**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th, 2023**

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

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Gil Savoy Led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **Roll Call:**

Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Jimmie Edwards and Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr.

**ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere and Alvin Stelly.

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting*.**

1. **Person to address the Committee:**

* Ms. Ashley Jackson to discuss possible girls group home located at 216 Jeremy Dr., Opelousas, LA.

*Ms. Ashley Jackson addressed the council. She stated*, “My name is Ashley Jackson. My address is 610 E. Washington Street, Ville Platte, LA. 70586. My telephone number is:

337-459-8823. Tonight I want to follow up on my proposal for the Girl’s Residential Group Home. I come here tonight knowing that the girls group home have already not been approved. Louisiana defines a Residential Group Home as any place, facility or home operated by an institution, society, agency, cooperation, person or persons by any other group to provide full time care 24 hours a day for more than 4 children who are to remain at the facility. The parish defines a group home as a residence or building operating as a residence for unrelated individuals where one or more of the individuals is a convicted sex offender and one or more of the individuals is a convicted felon. My Girl’s Residential Group Home does not fit that definition. On March 15th, 2023 I stood before the council and I spoke on behalf of my proposal topic of a Girl’s Residential Group Home. I stated the dynamics of my group home as well as the type of residence that it was intended to house. I was told that I would need at least 75% approval of the population within 1000 feet radius of the home in order for it to be considered. I was also told I don’t want it and I would not want it my neighborhood. I was also told by someone on the council that she was against it. Even still I took the initiative to come to explain my proposal. On Saturday I went out to speak to the projected residence in that radius. I also gave them a detailed letter explaining the nature of the program and what it was about in its intended residence only to find out that I was met head on by a resistant and most of the people that I began to speak with when I knocked on the door immediately said we don’t want this in our neighborhood. When I asked what is it that you do not want in your neighborhood they simply said we do not want this in our neighborhood. It was not until I got to a third resident and trying to explain to her what the Residential Group Home was about she stated that an unidentified woman came to her home the previous day and told her that I was intending to open a half-way house for drug abuse woman. That was not my proposal. When I talked to her and explained to her what my proposal was and my intended Girls Residential Group Home was about she said wow, I had no idea. She in turn signed my petition as well as three other residence in that community who were willing to listen to what the Girl’s Residential Group Home was about. My only issue is, and again I accept that no one wants the residential Group Home in their area, my only problem is what was proposed to the residence in that radius was not what I stood here and said I intended to open. I never once said I wanted to open a half-way house for women, I never said that. I simply said that I wanted to open a Girl’s Residential Group Home in this neighborhood. So a petition was signed by all of the residence without the exception of five in that area. That petition is saying that they do not want a Residential Group Home but they do not want my Residential Group Home, they do not want a half-way house for woman. It was also later found out that the person who started the petition was a churchgoer of someone on the council. My only issue is if you are going to propose my real proposal, why not give true information. Why coerce someone into believing that I was proposing something that I never proposed? At least give them the option so they would choose to say no we don’t want a Girl’s Group Home. Don’t have them believing that I am coming into their neighborhood to bring drugged out woman from a half-way house, I never proposed that. That is dishonest and that is lack of integrity. I do know that it is the will of God on my life to establish Residential Group Homes not just for young girls but for boys as well, it will not stop here. It may not go to that subdivision and I respect that. There is so much going on within that subdivision that half of those residence don’t even know about. If anyone wants to come behind me and rebuttal what I said I can read a message that I received from a residence who lives back there. He was not home and he literally said, Ms. Jackson, I applaud what you are trying to do. There are a lot of woman out there who need help. There are a lot of woman out there who are on drugs, again I was confused, I never once said I wanted to open a half-way house for abused woman, cracked out and drugged out woman.”

*Councilman Coby Clavier questioned*, “Ms. Jackson, can you remind us all again what the Group Home is about.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “It is a Girl’s Residential Group Home for girls who are awaiting adoption, their parents maybe on drugs. While the state gives them time to go into rehab those kids needs somewhere to stay. These are not criminal girls, these are not girls with charges and these are not girls who have committed criminal offenses. The only difference between my foster home and a regular home is, there home is not regulated by the state. The group home is literally regulated through the state. There are many stipulations. There are many rules that I have to follow. These are not girls that would walk down the street or see playing outside. The home is already fenced in. The intention of group homes in Louisiana is for these girls to feel like they are at home while they are not at home. Nothing about their home can say oh wow, that is a group home right there. In all honesty if it had not been read upon I would have moved into that same residence and no one would have known it was a group home unless they saw those children getting off of the bus.”

*Councilman Coby Clavier questioned*, “What are the ages of those girls?”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “Between the ages of 9 and 17.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned*, “I have two questions and I believe you answered one. You said that it was a business and most people that have a home, I don’t believe that they want places of business in their residence. Number two, if there was a Home Owners Association established I believe that sets president of what can be in that neighborhood and what can’t go on in that neighborhood. That is what we have to look at.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “I just want to say this. Before I was even given this application they had to look up the subdivision to find out if there were any restrictions. The person did not give me this application to come before you and she did not check the restrictions on that subdivision. She said there were no restrictions and she gave me this paper.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “May I ask who gave you that paper.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “It was the lady upstairs from the parish courthouse we went to the second floor. It looks similar to a library. To the business part, yes it is a business. It will not look like or appear as a business. There will be two workers on the premises every day. Traffic will run just as if a mother was getting up to go to work and she was coming back home. Every day you will not see traffic, traffic, traffic. The only vehicle you will see is a worker coming in the morning and a worker leaving at night and a school bus dropping these girls off to school.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “Now you said a school bus, do you know that is a private road?

