been on our radar unfortunately for many cases of animal neglect and abuse. We have never to my knowledge come here and intruded upon you all or stepped on your toes or tried to enforce our beliefs on you. I got the call to come up here and I made that trip because what I heard made me sick. This lady Ms. Benoit is going to testify before you that government employees broke into her home and were instructed after the fact to go and get a warrant to justify their warrantless search. They seized her two pets and if that was not enough they then confronted this woman who is blind, handicapped and down on her luck and told her that she will be charged with two felonies if she does not go along with the warrantless search and the fact that a warrant was obtained after the fact. I know one thing as an attorney, I believe in the constitution and this country is going down the tubes because there are a lot of people who feel that this constitution is obsolete. We don’t have a right to bear arms, we don’t have a right to be safe in our homes from unwarranted searches, seizers of our animals and seizers of our property. What is going on? Don’t let my Italian last name fool you. My grandfather is a Dufour from Plaucheville and my grandmother is a Robilyn. We believe and I was brought up that you treat people with basic Christian Dignity and we honor and respect our constitution. Ms. Courvelle was fired, even though she had a perfect record, no write-ups and no discipline. She was fired without cause because she spoke up and said you can’t break into a citizen’s house and after the fact go fabricate a warrant and then threaten a lady with two felonies. They never told her what two felonies and then they take her beloved animals, well we are going to fight. What I am pleading with St. Landry Parish, I guarantee I will go to the feds because I believe in the constitution, I believe in the little guy, I believe in America and what we stand for and that is not what we stand for. So I ask that you all please open an investigation of these situations. I will compile a list and it will be the same list I will bring to the Department of Justice and to the FBI. I want it thoroughly investigated and let’s see if we can prevent Louisiana from getting another black eye and let’s see if we can take care of our business ourselves. I don’t know where she is in line but while I am standing here I would like my client to say in her own words.”
* Again I am Neshelle Benoit. I live at 491 Curleys Road, Sunset. I had to leave my two little dogs at home because I had no electricity. I went over to stay with a friend for two weeks. I never let them go without food or water. I was back at my house every 2-3 days at the most to make sure they had food and water and to spend time with them. A friend told me that there was a note on the door and they would come back. Before I could even get home they came back and they took my two little dogs away. Then two officers came to my house, two pet detective or whatever they call them. They threatened and intimidated me saying that I would go to jail right then and there if I did not sign over the animals. They put a paper down and stuck a pen up like this. So I signed because I was afraid.”
* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly questioned, “*Do you know whose direction they were working under?”
* Ms. Neshelle Benoit stated, “The St. Landry Animal Control.”
* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly questioned, “*Do you know who sent them out?”
* Ms. Neshelle Benoit stated, “I don’t. I think my neighbor is the one that called them and reported that my dogs were home alone. I could not take them where I was staying. I could not take them with me. I made sure that they always had food and water. I put a big rice pot on the floor that stayed full of water and I fed them. I always put plenty of food and I never went back and they would still have food and water.”
* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly stated, “*I offer my services to the Parish Council and I will do all in my power to help. We can’t let this type of situation happen. This isn’t an isolated incident. You can look at the packet that Ms. Courvelle provided and also we will compile a list of all of the wrong doings that we know of. Please, we ask that you do your duty for the sake of good morals and the constitution of this country. Thank you.

I am coming for you.”