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “From my understanding they lost the private status.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Being that it is a private road the school bus cannot travel down that road, the mail carrier cannot travel down that road and the trash man cannot travel down that road.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “Okay, then that means that a van can pick them up. It is still one vehicle.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “I am saying that there are three entities that we know of.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated,* “It does not make sense. If you go to the third house on that street there is a big Louisiana Medicaid Transportation Van. Doesn’t that work for a business? At the end of the day what I am saying is it is still equivalent, it is not a car. So if I pick them up in a van it is the same source as a vehicle.”

*Councilman Coby Clavier questioned*, “If you don’t take these girls in or if this is not allowed where will they go?”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson state*d, “Most of those girls are stuck in their same environment, most of them will continue in a rental where they is sex trafficking.”

*Councilman Coby Clavier stated*, “Where will they go if you don’t take them in a good home? That is what we all need to ask ourselves.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “They will remain in the system trying to be placed. The DCFS System is already in an overload trying to find placing. A lot of times for the ones they send them out of state which cost Louisiana more money. Those girls do not have close contact with their families and different resources in the community that they need to make them vital to come back into that environment. A lot of Foster Homes are over crowed with children they are breaking their own rules because they have nowhere to place them. I rarely see it with girls but I see it a lot with boys because I am a nurse and I work in a Psychiatric Facility with boys who are in a similar situation to my group home except theirs is psychiatric because they cannot find placement. They are diagnosing these children that they don’t even fit just to have somewhere to place them. Louisiana have a need for over 34 Residential Group Homes and you know how many they have? They have 8. Most of those group homes are all the way up north and some are out towards New Orleans. Kids around here in this area are left in a loophole. If you don’t believe me check other organizations around here. Something else that deals with the children they will tell you. This is not something that I just woke up with a dream, oh let me open a group home, I see a need and trust me, I have said it before, if I could take this group home and open it up in a field, I would. But the State of Louisiana would say, why are you putting these girls all the way out in the field?”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “*Ms. Jackson, I have a question for you. I know that you are familiar with the Golden Rule that states in everything, do to others what you would have them do unto you. Would you want one of these types of homes placed next door to you?”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated,* “You want my honest answer?”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Yes.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “My honest answer would be yes.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Well I feel this way. Many of these home owners work hard to try and earn a decent living and a more comfortable way of living. I think that it is unfair to them if they are not in favor of it and come and say that I am going to do this. I don’t think that it is fair. So always remember the golden rule and I am saying this for everybody in here tonight, the golden rule says treat others the way you want them to treat you. Thank you.”

Ms. Ashley Jackson stated, “I just want to say this. Clearly there is a stigma that have been placed on the term group home. There is a stigma that have been placed on children. How many parents are in here? Do you all have well behaved kids? Are your kids good all of the time? In that same said neighborhood and I have said this before that my neighbor living next to me can have a kid that every night that we go to bed he is breaking into our cars. Every night that we go to bed he is jumping through our window. We could say absolutely what? Nothing because their parent have the right cause she brought that home. That child have the right to stay there. We could be living next to a pedophile who did not register on the sex offenders list.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Ms. Jackson, we have allowed you ample enough time to speak. We will let other people speak. I have one question for you. Would you be kind enough to give our clerk the paper work that you have shown us that you got on the second floor? Is that in your office Mr. Bellard?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “It is in the Clerk of Court Office.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “So you have not issued any permits or anything to this young lady? Would you please be kind enough to give her the information so she can make copies?”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned*, “How many employees are you going to be having? And how many people are going to be housed there?”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated*, “The home is a 4 bedroom home. It could house no more than 8 girls. There will be at least 4 staff, two staff present at all times. You will have 2 staff members in the morning and you will have 2 staff members at night. And it will only house 8 girls because it is a 4 bedroom home.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned*, “Ms. Jackson, I have worked with children for 38 years. I have also worked with some who had mild behavior problems. It is my understanding based on the paperwork that I saw some of these girls may fall in that category. I know how they can get out of hand sometimes. I just want to let you know that I am very familiar with the type of girls.”

*Ms. Ashley Jackson stated,* “There are also a form or a part in there where you have the option to accept the type of girls that you only want to accept. If I don’t want to accept girls that mild behavior issues, I don’t have to take those girls. If I say I only want girls who are awaiting adoptions that is the only girls that will fit in. If I only say that I want run-a-ways who are at risk for sex trafficking those are the only girls that they will send me. If is say I only want girls whose mom is in a drug rehab facility and they need temporary placement until the mom completes it those are the only girls that they will see me with.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Okay Ms. Jackson thank you very much. Will you give her a copy of what you received so that we will have it? I think that you may have received something that you thought that you had the green light. Thank you.”

*Ms. Letisha Narcisse addressed the council. She stated*, “Good evening how are you all doing? My address is 1628 HWY 749, Opelousas, LA. My phone number is 337-308-5405. I would like to address Ms. Jackson to inform her that I was the one going door to door talking to the neighbors. My information that was given to them was that we were about to have a Youth Girl’s Home in our Subdivision which is a business and we have a residential subdivision that we want to remain a residence subdivision. I never mentioned anything about a half-way house or drugs, I never mentioned anything to that at all. The second thing that you have mentioned about the house is that you are getting it fenced in, only the back yard is fenced in. The house is open to the streets like everybody else but the back yard is fenced in for their privacy. The third thing that you have mentioned was that you got your restrictions from the court house, I have the actual restriction here that says all lots are hereby restricted to use as a single family dwellings, I got this from the court house also. I have a revised copy that was dated 1998 and revised with restriction that all lots are hereby restricted to use as single family dwellings only. These are my copies and you all can make copies from this. I am going to start now, my name is Letisha Narcisse. My parents are Gilbert and Joycelyn Gallow and they are both deceased. The owners of the Richmond’s Subdivisions are Gilbert and Joycelyn Gallow, Donald and Geralyn Gallow Charles, Rayford Gallow, deceased and me Letisha C. Narcisse formally Gallow. This is the partition with all of our names on it and we own the property, I have that documentation also. When we purchased the land proper restrictions were put in place. The restrictions stated as I have stated before all lots are hereby restricted to use as single family dwelling only. Lots were sold and people built their homes in order to live in a residential subdivision. Now after the death of my father-in-law in September 2022 all of a sudden 6 months later we are here discussing having a business on our premises. My father-in-law built and worked his hands off to provide homes that was value to everyone that wanted to come and live and raise their family on their property. Some families have even purchased other lots to extend to their children as they become adults and start raising their family in the same subdivision. Proverbs 13:22 states: A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s, children meaning that passing man of the children and grandchildren would enable them to survive. Our property value would decrease. Our properties are suppose to hold its value for our children and our children’s children. Never was it expected that I would be here today having to vote against having a business in our subdivision. It is very disturbing to find out afterwards that Ms. Jackson which is the Group Home Coordinator and Ms. Geralyn Charles, the property owner had discussed having a Girl’s Youth Home in our subdivision at the last council meeting. Why wasn’t I called? I am part of the property owner, I would have had my voice. But no, Ms. Jackson stated there would be girls from 9-17 years of age in this particular house on Jeremy Drive and there would be 24 hours security monitoring, a full time staff and a staff doctor and a clinician for the troubled children who only needs love. This Youth home would bring jobs and revenue to this area. This is a business. In addition Ms. Jackson stated that she would take in Youth Girls who was Level 1 and Level 2 which would be children that are listed as run-a-ways, molested or waiting to be adopted etc. Regardless of what level of youth that they are going to take in they all have some sort of issue. If the Government is providing funding for this program you cannot decide what child you want when the funding is there or they will stop the funding, that is a business. Ms. Jackson also stated that the house that she is looking at is not surrounded by other homes that are close together and it is on a dead end street, correct, our homes are not sitting on top of each other. The roofs are not touching each other. Do we have neighbors close by that I can walk to get what I want when I need to? Yes, I do. The beauty of that is living in Richmond’s Subdivision. Everyone is entitled to their own space. The children can play up and down the street because it is not a dead end it is a Cul-de-sac and they are seen when cars are coming. The only children that are playing on Jeremy Drive belongs to the parents who owns their homes on Jeremy Drive. Ms. Geralyn Charles stated a house is just a house until you make it a home. Well the residence on Jeremy Drive have made their house a home. The residence that resides in Richmond’s Subdivision including me have made our house a home. We feel safe in our yard, inside our house and we are not bothered by anyone and we know who drives up and down Jeremy Drive, the residence who live on Jeremy Drive. In fact, Ms. Geralyn Charles is the house that will be used for the Girl’s Group Home. She was also one of the primary person who sat at the table when we formed these restrictions for our subdivision. If anyone else was doing the subdivision on having their name in the subdivision as far as the Girls Group Home she would be here trying to stop it because it was someone else’s idea. Definitely we just don’t want a Girl’s Group Home in our Subdivision. We are not saying your vision for having a Group Home is bad, it is a good thing to have for these girls but we just don’t want it in our subdivision, plain and simple. It was also stated that one owner that I just spoke with have just purchased the land next to where this Group Home would probably be and when she found out they were putting a Group Home there she was very upset because she purchase that land thinking she was about to build her dream house in the Cul-de-sac, now it will be next to a Group Home and that is not what she was told. When she purchased the land she was informed that this land is residential only and that is how we want to keep it. Ms. Jackson also stated that if you had Foster Kids and I would never know, that is true, however if my neighbor did have a Foster Kid they are keeping the kids that don’t need security, don’t need 24 hour monitoring they don’t need a full time staff, they don’t need doctors in their house and they don’t need to call any clinician to be on staff while visiting them. Foster Parents will not have to lock up their house at 8:00 p.m. and make sure that kids don’t touch the door to set off the alarm while trying to escape, that is Fostering. Fostering Children is not a business. I am asking that you all vote against giving this Girl’s Group Home on Jeremy Drive in the Richmond’s Subdivision based on the restrictions that are documented in the Courthouse and the petition that was signed by the people on Jeremy Drive, Airport Road, Severe Land and anyone else that was within 1000 feet of the residence stating that they along with me do not want any Youth Group Home or any business operating in Richmond’s Subdivision at any time. We all want our voices heard and we want to be loud and clear. My father-in-law, Gilbert Gallow who loved me as a daughter for 35 years would want his vision to remain as it was. Residential Subdivisions to remain as a one family dwelling residential subdivision only. Thank you for your time and consideration.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Would you get this to our clerk so she can make us some copies and she will give it back to you. Thank you Ms. Narcisse.”