* *Mr. Lance Lee addressed the council. He stated*, “This is not the adjudicated property.
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “You can speak about your adjudicated property. You all came here the other day am I correct?”
* *Mr. Lance Lee stated*, “Yes we did. All I would like to say is that I was told that it was being taken care of. I am good, it is being taken care of.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, “Garett, do you have any input on that?”
* *Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain questioned*, “Do you have an attorney right now?”
* *Mr. Lance Lee stated*, “No I don’t.”
* *Councilman Jerry Red Jr., questioned*, “When he said it was taken care of can you explain what you mean when you say it was taken care of?”
* *Mr. Lance Lee stated*, “I went and talked to Mr. Pat Moreau and he was told that they were going to take care of it and we won the bid first and it was being taken care of.”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Mr. Pat Moreau called me and I will get with Garett.
* *Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*My question is, he will have to discuss it with the other person and have it recorded.”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*Correct.”
* *Mr. Lance Lee stated, “*I am still under the understanding that it is being resolved and I am going to own it.”
* *Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*But you will have to get with the person who has it recorded.”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*Mr. Moreau and Mr. Duplechain will be discussing it.”
* *Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “*I spoke to Pat today and I will speak to him again about it.”
* *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “*He said that he has the understanding no matter what you all discuss that he is the owner. I guess that is what he wants to know, is he the owner?”
* *Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “*I can’t pronounce him the owner. I represent the Parish.”
* *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,* “He just asked that because he is thinking that he is the owner. That is what he is saying.
* *Mr. Lance Lee stated, “*The lawyers are speaking. I was told that they were taking care of it and I was the owner, I was going to be the owner. I am not the owner currently.”
* *Ms. Jean Casanova addressed the council. She stated, “*I yield my time to Ms. Brigette Piattoly.”
* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly stated,* “I have nothing further to say but I appreciate that.”
* *Ms. Marjorie Randall addressed the council. She stated, “*Good evening. My name is Marjorie Randall. My address is 1611 W. Vine Street, Opelousas. I am a new resident to the community and I am interested in the situation with the Animal Control and the Animal Control issues. A flyer was passed around this evening or the last couple of days and it ask that I attend because I am an Animal Rights Advocate, I have been so for many years. One of the things that I am most interested in this particular area, like I said I have been here since February of this year. I am interested in the number of animals, dogs, cats that are at large with no apparent resolution to the situation of them being spayed or neutered. There is no spayed or neutered program here and that are some of the things that I would like to see addressed here in this area if we are going to reduce the number of unwanted animals. It will have to be done by spaying or neutering. If that is going to be accomplished then there need to be programs instituted to be able to assist people with that. Spaying and neutering animals is an extremely expensive process. I started out of pocket when I lived in Waggaman Louisiana before Hurricane Katrina and I was doing it initially. I moved onto a property that had over 200 cats and I started trapping and transporting them to the Vet and I made agreements with the local Veterinarians in the area, this was before the voucher program existed to get all of the animals that I was able to trap spayed or neutered for a base price. It would be extremely beneficial to see something like that happen here in this area. Jefferson Parish has a free spayed and neutered program for bull dogs and over breed pit bulls. I have taken more animals than I care to count out of the streets here in St. Landry Parish, in my community and my neighborhood just because people don’t stop. It is just too many of them. There are dogs that are tethered in the back yard with no shelter. I have seen them on the leash dead this summer past because nobody goes out and give them food and water. Those are some of the things that if there were a spayed and neutered program here in this area those of some of the things that would not occur so regularly. Again I am just here to observe. This is the first City Council Meeting that I have ever been to. I would like to see some of those things addressed. Thank you.”
* *Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “*Have you read the ordinance that is being proposed tonight?”
* *Ms. Marjorie Randall stated, “*I was attempting to read. I don’t know where to start.”
* *Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “Are you in support of the ordinance?”
* *Ms. Marjorie Randall stated,* “I don’t know what the ordinance is. I don’t know exactly what is going on. I heard from the Attorney here and from some of the other people that were in the community that passed the flyer about the young lady that got fired but I don’t know the details.”
* *Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, “Okay, thank you.”
* *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned*, “Mr. Bellard, are there any funds that we can get to assist her?”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Not for private individuals, no.”
* *Ms. Marjorie Randall stated*, “In Jefferson Parish I was beneficial and instrumental in spaying and neutering over 1000 community animals. I lived on farm property, 52 plus acers. When if first moved to the property in 2002 there were well over 200 cats that were not owned by anybody. There were on nine families that lived there, it was old farm property. So cats makes babies so when I started spaying and neutering I did it out of pocket. After Hurricane Katrina so many people left their animals I was instrumental in getting those numbers reduced. If it was not for Hurricane Ida putting a pecan tree in my living room I would probably be living on the same property. The problem exists and it is bad here. If St. Landry Parish had some of the same free programs like Jefferson Parish it would not be much of a problem. I have 9 outdoor cats that just live there, I feed them because I don’t want them eating out of the dumpster next door to me. The objective is to get them spayed and neutered and they can continue to live their best cat life there. When I moved here there were so many people that called me and wanting me to help them to get rid of the cats that showed up at their door or born under their house. It is something that has to be started somewhere.
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Ms. Randall you mentioned in your talk here that this is the first time that you ever came to a City Council Meeting. Have you been to a City Council Meeting which is about 2 blocks away? This is a Parish Council Meeting. Have you been to a City Council Meeting? If you live in the City Limits of Opelousas and I appreciate you coming here but maybe if you go the City Council Meeting and get on their agenda and you can speak about the same thing. They are in a financial dilemma just like we are in. You can possibly reach out to them and we can team up together because they don’t have an animal shelter but we have to take in their animals.”
* *Ms. Marjorie Randall stated*, “Is there another meeting to attend?”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Yes. It is the Mayor and the City Councilmembers. This is a Parish Council. It is the same but you will be at the right Governmental Agency where you live and we will try to help also.”
* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly stated*, “Madam Chair, may I change my mind. I would like to use Ms. Jean Casanova minutes that she yield to me? I believe I can directly respond and contribute something here.
* *Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated*, “Okay.”
* *Ms. Brigette Piattoly stated*, “First I would like to say that we do have the resources to help. We have connections with the Bissell Vacuum Foundation that does spay and neuter, Alley Cat Allies if our services are needed we will do everything that we can to help St. Landry. I would like to point out that I don’t care if I bring an army from up north down here with money and spay and neuter mobile units and a team of vet, we can help if the Parish President does something like this again. On Monday November 28, one day prior to Ms. Courvelle being terminated, she was approached at Animal Control by a Parish Government Employee requesting to adopt a pit bull puppy. I explained to him the adoption procedure including the fact that the puppy had to be neutered. He said that he did not want this puppy neutered because he was going to breed this pit bull. I informed him that all animals are altered prior to adoption in line with Louisiana Revised Statue Section 3:2472 and he refused. He contacted Mr. Bellard and Mr. Bellard according to this affidavit by Ms. Courvelle allowed him to have the unneutered pit bull puppy for the intention of breeding that dog. This help lead to Ms. Courvelle termination because she put her foot down and opposed this. I can come with an army and try to help with the spay and neutering issue but if we have someone that is in charge who is trying to breed, not poodles or Chihuahuas but pit bulls then I don’t know, how do we plug the hole in the dam? Thank you.”
* *Ms. Marcella Manuel addressed the council. She stated, “*So I will be addressing a couple of things that you already have got a little bit of recently and prior. Marcella Manuel, 14514, HWY 92, Maurice, LA. My stomping ground as a child is St. Landry Parish and I still watch what goes on in St. Landry Parish. I recognized some faces here. I was here before when Stacey Alleman was the Director. There was some problems, not so much with Stacey Alleman as I recall but with some parish issues. Now I am here again because of this rapid director turn over stuff. It seems like just as soon as a director learns what the rules are and how to follow the rules and the laws that are in place if she does not want to break those rules or laws then there is a problem. We need to get down to the problem. Let’s start with this baby pit bull who was according to your article parish property. In your article it stats that an animal that becomes parish property can only be sold unless it is going to a veteran or a person over 65 for extenuating circumstances such as that otherwise that property is supposed to be sold and here comes adoptions and that is what adoptions do. When we do adoptions we screen those applicants closely. We want to know where that dog is going, how it will be living and who is in the home such as toddlers, grandma/grandpa, we need to know these things. If the dog is too young for us to spay or neuter at that point then a contract is signed, a deposit is put down with the veterinarian that says the adoptee individual will have that dog spay or neutered by a certain a time. Why do we need to spay and neuter? Tell me why we had so many dog fighting rings in St. Landry Parish? I love pit bulls, I foster pit bulls, I own pit bulls but I am not for this continuous breeding. That is all too often landing in the hands of the wrong people. Who all profits from these fights? The breeders profit, the fighters profit and anybody else that chooses to get their hands dirty. I have a mental health practice in Vermilion Parish now. I have clients coming to me from St. Landry Parish more than any other parish and telling me they know of locations where fighting are occurring. I cannot divulge who they are because I am under Hippa Law. They are afraid to come to the parish, afraid to go the sheriff because they believe that everybody is getting paid under the table. They will get in trouble or the people that live at the dead end road have no other reason to drive down there except the people that live there or fight their dogs there they will see them, they will be known and they will be targeted. So they are scared, they are scared for their own lives but they are fed up. They are sickened and they are fed up. I here to tell you, you asked me to send them your way, I am telling you that those people are scared to come your way because they don’t think anything will be done about it, yet they will end up being victimized. Why on earth if you have a wonderful procedure in place and a director that is willing to follow these procedures and interview these people do home studies, follow up and make sure that those downs are spay and neutered, whatever they need to be able to raise a healthy animal and not be a nuisance to everybody else, why in the world would anybody turn around and give a puppy when that person has specifically stated to the director that he wanted it for breeding, the director gets fired and the man is sent back to the shelter the next day and tells those people that Mr. Bellard told me that I can come and get my puppy and that is what he did and he is on film walking off the premises with that puppy. On that day he did not sign anything, he did not pay anything, he was not interviewed and a home study was not done. I heard that he went back the next day. It was all over Social Media. Supposedly the next day he went in and sign something. That still does not take care of the whole process, the interview process and no if a director know if somebody wants to breed a dog especially one that is occupying 70% of the shelter’s now, they are not going to give that dog to somebody who wants to breed it. Look, I am Catholic but in the world of rescue that is a Cardinal Sin. It defeats the whole purpose.
* *Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,* “Madam, your time is up.”