*Mr. Craig Milburn addressed the council. He stated*, “I am Craig Milburn, I live at 198 Jeremy Drive, Opelousas, LA. My phone number 702-606-2818. I am at ground zero because I am the next door neighbor to the 216 Jeremy address. The last young lady pretty much laid it out. Ms. Jackson is passionate and professional and this is nothing personal. I am 125 feet from the house. I am not in favor of having a Group Home. I ask you guys to put yourself in my shoes, basically that is all that I have to say, thank you.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Are they anyone else that came in late that would like to speak on the Group Home? The next speaker is Greg Price from Allen Cable Company. Would you come up Mr. Price?”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable Company addressed the council*. He stated, “Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak and address you all. I just came to let you all know a little update on our progress for the Internet into the parish. About three years ago we received a Grant from the Federal Government. It was called CAFT-2. It was an auction and we were able to receive that bid on that. We started expanding our cable system from the communities of Sunset, Grand Coteau, Arnaudville and Port Barre and to the Rural Areas of the parish. The rural areas were digital lacking in internet. We started with that program and we have been working on it since then. We got about 50-60 miles of conduit in the ground. All of our plants and the networks that we are putting is going to be underground. We decided to build everything that we have now is Arial. We are bringing it underground and it will be fiber to the home. The reason we did that is because we want to harden and secure our network from storms, ice storms, hurricanes, poles falling over and trees falling over and all of that type of stuff. The only thing that we have watch from now on would be anybody digging and we belong to the digging group that watches that. That project started about three years ago and we are moving along pretty good with that. Unfortunately COVID came along and put a stop to majority of the plants that was building the conduit, the vaults and the fiber that was needed for these projects. The Government came along in the middle of that and put in several other programs, groups and organizations. Other businesses started applying for these other grants so that put a strain on the material and the supply that was demanded to put in the ground. We are ahead of the schedule actually. We are in a little better position as far as our conduit goes, we had some on stock so we just kept putting it in the ground. The problem that we had was exacerbated by the fact two of the Fiber Plants that was being utilized to produce Fiber ended up in Ukraine and they got shut down with the war. We have had a combination of issues that delayed us from getting started but we kept going. A couple of other grants came alone, I had approached Mr. Bellard to see if there was a possibility that we could get some assistance with that program. They were in the process of using Acadiana Planning Commission to look into a grant with the NTIA Group. We were actually the only organization in the State of Louisiana along with LUS and the ATC that was awarded a Grant from the NTIA. That involved putting in and extra 160 miles of conduit and pipe in the ground. We are in the process of doing that, actually we are just getting started on it because we have been following the NTIA’s rules and the NTIA has been guiding us along the way as to how we can start. We had to procure everything separately from the way we were doing it with other programs. The state was awarded some money and the state gave out some money in the GUMBO Program. We applied for that and we got some extra areas. All of these programs gave us a little bit more area and a little bit more area and a little bit more area in the parish to do. We also received some for upper St. Martin Parish which we are also working on. In all the NTIA we are a sub reciprocate through the APC Program will be 160 miles. The GUMBO is probably going to add another 40-50 miles to it. In all when we get through it will be probably another 2-3 years on the actual time line that they gave us to complete the project. The GUMBO Project was a 1 year project and we have already started on that. The issue that we are having right now besides waiting for our material to come is dealing with Work Force. We have worked with the Work Force Commission and we have worked with LCC. I just talked with Mr. Mayfield week before last and we have one guy that is interested in coming to work for us. I have him scheduled for a Physical. He just graduated from the College. I just want to let you all know that we are having some people calling and want to know why we can’t get internet right away or why we can’t get it now, it just takes a while to get all of this done because we are building it under ground. If I was putting it on the Arial or on the poles it would go a lot quicker and I would have a lot more customers right now. We choose to do it the other way because it is going to be safer in the long run, especially when we get a hurricane. The other deal I want to mention is that I just got word that the Parish of St. Landry was awarded a FCC Grant to help promote the ACP Program. ACP is a program that just started in January and we are already participating in that program. It offers a $30.00 discount on internet or your phone services. That is in addition to grants and stuff that you can get. As long as you apply for it yourself and you are a part of a Government Grant Program then you should qualify. This Grant that the parish received was one of four in the state that was granted this grant. I applaud you for your effort to go and get it. Anything that we can do as a company to help promote the ACP Program is something good for the parish and it is something good for the people and it is something that will help everybody in getting established with their internet once we get them the fiber to their home. We had some people to questioned how long it is going to take and why it is taking so long. We ran into some issues but we are still trucking along.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “*Are you all only including the areas that you mentioned or there will be other rural areas?”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable Company stated, “*Let me explain to you the area that we are talking about. I will start at the northern part. I just go through laying out the part from HWY 359 which is about 2 miles south of HWY 10. It goes all the way down to Southern Parish Line of Lafayette Parish. We are going from the Eastern Parish Line all the way to the Western Parish Line. It does not include at the moment Opelousas. Opelousas is served by Charter. Now that being said Charter had received also an Adolph Grant and they are going to their areas to get their grants served. They are coming through our area and taking some of our customers while they are doing it. They are going to these other areas. We have to go basically through some of their areas because they are Adolph and try to get to our areas that we got that was granted by the government. It is a combination of stuff but the whole southern part of the parish will be finished within the next couple of years.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “I had concerns about the Rural Areas like the Plaisance Area, Grand Prairie and the Frilot Cove area. It has become a necessity that every home needs to have this service because of the children in school. They have extra things that needs to be done. That was a concern if anything is going out in that direction.”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable Company stated, “*Actually our company does not have anything in that area that was granted. We probably won’t be building it however the other part of the NTIA Program which LUS has will be coming up from Lafayette through the Acadian Parish area onto Evangeline area. They will be passing through the Western Part of St. Landry to get there. Their plans are to expand into that area. Charters who is also providing service here in this area and have been for a while, their grants are to the Western part of the parish. They should be doing that. From what I was told, there are two other companies that were interested in providing service in that area. There was another company, I don’t recall the name right off hand, it is a consortium of a couple of different companies that was granted some Federal Grant Money for the Northern Part of the parish coming down toward HWY 10 like Lebeau and Palmetto and that sort of thing. From there west. It may not be us on that end but somebody else will be doing that, pretty much the whole parish will be built if I am not mistaken within the next couple of years.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “Charters beat you all to the punch because I am one of the customers that they signed up. You mentioned the Workforce, what qualifications? Did you all participate in the last job fair that they had?”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable Company stated, “*Yes we did.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “So what are the qualifications so that maybe the young people that are listening can hear them.”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable Company stated, “*Basically what I am looking for is someone that wants to work. I have taken some kids out of high school that decided not to go to college or to community college and if they are interested in working we will find something for them to do especially now that we have so much to do. We will put them on a job training program. I hired a guy about 1 year ago. He worked for me for about 6 months and he had another job, he was working 2 jobs basically. One of the issues that he had was he was under 21 and he could no drive any of my company vehicles because of insurance. I have talked to several people about that problem. You have someone that is 18 or 19 years old and they can’t drive so they have to work with somebody else in a vehicle. Once they learn everything you can’t send them out on their own. The only other thing that I have to watch because of the insurance and my own liability is hiring people that have had what they call second choice, I have to be very careful, I don’t want to send anybody, especially alone, or an individual. If I do get that situation it is always two people at someone house that have had a problem. We do drug screening and back ground checks in order to make sure that whoever we have we can depend on and they are reliable.