* *Ms. Marcella Manuel stated, “*Thank you, there is more to be said, maybe I can come back and visit another time.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin addressed the council. He stated, “*First of all I want to welcome each and every one of you all here. I am glad that you all are participating in our meetings. Fellow Councilmembers and Parish President Jessie Bellard on November 30, 2022, I received a phone call from Ms. Terri Courvelle. I know Ms. Terri Courvelle had some issues and I have had some issues with her. Mr. Bellard I told you along with fellow councilmember Harold Taylor and there were some other councilmembers in that room that day, we had a meeting in reference to maybe the Solar Panels and something else. I well told you that I was going to sponsor that Animal Control Ordinance but you needed to do something with her and never did we make, Mr. Taylor is sitting here tonight, any derogatory remarks toward her. My concern was, if I was going to sponsor that Animal Ordinance, I did not want any little lady, because we here the complaints out there. Even though you don’t like it when we bring up some complaints that something is happing when a little lady is going to go shopping at the dollar store on 182, she finds a little shivering dog and she brings it to the animal shelter. It happened at that animal shelter and I blame Ms. Terri. They told the little lady that we have too many dogs, we will not take the dog. It makes us look bad as councilmembers. That is why that was told to you about the animal ordinance. She enlightened me of what had happened, she got dismissed and she well said, I don’t trust you nor Mr. Taylor but you all handled me in a professional manner. She went over the situation that happened on Curleys Road. My concern on Curleys Road, after speaking to Ms. Meshelle Benoit, like it was said earlier, she has some bad luck, she left her house and she left the little dogs. After speaking to two animal shelter people that were there they said the animals were fat and one was dragging itself because it had a hip dislocated or something. The dogs were brought to the animal shelter, I requested the pictures, they were brought to the animal shelter, one got euthanized and the other one stayed there for a period of time and now it is gone to a rescue. The lady is here tonight and she don’t have little dogs any more. I sat with her, I brought my wife because when you sit with a woman I learned a long time ago in law enforcement, you bring another woman with you, Mr. Shelvin you are shaking your hand, you know what I am talking about because I don’t nothing to come up later. We brought this young lady who is bad on her luck, she don’t have her house to live in anymore and her little dog is gone, we brought her to sheriff’s department and we related the story to Sheriff Bobby Guidroz and we spent a two hour period at the sheriff’s office. Sheriff Guidroz explained that he was going to ask the District Attorney, I know there is some talk about oh we are not going to investigate this, listen if it does not get investigated, let me tell you John Q. Public knows what is going on here in St. Landry Parish. I am part of it but I have always wanted what was right for the people in St. Landry Parish. I think that I have served very well here and I have done what was right for the people of St. Landry Parish. But the thing about it is the sheriff stated that he was going to ask our District Attorney, Chad Pitre after he does his report, because he has the statements from two of the investigators that were there, Wagley and Ms. Terri Courvelle, unfortunately they both are gone now. Brooke Wagley was promoted and given a raise two days later and she is gone because they so say that she is under investigation. I just want the sheriff to bring this thing to the DA. If he decides that he does not want to prosecute or he does not want to call a Grand Jury Investigation to watch justice will have been served if it goes on deaf ears. My thing is, I as a councilmember felt after she spoke to Mr. Taylor and I that we need to bring some of this forward. Mr. Bellard, I am going to ask you a question. Did District Attorney Chad Pitre tell you about a month ago after the Dynasty Road situation where an air conditioner unit was taken out of a mobile home so that they can retrieve the dogs? You said that it was time for you all to realize that you cannot go into these houses and retrieve these dogs unless they are hanging from the ceiling with their collar and they look like they are going to strangle to death. Did Mr. Pitre tell you that?”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*No.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*No, so he is lying to me then.”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*You ask me a question, I answered it.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*Thank you. With that I am just asking you all as a council, my fellow councilmembers that we give a resolution to the sheriff that he continues his report findings on this matter and he ask, like he said he was going to do, the district attorney to call a grand jury in session to look at this matter right here. I am not saying that the two deputies that are commissioned by the sheriff but they are under the rims of Mr. Bellard. We have the dogs in sight here, they asked Mr. Bellard, we want to go ahead and get the dogs, he said go ahead and get the dogs, then they woke up and said, we don’t have a search warrant but it covered the basis, typed up a search warrant leaving the scene and brought it to a judge here in St. Landry Parish and swore to their affidavit about it but it was after the fact that they went into the ladies house. Whether her house was unlocked or they broke into the house, the thing about it is, this poor lady right here, she was violated. I will stand up for her and stand up for her rights and anyone else that this happens to. Now that judge, she may have been misguided. I can remember I served 13 years in law enforcement. When you went for a search warrant and most times it was not about dogs, we never had the problems that we have with the animal situation, you raise your right hand, you swore to God that the evidence that you received from an informant or what you saw happened maybe that a truck was delivering something or there were some narcotics in that house, that you swore to God that it was the whole truth and nothing but the truth, then you had to do a return of what you found at that house. The Sheriff volunteered yesterday that he wanted the little dog that was taken to some rescue center in New Orleans, where it is at now, I don’t know, it may be in Utah but he would like to see that dog returned back to this lady. If she cannot take care of the dog, right now she is displace and it is a shame. She is a displaced lady who is hard on her luck right now, he said I would take the dog to my house until she can take it back into her possession but I will hold onto the dog for her and take care of it. He will send somebody to go and get the dog. In closing, Mr. Bellard you just told me that the DA never told you that. I am going to ask you another question. The lady that work here before, Ms. Alleman, she had some horses at the Animal Shelter?”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*You are going to stop asking me questions, it is part of the investigation and I am not going to answer them.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*Thank you, I appreciate it. I thank you all for your time and I just hope that justice will prevail. Thank you.”
* *Ms. Kellie Rabalais addressed the council. She stated, “*Madam Chairlady, if I could give my time to Ms. Manuel please.”
* *Ms. Marcella Manuel addressed the council. She stated,* “We have talked about some things here that may have occurred that actually are illegal or against your ordinance. What I would like to address at this moment is what is going on at the Shelter now. Since Ms. Courvelle was dismissed numerous volunteers were let go, staff members were let go from what I gather anyone that was happy to work under Ms. Courville had to go. We now have two officers getting $60,000.00 a piece, one suppose to be in a Director’s position and one is suppose to be an investigator, I don’t know if either of them have had any training but that is good part of the budget. You know how many people that you have working in that office that is intake, outtakes, applications, you name it, one. How many people do we have cleaning the kennels for 100 dogs, I don’t know how many cats, one. That is what happened when you fired Ms. Courvelle. Ms. Jean Casanova, most of you know her, she has been doing animal rescue probably all of her life. She is one of the best there is, very reputable. She was told to leave the property when she showed up with Ms. Cathy Bissell, why was that? What can’t Ms. Jean Casanova see? If you are going to rescue a cat or a dog you have to meet that dog you have to know what kind of personality that you are dealing with. You have to know what kind of illness you are dealing with. Why would you be turning away your best rescues? There is a lot more to this that meets the eye. I hope it is in those packets that you received. A horse was picked up and his face was demolished, maggots were eating it alive ultimately it had to be put down. I don’t see anywhere anybody was charged for neglectful abuse, what is going on there? A horse was taken in by Ms. Courvelle and there had been numerous complaints. She picked up the horse, the man who owned the horse got in touch with Mr. Bellard from what I gather and Mr. Bellard said you can let the man have it back he will bring it up to Monroe somewhere. It just so happened that Ms. Courvelle, being a good investigator as she is, found that horse sometimes later here on another pasture with grass above the horse, still being neglected. That was a real success. There are reasons why you have ordinances. My understanding is that you had some new ordinance put together by a committee over two years ago. You still have been working on them but going around to different towns asking what they like or they don’t like and scratching stuff out. You have a committee for a reason. They are experts. If you want to be consistent and you want to protect your community and you want to take these animals off the streets and make sure that they are getting a good home then at least follow your own ordinance. Not everybody is going to like them but you got to do what you got to do. You can’t just change your mind because that is one of your constituents. You should have a standard operations and procedures manual in the office at all times and everybody that works there should be reading that. The Director needs to know the Articles and Ordinances by heart, so does the parish. If the Parish President oversees his program and continues to oversee his program at this point I think Federal Investigations probably needs to occur. Whoever oversees this program needs to have an understanding of what this program entails and involves. In rescue we knock heads all the time but we get over it because we have goal and that is to the job. To do the animals justice and to do the community justice. We need to see what is going on right now because there is no way that you can get away with feeding puppies once a day. Will you feed a toddler once a day, will you feed an infant once a day will you feed the momma that is suppose to be milking them once a day, no sir but that is what your people said on social media. That is all I have thank you.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*Madam Chair, Mr. Duplechain, I asked for a Resolution when I got up there and spoke, am I in order to put it before this council right now for him to continue gathering his information and if he plans on bringing it to Mr. Chad Pitre and asking for a Grand Jury Investigation. I will offer it as a Resolution Right now and ask for a vote.”
* *Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “*I can draw it up for the council to look at it.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*I am talking about time wise so that the sheriff knows that this council wants what is right for what is going on in St. Landry Parish or do you want it as a motion. Which one do you want? You are our attorney that is representing us.”
* *Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “*Once the council pass the motion I can draw it up for the council to look at and have it for the committee meeting.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*I can wait until the committee meeting. We will be meeting on the first part of January. I am offering it as a motion. From the Sheriff’s indication yesterday he wants this council’s approval that he continues compiling and he will make his report and give it to the District Attorney and we ask that he continues with it.”
* *Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*Mr. Ardoin just said that he will bring it up at the Committee Meeting in January is that correct?”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*That is correct, I want it to be drawn up so it will be prepared and it will be on the agenda.”
* *Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*Let me get things correct. Being that it is not on the agenda, you can’t bring this up now. Let me just be clear, you are right to bring it up at the Committee in January but we can’t take any action right now. Is that correct?”
* *Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “*That is correct.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Thank you, I just want to get it straight. I just think that it needs to come to an end.”
* *Councilman Harold Taylor stated,* “Can you speak in your microphone. It is a little hard to hear for some of us.”
* *Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*I am just asking that it be brought up in the January Committee Meeting. Whether it be brought up in Public Works or in Finance. It needs to come to a head. He will also look into the situation about the search warrant that was obtained after the fact. That is all that I am asking. Thank you. There is no motion that can be made. I am just making my suggestion and asking that it be placed on the Agenda for the January Committee Meeting whether it be placed on the Administrative Finance or the Public Works. It will probably be placed on the Administrative Finance. Thank you.”
* *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “*I have a question. A young lady spoke on Social Media. I want to ask about the policies. Don’t we have a policy against employees on social media?”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*It depends on what they are saying, this is posted on Social Media. As long as what they are posting is not negative. There are a lot of things that are being said and there are a lot of things being talked about and we cannot discuss because it is a criminal investigation that is being conducted at this time. I promise you at the right time all the issues will be addressed and it will be made public.”
* *Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “*Mr. Bellard, are you announcing to the council that there is an investigation on this matter already.”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “That is correct.”
* *Councilman Harold Taylor questioned,* “Is it performed by the Sheriff?
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “There is a criminal investigation being conducted at this time by our people by the sheriff department as we speak, yes.”
* *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,* “Can you elaborate?”
* *Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No.”*
1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry

to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 16th, 2022** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. **PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:**

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “In your packet you all have Resolution 033-2022 in reference to the St. Landry Parish asking to apply for a Loan/Grant for Federal Funding for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System in Royal Gardens.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I will move on that because. It is the district that I represent and I asked for this. I think Mr. Dustin Miller said that he will make sure that this will help the people in Royal Gardens.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “**Do you want to put Royal Gardens in that wording on the Resolution?”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**We can add it on.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**The Resolution is clear how it is written. That is how it has to stay because that what we are sending to the state. It already states it in your resolution about Royal Gardens and identifying a certain section of Royal Gardens not the whole neighborhood because most of it already have the right type of sewer. It is an old section that needs to be replaced.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “**It is stating Royal Gardens in there Mr. Bellard, may I ask?”

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

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to approve Resolution 033-2022. A Resolution Authorizing St. Landry Parish Government to apply for loans/grants to fund improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection Systems.

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

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

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I am asking for Resolution No. 034-2022 for Capital Outlay Progress. A project that we have in the parish that authorizes me to sign off on the documents for all of the Capital Outlay.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Mr. Bellard, so we had an Attorney General’s Opinion that we requested several months ago. It confirmed that you had the power to initiate contracts without council’s approval. Is that correct?”

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

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**So now you are asking for authority in advance to apply for Grants and Capital Outlay to do projects that we may not know about is that correct?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**That is not correct.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Would you please explain why you need authority in advance to do this.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Because whenever we apply for Capital Outlay some of them don’t require a Resolution and some do. So what we are trying to do here is speed the process up so we can get all of these PDA’s done and all of the request done.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Perhaps the council will need a little more input on this. So can we make it when you need to make an application for capital outlay you come to the council and we hear what you have to say and if we feel that it is a good project we will approve it and if we think it is high in the sky we will not approve it. I see no need for this Resolution except if you are concentrating the power in your office and were are left here wondering what we are doing. Let me give you a theory, you apply for a grant and we would want to think about it you get the money and put it in the bank. You sign a contract for someone to build this building and we don’t know anything about it until we see the building is going up. That is kind of one sided don’t you think?”

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

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**Mr. Bellard, the controversy was when we got the Attorney General’s Opinion about the window’s to be replaced in the courthouse. We got a bid and it was $300,000.00 then you wanted to change all the window now it is $700,000.00 am I correct?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I am not sure what exactly the bid is.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I still have the contract. EL Havis is the contractor. At this time are you in the process, and listen I don’t have any objections for that, are you in the process of building a fire escape behind the courthouse?”

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

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** *“*Was that in the contract with the windows?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Not with the windows, no that is with the courtroom. That is the 3rd floor courtroom.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**Let’s look at it Mr. Bellard. Out of all due respect to you, let me tell you something, I just had a project that you came up with $250,000.00 and I want to tell you thank you, for that sewer project in Linwood. But the Fire Escape, did you tell us that we have a Fire Escape coming up there, you understand. My whole thing is transparency is sort of the key with everything because you have some ‘x’ employees and you made the statement to keep the council in the dark. Is that really progress for us as councilmembers? I want to respect you but I want to be respected as a councilmember.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Are you asking me a question?

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “I am asking you a question.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “What is the question?”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “You told some employees and they are not here right now.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I tell you what. We are a bunch of grown people in here, you bring those ‘x’ employees and you and I will sit down with them. I am good with that. Then we can have that question answered anytime you are ready. I promise.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Thank you but the fire escape, did you bring it up to this council. I will ask the council here tonight, did you all know about this fire escape.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**It is part of the plan for the courthouse renovations. I don’t have to bring it in front of the council. I don’t have to because it is a Public Works Project. That is how it is, I am sorry, I am sorry.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “You are not sorry, you are not sorry.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**It would be good leadership to inform these 13 councilmembers.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Have anyone of you all went upstairs and looked at the courtroom. Have anyone of you all went and look at the windows or did anything?”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Of course I have.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**You went to the courtroom?”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Yes sir.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Okay, do you like it?”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Hey it is nice.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**That is right but it is a process. In the plans to do the whole project the fire escape had to be done as per Fire Marshall’s Regulations.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**That is fine Mr. Bellard but you could have informed us of this. That is all I am saying.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**But I don’t have to.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**I rest my case, thank you very much.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**Madam Chairwoman, if I am in order, this Resolution that he is asking which is Resolution 034-2022, I will ask that it not be granted. I will offer that as a motion.”

**Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “**It was not on the agenda but you all have a copy in your packet.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “A vote in favor of this means the Resolution dies am I correct Mr. Duplechain?”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated**, “It means that it won’t be passed. We need 7 votes.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**A ‘Yes’ vote means the Resolution is killed is that correct?”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated**, “Yes.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**I want to understand. We are blocking a Resolution that blocks Capital Outlay Funding?”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “No, to give him complete authority to apply for grants and not telling us nothing about it. That is what it is about.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**Mr. Taylor, I get what your opinion is.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Do you want me to repeat it?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “No I don’t but I have a Sub-Motion that we allow him to apply for Capital Outlay and if he needs this material to have it done correctly they we need to give him the authority.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**No Sir, he is asking for complete authority.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**Vote against it.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Yes he is, read it, read it, read it Jessie. He wants authority/pre clearance to apply for any grant that he sees fit from Capital Outlay without telling us a thing about it. He can come to us and say I want to get money to build roads or whatever, we will approve it.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**I am waiting for Timmy. He had a Sub-motion.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**I made my statement.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “**My only question on this is: If you are applying for Capital Outlay this council should know about it. When this council don’t know anything about anything that is going on it looks bad in the eyes of our constituents and the people of St. Landry Parish. When you first came to Jessie you said everybody, council as well as people of St. Landry Parish wants to know what you are doing, just let us know. When they started doing the work on the Courthouse and the price changed because the windows and everything was totally different the price went from $250,000.00 to $790,000.00. I think when the numbers change the council should be informed. We only want to fix the building that Parish Government operates. All we are asking is for you to let us know and we will have a working relationship between Parish Government and Parish Council. That is all that we are asking for.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “We have a Sub-Motion on the floor.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Mr. Ardoin, I have the floor.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Excuse me Mr. Red I thought you were finished.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “**No I was not. When you were speaking I let you speak now we just have to get to a point so we can work together. I am asking you to give us the courtesy to know what is going on. Thank you Mr. Ardoin.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**I withdraw my Sub-Motion.”
**Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “Timmy withdrew his motion so a ‘Yes’ vote kills the resolution.”

Resolution 034-2022 has been removed

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to remove **Resolution 034-2022**. A resolution to give the Parish President complete authority to sign off on all documents for Capital Outlay.