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned*, “How are you advertising? Are you advertising on Facebook?”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable stated, “*Lately I have been just going through the workforce group. I have tried and sent a deal out to all of the high schools and the community colleges and all of the colleges. I was looking for more advanced, technical person at that point. I got zero reply initially. We sent it out again and I got 2.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “Hopefully they will hear it today.”

*Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated*, “I am from Sunset. I am glad to meet you. Thank you so much for being interested in our Herb Festival also. I want to thank you for that.”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable stated, “*I am part of this community along with Sunset, Grand Coteau, Arnaudville, Port Barre, Krotz Springs and soon to be Cankton. We try to help as much as we can to give back. Glad to help you.”

*Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated*, “We thank you very much.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, “Mr. Price I have been knowing you for a number of years, 30 or so, you and your family. Ladies and Gentleman, this is a family business. It is not New York where you have to call to get service. You can get him on his cell phone, at least I can. I just want to thank you for your interest in our parish and we look forward to fiber to the homes and we look forward to 100 – 150 mega bites.”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable stated, “*We are going up to 1 Gig and shortly 10 Gigs on the Fiber to the homes. Shortly we are working on some deals that will go up to 10 gigs. We just received another path from here to Dallas and from here to Atlanta. We have an appearing situation with Netflix right now. If you subscribe to our service and you tune into Netflix you don’t come through the internet you go straight to Netflix. That is what we are trying to do to try to make it as quick and easy as possible.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “In order to describe what a Gig is you could probably supply internet to all of the state of Louisiana, Texas and one half of Mississippi. Is that about right?”

*Mr. Greg Price of Allen Cable stated, “*The only thing that I want to mention and a lot of people get confused on this, if you get 100 mega bites on your service and you are talking to somebody that have DSL and they only have 1.5 or something like that you will communicate at that 1.5 or 1.3 speed, not at 100 because that is as fast as it can receive or send to you. Everybody now increase their speed and I know that the FCC have move their 25 x 3 to

100 x 20, it is a requirement now. We have been doing 100, we have been doing 150 and we have been doing 300 and a gig for probably the last 3 years. The fiber to the homes will be advanced services.”

*Mr. Larry Pinkney addressed the council. He stated*, “How are you all doing today? My name is Larry Pinkney. My address is 293 Mahogany Drive, Opelousas, La. 70570. I am here today to ask the committee for an extension. I received a letter to clean up my yard. I am complying too it and doing what I can, I am doing it along all by myself. I appreciate what Ms. Thierry said about the Golden Rule, do on to others as you would have them do unto you. Part of the second commandment. Love thy neighbor as thy self. Everybody lives in a glass house. So don’t throw stones. Everybody here probably don’t know me but I have been here a while, clean record, never been in trouble and I have never been arrested. I am just asking for an extension that is all. Give me more time to do it. A long time ago they use to have an old saying or an old doing, when somebody would lose something they had a thing that they called Cooed-man. That is when everybody got together and help one another for nothing. I am physically and financially strapped right now. I lost my wife and I am home alone. I was depressed and down for a while. I am not using it as an excuse because everybody will have that feeling when you lose somebody after 43 years. I was down for a while but I am moving again and I am going to comply with the letter. I am just asking for an extension.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “I would like to speak on behalf of what Mr. Pinkney is referring to. I passed in front of his home today and I do agree with the neighbors. I can understand them wanting you to get it cleaned up. I am asking and I see where he has started. He is telling me that they gave him 5 days and it is no way under God’s Son that he can get it done in 5 days with all that he has to clean up. I am asking that we would take this into consideration and possibly give him an extension. Once the time has expired and it is not done then we would move on to the next phase.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “We are good with that. We have not even brought it to the council yet. You have time to clean it up. That will not be an issue. No action will be taken until it gets here.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Mr. Pinkney you understand that you will have to continue to clean it up. You called me yesterday and that is why I got Ms. Thierry involved with it. We also passed there this morning and you do have a situation over there. It needs to be cleaned up.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “We never stated how much time. How much time do you need Mr. Pinkney?”