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

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

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “In your packet you also have the budget for 2023. I have it tonight for introduction. I think Mr. Lejeune would like to introduce it.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**I will be the sponsor. We don’t need any action tonight.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “**What is the Title Mr. Lejeune for the record?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**It is the 2023 Annual Budget for St. Landry Parish.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor questioned,** “Is there an amendment that you could introduce also?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Yes. I would like to introduce that as well. Amendment to the 2023 Budget.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “That is all that I have tonight.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin 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 21st, day of December, 2022.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to begin the process of getting prices for three Motor Graders and present the findings to the council.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to begin the process of getting prices for three Motor Graders and present the findings to the council.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to start the process of gathering information on the cost for the Old Federal Post Office Building and present the findings to the council to see if it is feasible.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to start the process of gathering information on the cost for the Old Federal Post Office Building and present the findings to the council to see if it is feasible.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy,

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

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

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Government and AF & RL Enterprises, LLC to Lease a Hanger at the Airport.

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, “Mr. Bellard, the AF & RL Enterprise, LLC are you familiar with Mr. Don Fisher and Ms. Arleen Bellard? Is that any relations to you?

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Yes, that is my first cousin. I am not approving the agreement the council is approving it.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned**, “Mr. Bellard, do they have an airplane?

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

**Councilman Wane Ardoin stated, “**That is what they are using it for. It won’t be for any storage or anything like that.”

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

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**You may want to advise them about the entry fee. The need their credentials in order, that is my point.”

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

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**Can I offer a motion that we place this lease on hold until one of the representatives come forward at the next committee meeting.”

**Councilman Coby Clavier stated,** “Can you clarify the concern.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**They are not in good standings with the Secretary of State. The have some dues that they have to pay.

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Also file an annual report.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**Mr. Bellard, when you asked this thing two weeks ago you could have divulged that this was my cousin. I just want you all to know that before, don’t you think so? I have all the respect for Arleen Bellard Fisher.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**No, you always say that you have a lot of respect for people but no.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**Everybody who rents a hanger space did they come before the council?”

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

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “**Why are we asking all of these questions. I just want to be clear. Are we changing the rules that everybody will come? I just want to know because if we are let’s do it and make everybody come.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “**Are you offering that as a motion?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Yes I am.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I will second it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to have everyone that rents a Hanger at the St. Landry Parish Airport come before the council.

**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 21st, day of December, 2022.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “Is this lease on hold at this time am I correct? We are not giving him permission to sign the lease? Am I correct?” I am asking that it placed on hold until they come the full council meeting or the committee meeting. Whichever one that may occur.”

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “**Just forward it the committee meeting for next month.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**Mr. Brown, out of all due respect to you, I am asking a question here. I am asking that this lease not be accepted at this time. It is not a time pressing thing is it Mr. Bellard?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not quite sure if it is or not. I can’t answer that question.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**I am asking that it be placed on hold.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “This the normal procedure that we do every time we have a lease. So it is not a big deal.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**The normal procedure is that you should have told us that this is a cousin of mine and I just want to let you all know before.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “**Mr. Ardoin, if I am approving something for me then yes, I am not approving it. It is the council that is approving it and you all have no kind of ethical violation with this at all. You all are the ones that is approving the lease, not me. If you all have a problem that is on you all it is not on me.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “**You brought it to us Mr. Bellard, thank you. I will offer a motion that this lease be put on hold.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “**Should we hold this lease back? What do you see as the legal problem here?”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**That is a good question because I read the lease and I approved it. There is no legal flaw in the lease. The next part is the policy decision by council to authorize it or not, that is up to the council. I can’t make the decision for you on a policy. I read the lease and there is no legal flaw in the lease.

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned,** “So everything that is on the document right here is based on the information that you just gave us the lease is correct. It has nothing to do with them owing $10.00 dollars somewhere.”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**I read the lease and there is no legal flaw in the lease.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Mr. Duplechain, you read the lease and you see no legal flaws, did you also check out whether they are in compliance with the Secretary of the State. Did you check with the Secretary of the State to see if the corporation is in good standing with the State?”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**No, I did not.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**Don’t you think that would be a good idea?”

**Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “**That is up to the council. I don’t know if they have good standings or not. I can check it tomorrow.

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “**I think it would be a good idea, it would be embarrassing if they are not, thank you.”

**Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated**, “You just pass a motion that everyone comes before this council. These people have something that needs to be passed. Don’t you think that it would be good to have them come to the next committee meeting?”

Now we just have to make a motion to bring it to the committee meeting in January.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “That is a good point, I will second your motion.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor

To have all recipients that lease Hangers at the airport come before the council.”

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to contact Mr. William Jarrell to begin a Study to overlay Flag Station Road, Suzanne Dejean Drive, Aspen Lane, and present the findings back to the council.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “That is in District 9. I am asking for some prices on these following roads.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to contact Mr. William Jarrell to begin a Study to overlay Flag Station Road, Suzanne Dejean Drive, Aspen Lane, and present the findings back to the council.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena authority for a five- year term (01-18-2023 – 01-18-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena authority for a five- year term (01-18-2023 – 01-18-2028).

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes for the remaining of a four - year term.

(10-02-2021 - 10-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes for the remaining of a four - year term.

(10-02-2021 - 10-02-2025)

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for the remaining of a four-year term. (02-17-2020 - 02-17-2024)

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for the remaining of a four-year term. (02-17-2020 - 02-17-2024).

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term. (01-01-2023 – 01-01-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 5

for a two-year term. (01-01-2023 – 01-01-2025).

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to Fire District No. 6 for

a two-year term. (01-18-2023 – 01-18-2025).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for three appointments to Fire District No. 6

for a two-year term. (01-18-2023 – 01-18-2025).

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Bayou Mallet & Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 for a four-year term. (02-01-2023 - 02-01-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Bayou Mallet & Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 10 for a four-year term. (02-01-2023 - 02-01-2027).

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2023 – 01-01-2027).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor, to authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2023 – 01-01-2027)

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on: Avenue A, Azeline Drive, Hidden Village Lane, Gilbert Drive, and Carl Drive.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on: Avenue A, Azeline Drive, Hidden Village Lane, Gilbert Drive, and Carl Drive.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Vote to appoint David Bourque to the St. Landry Parish Sewer District No. 1 (Linwood Subdivision) to replace Gene Wiley Sylvester. (no term set).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, to appoint David Bourque to the St. Landry Parish Sewer District No. 1 (Linwood Subdivision) to replace Gene Wiley Sylvester. (no term set).

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. Update on the Statue Removal.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I wanted to know again, what is the status of the statue being removed.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They put the scalping up today so they starting.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked, “Ok, thank you.”

1. **ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-022**

**(Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 40-165, PRE APPLICATION CONSIDERATION AND DRAINAGE REVIEW.**

Whereas, Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances require all partitions of property into subdivisions in St. Landry Parish to be reviewed by the St. Landry Parish Government;

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-023**

**(Sponsored By: Councilman Coby Clavier)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 24-3 – PAYMENT OF TAX OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

Whereas, Section 12-16 A of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter grants the St. Landry Parish Council the power and authority to levy and collect taxes;

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001**

**(Sponsored By: Councilman Jerry Red Jr.)**

An Ordinance to set regular meeting dates for the St. Landry Parish Council Meetings for the year 2023 on the third Wednesday of each month at six o’clock p.m. and for the Public Works and Administrative/Finance Committees to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at six o’clock p.m. with the exception of November 1st, 2023 in reserve of All Saint’s Day.

1. **ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor, to adopt **Ordinance No. 2022-016.**

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-016 (Sponsored by: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

 **AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE ANIMAL AND FOWL ORDINANCES IN CHAPTER 8, ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, VI, AND VII IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES AND REPLACE THEM IN CHAPTER 8 WITH THE FOLLOWING ANIMAL AND FOWL ORDINANCES**

 **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-02 and 1-06 establish that, aside from the Section 1-05 management of Parish government affairs power, the Parish government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT** the animal and fowl Ordinances in Chapter 8, Articles I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances are repealed, and replaced, in Chapter 8 with the following animal and fowl Ordinances which are attached to this Ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to appoint **Ordinance No. 2022-017.**

**On roll call vote: YEAS**: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-017 (Sponsored by: Councilman Harold Taylor)**

 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SOLAR FARMS ORDINANCE 2021-017 TO CHANGE THE DECOMMISSIONING SECTION OF THE ORDINANCE**

 **WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-02 and 1-06 establish that, aside from the Section 1-05 management of Parish government affairs power, the Parish government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Landry Parish Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-017 on November 17th , 2021, Establishing Regulations and Permit Requirements for Solar Farms, and

**WHEREAS**, this amendment amends Section 9 of the Solar Farm Ordinance regarding

the decommissioning plan for a solar farm, and

**WHEREAS** this amendment adds Section 10 to the Solar Farm Ordinance under the heading of “Legal Fund Established”, whereby one- and one-half percent (1½%) of the proceeds derived from the payment-in-lieu-of taxes for ad valorem taxes from all taxing bodies is deposited into a special fund to be used to pay all legal fees and cost associated with potential litigation arising from Solar Farms

construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning; and

**WHEREAS** this amendment adds Section 11 to the Solar Farm Ordinance under the heading of “Economic Development Fund Established” whereby one-and one-half percent (1½%) of the proceeds derived from the payment-in-lieu-of taxes for ad valorem taxes from all taxing bodies is deposited into a special fund to be used future Economic Development projects in St. Landry Parish.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the Solar Farms Ordinance 2021-017 is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:**

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance article is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the

citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating solar farms located within St. Landry Parish.

2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Chapter the following terms shall mean:

(a) Solar energy: Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.

(b) Solar energy system: A device or structural design feature intended to provide for collection,

storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling, electricity generation, or water heating.

(c) Solarfarm: The use of land where a series of solar collectors and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power. A Solar farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more solar collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.

3. Permits and Fees.

(a) Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of a solar farm, a permit must be obtained by the developer of the solar farm from St. Landry Parish Government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan therefor has been approved as provided for in this section.

(b) The developer of the solar farm shall submit a Solar Farm Permit Application along with the plans for the proposed solar farm. Each Solar Farm Permit Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, drainage study, environmental study, and a traffic plan.

(c) The Solar Farm Permit Application and site plan shall be reviewed by the Parish Engineer.

(d) If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the solar farm plan and project, the developer shall be given sixty days to correct the problems cited by the Parish Engineer for rejection of the plan and project, and then the developer may resubmit the permit application to the Parish Engineer for approval. If the Parish Engineer approves of the solar farm plan and project, the developer of the solar farm shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted prior to obtaining the permit for the solar farm. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal before the public meeting.

(e) After the community meeting the Solar Farm Permit Application and site plan shall be presented to the St. Landry Parish Council at a council meeting to approve or deny the solar farm permit.

(f) If a permit for the solar farm is granted, the developer of the solar farm shall pay a fee of $1,000.00 to the St. Landry Parish government for a solar farm consisting of 500 acres or less, and for a solar farm consisting of more than 500 acres, the fee shall be $1000.00 plus an additional $1.00 for each acre in excess of 500 acres. The applicable permit fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, inclusive of buffer zones and access roads.

(g) A solar farm permit issued under this Chapter may be transferred or assigned, with the assignee being obligated to all requirements of the permit and this Chapter. However, written notice of such transfer or assignment shall be made to the St. Landry Parish government and the identity of the new permittee shall be noted in the Parish records.

(h) The issuance of a permit under this ordinance shall serve as the agreement and acknowledgment by the permittee, and its successors and assigns, as well as the property owners, that the St. Landry Parish government shall have standing to enforce any and all provisions and obligations of this ordinance.

(i) A solar farm permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance if construction has not yet

commenced on the solar farm.

 4. Single or Multiple Tracts.

(a) A solar farm may be operated on a single contiguous tract or multiple contiguous tracts, either with ownership by the developer/applicant, under one or more leases in which the developer/applicant is a lessee, or any combination thereof.

(b) Any solar farm permit issued for a solar farm which relies upon one lease agreement shall become null and void upon the termination of said lease agreement, unless the lease agreement is terminated because the developer/applicant has been conveyed ownership of the property previously subject to the lease. In the case of a solar farm permit issued for a solar farm which relies on more than one lease agreement, if one of the lease agreements is terminated the solar farm permit shall become null and void only to the part of the project or solar farm that is affected by the lease termination by being on the land subject to the lease that was terminated.

5. Traffic Plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a traffic plan for the movement of vehicles that will use parish roads during the construction, maintenance and decommissioning of the solar farm.

(b) The plan shall provide for the remediation of any damages occasioned to parish roads during the construction or erection, maintenance, and decommissioning of the solar farm.

 6. Drainage Plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a drainage plan.

(b) The drainage plan shall include an hydrologic and hydraulic (H&amp;H) analysis to establish that the solar farm will not have any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners, or, alternatively, the drainage plan shall establish a plan for remediating any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners that may result from the construction of and the operation of the solar farm. The plan shall also include an ongoing schedule of water sampling and testing of water runoff from the site of the solar farm.

7. Buffer Zones.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the solar farm.

(b) The buffer zone shall include a setback of not less than 150 feet from the center of any adjacent public roadway.

(c) The buffer zone shall include a setback of at least 150 feet from any residence, unless otherwise waived by the homeowner, and 50 feet from any adjacent property line used for residential purposes at the time of the application.

(d) Each buffer zone shall include a stand of trees or shrubbery, between the operational area of the solar farm and the adjacent roadway or property owner, to screen the solar farm from view, the sufficiency of which is subject to review and approval as part of the plan.

(e) The buffer zone shall be maintained in such a manner so as to not present a nuisance as provided for otherwise in the Code of Ordinances.

8. Secured access and Lighting.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a plan for secured limited access to the solar farm by a security fence no less than 6 feet nor no greater than 8 feet in height.

(b) Lighting. To reduce light pollution, lighting for the solar farm shall be limited to the minimum lighting reasonably necessary for its safe operation, and the lighting shall be directed downward where reasonably feasible.

9. Decommissioning plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed solar farm shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of the solar farm upon the cessation of operations of the solar farm.

(b) Decommissioning of the solar farm shall begin no later than 12 months after the solar farm

has ceased to operate as a solar farm or collect solar energy. For purposes of this provision,

temporary cessation of operations of the solar farm due to circumstances beyond the control of

the developer, such as force majeure or commercial decisions by the developer&#39;s customers, for a period of less than 12 months would not trigger any decommissioning requirements.

(c) The decommissioning plan shall provide for the removal of the solar panels, ancillary structures, and other infrastructure utilized in the operation of the solar farm.

(d) The decommissioning plan shall provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the property of the former solar farm, as determined by the EPA, DEQ, or the St. Landry Parish Government.

(e) Any lease forming a portion of the application for the original permit shall include reference to the decommissioning plan and the funding thereof as a necessary term therein.

(f) The Developer shall provide a “decommissioning fund” with sufficient funding to remediate

all the property encompassing the Solar Farm restoring said property to its original purpose.

The developer of the solar farm shall present documentation to St. Landry Parish Government

that the decommissioning fund is established.

 10. Legal Fund Established.

One- and one-half percent (1 ½%) of the proceeds derived from the payment-in-lieu-of

taxes for ad valorem taxes from all taxing bodies shall be deposited into a special fund

to be used to pay all legal fees and cost associated with potential litigation arising from

Solar Farms construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning.

11. Economic Development Fund Established.

One-and one-half percent (1 ½%) of the proceeds derived from the payment-in-lieu-of

taxes for ad valorem taxes from all taxing bodies shall be deposited into a special fund

to be used for economic development projects in St. Landry Parish in unincorporated

areas and small incorporated municipalities with populations of less than 4,000

residents.