*Mr. Larry Pinkney stated*, “I can’t say with my situation and my health.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*Do you need 30 day or 60 days? Will 60 days be feasible for you?.”

*Mr. Larry Pinkney sated,* “60 or 90 days would be feasible. I will do the work myself. I am loading the trailer up and I can’t pay no one to help me. When I load it up I have to unload it also because it is not my trailer and I am financially strapped.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*Are you good with 90 days?”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “*If this council is okay with that, yes.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “It has not gotten to the council yet. So we are good.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Mr. Pinkney make sure when the 90 days come that you have gotten this taken care of.”

*Mr. Larry Pinkney stated,* “Yes.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere state*d, “Because Mr. Bellard stated that it has never come to the council will it be 90 days from when it comes to the council?”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “No, it is 90 days from today if I understand correctly. Am I correct Mr. Bellard?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*Yes, I am good with 90 days.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “90 days from now will be the first week in July.”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “*Mr. Pinkney, I am not familiar with your situation at this resident. Whatever you have could you bring that near the road side. We at Parish Government can use our Grappler Truck and pick it up.”

*Mr. Larry Pinkney stated*, “I am glad that you brought this up. I did not think that they would do that.”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated*, “If you would get in contact with Mr. Bellard at our Parish Government Office. We do have a Grappler Truck. Please do not block the passage way of the road. If you can try to set up something up with Mr. Bellard and our crew at St. Landry Parish Government along with our Public Works Department. We are here to help and assist the resident and the constituents of St. Landry Parish. That is why we are here.”

*Mr. Larry Pinkney stated*, “I appreciate that. I did not think about that. I thought I had to do it myself. That is why I asked for more time. With my health I have 10 screws on my spine. With the weather permitting I feel good some days and I feel bad some days. I did not think about that what you are say. That is why it is good to talk.”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “*I would like to bring a question to Mr. Bellard. I don’t know if Mr. Barry can look at what Mr. Pinkney has and see if we can assist him in any way.

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “We can’t go on private property. If it gets to the roadside we can pick it up. I will call him tomorrow so we can talk about it.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Mr. Pinkney, I will give you a number that we have with Bayou State, our garbage collection. They have a contract with Morgan & Morgan and all you have to do is call that number. They pass in each area at least once a week. You can call and schedule an appointment and they will tell you what day they will be passing to pick up. I will call you when I get back home or possibly tomorrow and give you that number so when you are ready you can call them. The company name is Bayou State Garbage Collection and they are contracted to do the pickup of any extra-large items that is needed to be picked up. I will give you that number.”

*Mr. Calvin Moore addressed the council. He stated*, “My name is Calvin Moore. I live at 1423 Statesman Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. My phone number is 337-942-6517. Mr. Chairman and the council I come to you today because I have some damages that was done to my property located on Roy Road in Plaisance, La. I have been the owner of that property for some time now, 8-10 years and my wife is here also. I went Saturday to begin my cutting with my tractor and when I drove up to my driveway it was padded with mud and dirt. We finished baling hay and my brother-in-law helps me with that and I called him. He said that he did not know what happened, somebody marked my property and put up some stakes. I walked the property and I saw that orange line dead center of my property. I began checking with everybody. I checked with the water people, I checked with the gas people and I checked with my neighbor that monitors the property for me because I go out there every now and then. When I contacted the neighbor she told me that the Solar People were working in that area. I ask about the Solar and she said that they were building Solar Farms in the area. I called everybody that I needed to call. Monday I went out there and I took a handy man. I went to Tractor Supply and purchased an iron gate. They messed me up because I am already in line to put up a front fence, I have my dividing fence. I put up my front fence with a steel gate but I am on standby. I had to do that as an emergency because somebody when on my property and did not let us know. I contacted Mr. Red and Mr. Jessie. Mr. Jessie had the gentleman call me, Brian Tate. Mr. Tate did call me. My wife and I went out there yesterday and met with him and we walked the property. He said that it does not look like his people been out there. I told him that somebody had been on my property and I want to know who have. We walked the property and checked everything and he said that he will get back with me tomorrow which is today. He contacted me this afternoon and his company went on my property without authority and damaged my property. They had their company vehicles and equipment parked on my property. It killed the grass and I know that they had been there several days. He said that his people went on the wrong property. I have pictures for you to view. They informed me where they were going to put up a satellite and it was sitting there. My concern is that my property is damaged and my brother-in-law was building their land where our family camp is and he was hauling dirt. He had to take his 2 loads of dirt and put it on my land to save it. The rain came and it made a mud puddle. It left me some bad ruts. I did not measure the footage on how far that it went down but it went down pretty far on the land. The guy met with us and he told me that he will throw me a few grass feeds so the grass can grow. I told him that is not happing. I want my property fixed. It cost me an emergency gate which was not in the plan yet and I have the financial statements on what I did in one day. I had to spend money to get my land secured until I meet with you all to get this straight. I told the gentleman that I would be here tonight and ask him to meet me here and we would meet before the council. I have not heard from him yet. I would like something to be done to restore my property. Mr. Jessie is aware of it and Mr. Red is my councilman and that is why I mentioned it to him.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Pastor Moore I am so sorry for what you all have to endure. Roy Road is in the District that I represent. I had no knowledge of that. Mr. Bellard, I have received quite a few calls in regards to the people with the Solar Farms. Do we have anybody from the parish that is following up on these people? I have some concerns about people saying that we finally got our roads fixed now these people are coming with this bid equipment and destroying everything. We need to have somebody to oversee this and make sure that they are staying within the guidelines and not going there without permission and tearing up the property.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “That will not be a problem. Here is the issue. We are not going to follow every step of the process with them. If they went on his property which I know that they did and I did talk to Gary with Light Source this afternoon. Gary is the guy that is in charge of the project. He is not the contractor but he is in charge of the contractors. He will get with Mr. Moore tomorrow and he will take care of Mr. Moore’s issue on Light Source issue. Light Source is the actual company. That will be resolved but it will be resolved through Light Source, not the contractors. Everything is in compliance. People are calling because they don’t want trees being cut. They calling because they don’t want trees to be burned. That is part of the project. These trees are to be removed and they burn them on the property, at least 1000 feet from the nearest home. So far it is okay. This is the first incident that we had and Light Source will take care of it.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “I received a video that was sent to me last Friday. It was showing me what was going on. This is what is happening in my back yard. That concerns me, a person should not have to go through these things to fix something else.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “It is a Solar Farm. The people who own the land is making good money with this Solar Farm. The neighbors are not happy with them but it is out of our control. You can do what you want to do with your land in this parish, we have no zoning. The people with Light Source did everything legally. This council and everybody did everything legally so they will have traffic back there. That is part of the process. Also part of the process is that they are going to fix the road at the end of time.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “I needed this to come out. When I get these calls they can know what suppose to happen and what is not going to happen and what is going to be taken care of.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “This will be an 18 month process.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “Are they are going to take care of Mr. Moore in every sense for his property and his fence?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Whatever damages that was put on the property Gary with Light Source has advised me that he is going to take care of it. He is the guy that is in charge of the project. We will be fine. He will contact Mr. Moore tomorrow. Whatever he has he can it from Mr. Moore?”