***ORDINANCE NO. 2022-018 was pulled in the public hearing.***

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-018 (Sponsored by: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 2-289, SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BY PUBLIC SALE.**

**Whereas**, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2201, et seq., provides for parish governments to sell property that has been adjudicated to the parish for non-payment of property taxes by public sale;

 **Whereas,** Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2204 provides that the ordinance that allows for the public sale of adjudicated property by the parish governing authority may subject the public sales to terms and conditions imposed by the parish governing authority;

 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT** THAT Section 2-289, Sale of Adjudicated Property by Public Sale, of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

 SEC. 2-289 - SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BY PUBLIC SALE.

(a) Sale of adjudicated property may be made by public sale, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:2201 et seq.

(b) Minimum bid; appraisal.

 (1) In the event the parish government elects to set a dollar amount as a minimum bid for the sale of adjudicated property, the minimum bid for the sale of adjudicated property shall include the following:

a. The total amount of all statutory impositions of the parish government and of any other political subdivision of the state affecting the property;

b. The total amount of all governmental liens affecting the property;

c. The costs of adjudication of the property to the parish government at the tax sale of the property, if any; and

d. The costs of sale of the adjudicated property by public sale

(2) The parish government may, however, by special ordinance provide that the sale of adjudicated property by public sales shall occur after appraisal of the property, rather than as set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section, in accordance with R.S. 47:2202, in which case the parish government shall appoint a licensed appraiser to appraise and value the property. In such case, the minimum bid at the first public sale of the property shall be at least two-thirds of the appraised value of the property. If the property fails to sell at the first public sale, the minimum bid at the second public sale of the property shall be one-third of the appraised value of the property. If the property fails to sell at the second public sale, the parish government may, by subsequent ordinance, sell the property at the minimum bid set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section.

 (3) In addition, the parish government may, by special ordinance, provide for the sale of adjudicated property at public sale to the highest bidder without setting a minimum bid or requiring an appraisal, in accordance with R.S. 47:2202(A), as amended.

(c) The sale of adjudicated property by public sale may be initiated either by the parish government or by any person, in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) Initiation of public sale by parish government. The parish government may provide by special ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property at a public sale, which ordinance shall contain the following:

a. The legal description of the adjudicated property to be sold at public sale (including the lot, square and subdivision name, if applicable);

 b. The municipal address of the adjudicated property to be sold at public sale;

 c. The name and address of the owner of record of the property, as reflected in the records of the assessor's office, as of the date of the tax sale by which the property was adjudicated to the parish government or its predecessors.

 d. In the event the parish government elects to set a dollar amount as a minimum bid for the sale of adjudicated property, the ordinance shall state the minimum bid for which the property shall be sold. In the event the parish government provides that the sale of adjudicated property shall occur after appraisal, as provided for by subsection (b)(2) of this section, the ordinance shall state that the sale shall be subject to appraisal. In the event the parish government provides that the sale of adjudicated property shall be without a minimum bid or appraisal, as provided in subsection (b)(3) of this section, the ordinance shall state that the sale shall be to the highest bidder with no minimum bid or appraisal.

(2) Initiation by persons. Whenever a person desires to initiate the sale of adjudicated property by public sale and the parish government, in turn, is willing to sell the property, the person so desiring shall submit an application to the administrative department of the parish government, requesting the sale of such property, which application shall contain the following:

 a. A legal description of property (lot, square and subdivision name, if applicable);

 b. Municipal address of property;

 c. Name of the owner of record of the property at the time of adjudication and the year of the tax sale;

 d. Affidavit certifying the prospective purchaser is not a member of immediate family of property owner or entity in which owner has a substantial economic interest;

 e. A copy of tax sale deed evidencing the recordation in excess of three years;

 f. A copy of current tax bill;

 g. An executed offer letter to purchase the property;

 h. Deposits.

 1. A deposit, by cash, certified cashier's check, or money order, in an amount as established by the parish council form time to time, to cover the expenses of the public sale, including advertising, appraisals (if applicable), legal fees of the parish government in connection with the sale, title abstract and mortgage certificate costs and all other costs associated with the public sale.

 2. In the event the applicant is the highest bidder at the public sale of the adjudicated property, any unused funds on deposit shall be applied to the purchase price of the property sold at the public sale. If there are remaining funds on deposit after the payment of the purchase price of the property sold at the public sale, said remaining funds shall, upon authentication of the sale as described hereinbelow, be refunded to the applicant.

 3. In the event the applicant fails to be the highest bidder at the public sale of the adjudicated property, this deposit shall be refunded to the applicant. In the event, however, that no one at the public sale bids up to the minimum amount, if any, required for the sale of the property, then the deposit shall be retained by the parish government to pay the costs and expenses of the public sale; provided, however, that any monies remaining on deposit after the payment of said costs and expenses shall be refunded to the applicant.

(d) Advertising.

(1) In the event of initiation of sale of adjudicated property by public sale by the parish government or any person, the public sale shall be advertised twice in the official journal of the parish government, the first advertisement being at least 30 days prior to the date of the public sale, and the second advertisement being no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale. Each advertisement shall be on a form prescribed by the parish government, and shall contain the following information:

 a. Notice of the sale;

 b. The amount of the minimum bid, if any. If the sale is subject to appraisal, the advertisement shall so state. If the sale is without minimum bid or appraisal, the advertisement shall so state;

 c. The name and address of the department within the parish government to which bids shall be submitted;

 d. The date, time and physical and/or electronic addresses of in-person bidding on the property;

 e. A description of the property to be sold at public sale (including the lot, square and subdivision name, if applicable), as well as the municipal address of the property (if applicable);

 f. Any other terms which the parish government may require.

 (2) All bids shall be on a form, either written or electronic, prescribed by the parish government.

(e) All bids received shall be submitted by the administrative department to the full parish council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the parish council may adopt an ordinance approving the sale of the property to the highest bidder, as provided by R.S. 47:2204. The ordinance, if adopted, shall include the following requirements:

 (1) A requirement that the purchaser certify in writing to the administrative department of the parish government that he or his agent has examined the mortgage and conveyance records of the parish to determine the names and last known addresses of:

a. The tax debtor at the time of the tax sale of the property;

b. Any person requesting notice pursuant to R.S. 47:2159;

c. The owner of the property, including the owner of record at the time of the tax sale of the property;

d. Any other person holding an interest in the property, including a mortgage, privilege, lien or other encumbrance on the property, and including a tax sale purchaser.

Attached to this certification shall be a written list of all names and last known addresses of the persons listed hereinabove;

(2) A requirement that the purchaser of the adjudicated property shall send the written notice to any person described in subsection (e)(1) of this section in the form provided by R.S. 47:2206(A). A copy of said written notice shall be furnished to the administrative department of the parish government with a certification that the notice has been sent to said persons;

 (3) A requirement that the purchaser file in the mortgage records of the parish a copy of the written notice required in subsection (e)(2) of this section, and furnish the administrative department of the parish government with stamped copies of the recorded notice;

(4) A requirement that the purchaser shall cause to be published in the official records of the parish a notice in the form prescribed by R.S. 47:2206(B), and furnish to the administrative department of the parish government with an affidavit of publication of said notice prepared by the official journal;

 (5) An acknowledgment in writing from the purchaser that the adjudicated property is sold without any warranty, except a warranty against eviction resulting from a prior alienation of the property by the parish government or its predecessor;

(6) The name and address of the purchaser, the amount of money for which the property has been sold and a requirement that the purchaser remit the purchase price of the property, by cash, cashier's/certified check or money order, contemporaneously with the furnishing of the other documents listed in this subsection (e), with an appropriate credit for any sums previously deposited for costs by the purchaser.

 (f) Authentication of sale.

 (1) At the expiration of the 60-day or six-month redemption periods, set forth in R.S. 47:2206(A) and (B), the purchaser shall begin the process of authentication of the sale of the adjudicated property within ninety days of receiving the letter from St. Landry Parish Government notifying them that they have successfully bid on the property, and the purchaser shall complete the authentication process, including the satisfaction of any terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in the ordinances providing for the sale of adjudicated property, within nine months of beginning the authentication process. If the purchaser does not begin and complete the authentication process within this time period the adjudicated property shall be sold to the person(s) or entity that was the next highest bidder in the sale of the property. The authentication of the sale of the adjudicated property shall be as provided in R.S. 47:2207.