*Mr. Calvin Moore stated,* “I did want to mention that Ms. Cynthia Fontenot did go and view the property and walked the property also. She is with Code Enforcement. I had several people involved. Thank you for your time and thank you for the opportunity.”

1. **Public Works Report:**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “*We are still in the process of getting the scope of work on Bayou Mallet and Bayou Carron. That is happening. We are still working on getting the Shredders out and cutting the grass. Behind the Shredders will be the grass crew that will come out there and spray the grass and knock it down. Hopefully we will get at least 3 spraying this year. Overall we are still doing what we do every day.”

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated*, “Mr. Bellard, I would like to thank you and your public works department from the constituents of District 10 for the work that you all completed on the bridge on Wisdom Road. Thank you very much.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to accept the Public Works Report.

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

**Motion carried.**

1. **Forward all applications received for one appointment for the remaining of a three-year term to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025) .**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023** all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a three year term to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

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

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Forward all applications received for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 3. (No set terms).**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023** all applications received for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 3. (No set terms).

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

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Forward all applications received for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a**

**two-year term. (05-15-2023 – 05-15-2025).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023**  all application received for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. 05-15-2023 – 025-15-2025).

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

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Discuss the status of materials for gravel roads. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,* **“**Mr. Bellard, back in October or November we were told that they were unable to get material. Then later on the date got pushed back. At that point I had in District 4 at least 5 roads waiting on material. These constituents are still reaching out to me and asking me what is the status and are they still having problem getting material? I told them that I could not answer that but I would bring it up in the meeting to find out what is the status. Are we able to get more material now?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Yes, we are able to get more material, not a lot of them but we can get a lot more than we use to. We are trying to get enough for one of the roads in your district, Tower Road. That is one that has zero material right now. That is the one that we are trying to get material on right now and there are a couple of others.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “I have about 5 of them that I know of. Thank you.”

1. **Discuss other possible grants for internet services. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Do you know of any other possible grants that we could apply for? I have a feeling that once we use the GUMBO Funds we may not have covered all of those little roads in the rural area. I have a lot in the Plaisance area and the Grand Prairie and Frilot Cove where those little roads break off of a bigger road. I am afraid that once this goes on they may get left out. I am concerned, are you aware of any other possible grants that we could apply for?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “I can assure you no one will be left out. First of all the NTIA Grant that we applied for, the funding will start coming in at the end of June. We got that verification about 2 months ago. The GUMBO Plan, they had 2 rounds of it. They will have some more rounds of it. We are being told that every part of our parish is going to be covered. Not Fiber to the homes but they will have service to their home by satellite or whatever the case may be because it is too rural. Every person in this parish will have the opportunity to get Fiber or to get internet service to their house. One of the things that Mr. Price mentioned earlier was that we were awarded a grant yesterday for $320,000.00. That Grant is to put people in the neighborhoods to make sure that people can get internet service mostly in the low income areas of the parish that is where they have to hit first. The Grant is to hire some people to do just that. That just came in and we just got awarded. There were only 4 and we were second in the state behind New Orleans. We were very lucky to get it.”

1. **Discuss the status of the speed bump survey that was mailed out to constituents on Avenue A, Azeline Drive, Carl Drive, Gilbert Drive, Hidden Village Drive, Roland Oaks Drive and Sugerland Circle.**

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Mr. Counsel, according to the ordinance that we have in place what is the status of these roads? Did any of these pass to go to the next phase in the speed bumps?

*Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated*, “No, Our Council Clerk Sherell sent out the survey to the registered voters on these roads. The deadline for getting the results of the survey back has come and gone. Less than 75% of the registered voters on these roads sent back responses in favor of speed bumps. It required 75% and it did not get it. So it stops right there.”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,* “So they all failed. They won’t go to the next phase. Okay, thank you.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carrier stated*, “I just want to clarify. It is 75% of all those that were sent out, not 75% of those that were received.

*Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “*It is 75% of the registered voters surveyed. Our Council Clerks sends the survey to all of the registered voters and the ones that are surveyed, 75% or more of them have to send back replays in favor of the speed bumps which it did not happen. The only other observation that I would make and it is just an observation to attempt to put speed bumps on one road at a time. This is 5 roads at one time and our clerks sent out about 300 surveys, just and observation on my part.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, “You said it was 300 surveys sent out?”

*Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated,* “It was over 300. Our Council Clerk would know because she sent them out.”

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated*, “It was almost 400 letters that were sent out.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “Don’t you all think that it would be much better if we would go out there and get our signatures ourselves? I know when I got the signatures I knew if I have 75% or not and I knew if the people want speed bumps on that road or not. When we mail this out most of the time you may not get them to come back in.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “The Ordinance is what it is. If you all change the ordinance we can do that. It will be a lot more time consuming on our end but yes it can be done.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., state*d, “I know in my area I would prefer going out there and get the signatures myself. I will know firsthand if the people want it or not.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “To deal with those speed bumps you get the process signed by the people. Do it also have to go to the emergency people and they have to have some input on it.

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,* “That is just the first stages sending out the letters.”

1. **Authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on Austin Road. (Council Dexter Q. Brown).**

*Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “*At the beginning of Austin and HWY 357 which is the Lewisburg HWY, they are developing a new housing community about 10-14 houses down the beginning of Austin Road on the east side and there are some houses on the north side. The new 10-14 houses that they are building right now is on the north side of Austin Road from the corner of Austin and HWY 357 which is across the street from the subdivision that they already had that Mr. Bobby Dupree implemented years ago. In that housing development you have families coming in and kids that are playing in the yard and they have people who moved in and the people across the street that have been there for years have reached out to me for speed bumps. The people who are coming from the west coming to the east is traveling 50 plus miles per hour. So I am making that request for speed bumps to be placed in that location. It is it approved I would like to have some signs that read ‘watch for children’ along there as well.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, April 19th, 2023** to begin the process for the study of Speed Bumps on Austin Road.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Discuss the status of Community Action.**

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “Mr. Chairman, I placed this item on the agenda. Mr. Bellard, what is the status of Community Action? Is everything fine over there?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Everything is good as far as I know, why?”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “I am just asking if everything is good?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Yes as far as I am concerned, yes.”

1. **Discuss the time allowed to speakers at our St. Landry Parish Council Meetings.**

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “*I placed this on the agenda. After our last Full Council Meeting in the month of March I believe that we received a text from Parish Government and I want to let everybody know that I give everybody 5 minutes. After your 5 minutes the council have their chance to ask any questions to the person who is addressing the council. I just want to know if there is anything that you all think that is not being done right as far as the time allowance.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “You are asking me, I don’t a problem with the time allowance.

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “I am saying that because we got an e-mail from Parish Government regarding the time allowance.”

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated*, “It was something that was sent from Caryn. They were talking about an ordinance for the time that people speak.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,* “It was an ordinance for the time that people are speaking. I know that everyone gets 5 minutes to speak and we give everyone a chance to speak. After their 5 minutes we let the council ask questions.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “I have no idea. She did not tell me that she was sending out and e-mail. I will check with her and see. Whatever the ordinance is it is whatever the ordinance is.”

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “I am good. I will follow how the rules go.”

1. **Discuss adding a notification sign for new development of a new subdivision (Councilman Timmy Lejeune).**

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “*The reason I placed this on the agenda is because in my district we had a new subdivision that was developed. The people of that area was complaining because they had no idea that they were developing this subdivision. I know that we have a process that we all have to follow. What they have asked if we could have the developer to put a notification sign that would say that they are developing a new subdivision for 20 homes or whatever the amount is. If the people of that area wanted to come to a meeting or go to the hearing it would be already on notice at the location of the property. If you go on the side of Lowes you will notice that Billy’s Boudin placed a sign up there and it has been up there for quite some time. I know that it is commercial and it is in the city of Opelousas. I am not saying that they have to place a 4 x 8 sign but just some kind of notification to the community. I think that it would prevent a lot of people questioning how this subdivision get here without the community knowing. All I am asking if we would add to the subdivision ordinance to give notification to the public. That is what I am requesting.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stared, “*I would agree. I have gotten a lot of calls off of I-49 about some property that was sold. Some people want to know if it is a development coming, commercial or residential subdivision. So I have no answer for them. That would be okay to have some kind of notification that I can tell them what is coming.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I agree. That would stop all of the questions.”

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “*I know that it would stop a lot of questions but for instance the other day when Mr. Coon came and he was talking about the Solar Panel Farm. There were never any signage put up there so people will ask questions and I can understand what Mr. Lejeune people are talking about. We would have to put that in the ordinance, am I correct? If you are building one home on HWY 749 will we put up a sign saying that this will be a house for John Que?”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “I think what he is saying is subdivisions. I don’t know about houses.

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “A business or development at least.”

A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday April 19th, 2023** to relook at the Subdivision Ordinance to add a line item indicating the developer must place signs indicating a new development is under construction.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

1. **Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.**

**None.**

1. **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

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

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**