(2) The authentication shall be in the form of an act of sale prescribed by R.5. 47:2207(B), which act of sale shall be prepared and filed into the conveyance records of the parish. The purchaser shall pay all costs incurred in preparing, filing and/or recording the said act of sale authenticating the sale. The act of sale authenticating the sale of the adjudicated property shall be without warranty, except a warranty against eviction resulting from a prior alienation of the property by the parish government or its predecessor, as provided in R.S. 47:2207(A).

(g) Contemporaneously with filing the act of sale authenticating the sale as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the purchaser shall file, at his cost, an affidavit into the mortgage records of the parish in the form prescribed by R.S. 47:2208, and shall furnish to the administrative department of the parish government with a stamped copy of the recorded affidavit. The filing of said affidavit shall, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:2208(B), operate as a cancellation, termination, release and erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit.

(h) Proceeds of sale.

(1) Except as otherwise agreed upon by the holders of statutory impositions and governmental liens, all proceeds from the sale of adjudicated property by public sale, after the deduction of costs of the sale, shall be paid on a pro rata basis to the holders of such statutory impositions and governmental liens;

(2) Any amount in excess of the costs of the sale, statutory impositions and governmental liens shall be paid to the parish government.

(i) In the event the adjudicated property is redeemed within the redemption periods set forth in R.S. 47:2206(A) and (B), then all sums deposited or paid by the purchaser for the purchase price of the adjudicated property shall be refunded to the purchaser by the parish government, with legal interest, written 30 days after the parish government is notified of said redemption.

***ORDINANCE NO. 2022-019 was pulled in the public hearing*.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-019 (Sponsored by: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THIERRY ROAD IN ST. LANDRY PARISH**

**WHEREAS**, St. Landry Parish Government has decided to abandon Thierry Road in St.

Landry Parish because Thierry Road is no longer needed for public purposes, as per Louisiana

Revised Statute 48:701.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT** that Thierry Road in St. Landry Parish, which runs for 2,230 feet from Texas Eastern Road to a

dead end, is hereby abandoned and shall be a private road.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to appoint **Ordinance No. 2022-020.**

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-020 (Sponsored by: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 26-21, PROHIBITIONS.**

**Whereas**, St. Landry Parish Ordinance Section 26-21 states the prohibition against allowing property found to be a nuisance by having noxious weeds, grass, or deleterious, unhealthy or noxious growth on the property;

**Whereas**, the St. Landry Parish Council hereby amends St. Landry Parish Ordinance

Section 26-21 which to provide for a fine and administrative fee for property owners who violate

this Article;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT**

**THAT** Section 26-21, Prohibitions, of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby

amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 26-21. - Prohibitions.

(a) Properties within the city limits and occupied subdivisions and neighborhoods in the

unincorporated areas. No owner, tenant or occupant of any leased, occupied or unoccupied lot,

place, property, or area shall permit any noxious weeds, grass, or deleterious, unhealthy, or

noxious growth over 12 inches in height to grow, stand, or accumulate on any lot, place, or area

leased or occupied by the such owner, tenant, or occupant, or on any abutting sidewalk or neutral

ground within any residential area; nor shall the owner, tenant, or occupant allow a lot, place, or

area of any abutting sidewalk or neutral ground to become a haven for rodents, other dangerous

animals, or reptiles in any residential area.

(b) Properties outside occupied subdivisions and neighborhoods. No owner, tenant, or occupant of any leased, owned, or occupied lot, place, property, or area within the jurisdiction of the parish government, and located outside an occupied subdivision or neighborhood, shall permit any weeds, grass, or deleterious, unhealthy, or noxious growths or matter over 24 inches in height to grow, stand, or accumulate on any lot, place, or area leased, owned or occupied by the owner, tenant or occupant, or any abutting sidewalk or neutral ground located within any residential area; nor shall such owner, tenant or occupant allow such lot or area, or any abutting sidewalk of neutral ground to become a haven for rodents or other dangerous animals.

(c) Upon committing a violation of this section the property owner shall be issued a citation, and shall be assessed with a fine of $100.00 for the first violation, $200.00 for the second violation, and $300.00 for the third and subsequent violations, and the fine shall be paid to the St. Landry Parish Government within 45 days of the issuance of the citation. The citation shall also set a court date for the property owner to appear in St. Landry Parish District Court on a civil court date.

(d) In addition to the costs owed by the property owner in Section 26-24, the property owner shall owe an administrative fee of $100.00 if the St. Landry Parish Government must perform the work pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Wayne, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, to appoint **Ordinance No. 2022-021.**

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-021 (Sponsored by: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 26-23, AUTHORITY OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER PROPERTY.**

 **Whereas,** St. Landry Parish Ordinance Section 26-23 authorizes the Parish President or his designee to enter property found to be a nuisance by having noxious weeds, grass, or deleterious, unhealthy or noxious growth on the property, and remove the nuisance from the property if the owner of the property will not remove the nuisance;

 **Whereas,** the St. Landry Parish Council hereby amends St. Landry Parish Ordinance Section 26-23 to provide for a registered or certified letter to be sent to the property owner by the Parish President or his designee;

 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT** THAT Section 26-23, Authority of the Parish President or his Designee to enter property, of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

 Sec. 26-23. - Authority of the parish president of his designee to enter property.

 (a) The parish president or his designee is hereby authorized to enter property found to be in violation of this article, and to cut, rake and remove any noxious weed, grass, or deleterious, unhealthy or noxious growth, on occupied or unoccupied property, growing or standing on any sidewalk or banquette, or on any lot, place, or area, provided no such work shall be undertaken by the parish president or his designee until the owner of the lot, place, or area, or the owners of the property abutting the sidewalk or banquette shall have had the opportunity to do the work at least within 15 days after receipt of a registered or certified letter by the Parish President or his designee.

 (b) In lieu of the notice prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, the parish president or his designee shall be authorized to undertake the work under the following circumstances or upon the giving of the following notice, to wit:

 (1) If the owner of any lot or other real property is unknown or his whereabouts is not known, a sign giving notice of the violation and of the intent to abate the violation shall be posted by the president or his designee upon or near the premises and may, at the option of the president or his designee, be published in the official journal of the parish one time at least three days before the work is performed. The president or his designee shall make an affidavit setting out the facts as to unknown address.

 (2) All costs incurred by the parish government in effecting notice to the owner shall be included in the costs specified in section 26-24.

1. **RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

A motion was made by Councilman, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **Resolution 030-2022.**

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 030 - 2022**

**ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

**WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

 WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public road shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge lnspection standards and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

 WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate and load-post Parish bridges is under the authority of St. Landry Parish Government in accordance with standards as delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as DOTD) for the period of January 1, 2O23 through December 31, 2023.

 l.The Parish has performed all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge lnspection Standards.

 2. All parish owned or maintained bridges, which require load posting or closing, have been posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. DOTD supplies only load posting information concerning bridges that have been critically reviewed prior to load posting.

 3. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by DOTD are noted.

A motion was made by Councilman , seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to approve **Resolution 031-2022.**

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

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

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**RESOLUTION NO. 031- 2022**

 A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein.

 BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), that:

 SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special elections held in (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022, to authorize the levy of special taxes therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special elections.

 SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Elections, (i) there was a total of 476 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition and a total of 586 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition, resulting in a majority of 110 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition and (ii) there was a total of 528 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition and a total of 805 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 2 of RoadDistrict 11A Proposition, resulting in a majority of 277 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition. The Propositions were therefore duly DEFEATED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Elections.

 SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said elections shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State’s office of the actual costs of the elections, as required by Act 205 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana for the year 2019.

 SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Elections are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

 SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A Procès Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said elections shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Landry, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to approve **Resolution 032-2022.**

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 032-2022**

 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) GRANT.

1. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin

to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday**, December 7th, 2022** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **December 7th, 2022** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

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

1. **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

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

**WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of December, 2022

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

**SHERELL JORDAN, COUNCIL CLERK**

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**