

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th, 2023 @ 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 18th, day of January, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- I.** Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II.** Councilman Jerry Red Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio Vivian Olivier. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin.
- IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Madam Chairlady, I move to appoint our Legal Advisor, Mr. Garrett Duplechain as Temporary Presiding Officer to hold the election of officers.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “I second it.”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Madam Chairlady, I believe we bypass the Pledge.”

Madam Chairlady Vivian Olivier stated, “We did the Pledge in the Public Hearing.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to appoint Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain as a Temporary Presiding Officer to hold the Election of Officers.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time it is time for the council to choose their Chairman for the year of 2023. At this time the floor is open for any nominations from the council for a new chairman for the year 2023.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I would like to nominate our Vice-Chairlady whom has served in that capacity for the past year. I nominate Ms. Nancy Carriere.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I second it.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion on the floor the Ms. Nancy Carriere as Chairman.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would like to make a nomination for Mr. Jerry Red.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I second it.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “So we have a motion for Mr. Jerry Red and we have a second by Mr. Jimmie Edwards. Are there any other nominations?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I move that the nominations be closed.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I second it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to close all nominations for the St. Landry Parish Council Chairman for 2023.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “The nominations are now closed. Madam Clerk if you will call the roll for each councilman to vote for one of the two candidates.”

The votes were as follows:

Councilman Name	Candidate
Councilman Jerry Red Jr.,	Jerry Red Jr.
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere	Nancy Carriere
Councilman Easton Shelvin	ABSENT
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry	Jerry Red Jr.
Councilman Harold Taylor	Nancy Carriere
Councilman Gil Savoy	Nancy Carriere
Councilman Alvin Stelly	Nancy Carriere
Councilwoman Vivian Olivier	Jerry Red Jr.
Councilman Wayne Ardoin	Nancy Carriere
Councilman Dexter Brown	Jerry Red Jr.
Councilman Timmy Lejeune	Jerry Red Jr.
Councilman Jimmie Edwards	Jerry Red Jr.
Councilman Coby Clavier	Nancy Carriere

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We do have a tie. Six votes for Councilwoman Nancy Carriere and six votes for Councilman Jerry Red Jr.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a tie. Since I am the Temporary Chairman I cannot vote. Since we have a tie the current Chairwoman Vivian Olivier will remain in that position until a new Chairman is chosen. It can be at the next meeting.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Do you want to place it on the **January 31st, 2023 Special Meeting?** It will be a full council meeting and it is a Special Meeting that day”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We can go with that. I think the council also have to vote on a Vice-Chair person.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I would like to nominate Mr. Coby Clavier.

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, I second it.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion for Mr. Coby Clavier and we have a second. Are there any other motions on the floor?”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I would like to nominate Ms. Vivian Olivier.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I second it.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion and a second for Ms. Vivian Olivier for Vice Chairlady. Are there any other motions?”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I move that we close the nominations?”

Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I second it.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion to close nominations for Vice Chairman and we have a second. Madam Clerk, can you call the roll to close the nominations.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to close all nomination for the St. Landry Parish Vice Chairman for 2023.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

Temporary Chairman Garett Duplechain stated, “Now Madam Clerk if you will call the roll for the council to vote on the Vice Chairman for 2023.”

The votes were as follows:

Councilman Name	Candidate
Councilman Jerry Red Jr.,	Vivian Olivier
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere	Coby Clavier
Councilman Easton Shelvin	ABSENT
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry	Vivian Olivier
Councilman Harold Taylor	Coby Clavier
Councilman Gil Savoy	Coby Clavier
Councilman Alvin Stelly	Coby Clavier
Councilwoman Vivian Olivier	Vivian Olivier
Councilman Wayne Ardoin	Coby Clavier
Councilman Dexter Brown	Vivian Olivier
Councilman Timmy Lejeune	Vivian Olivier
Councilman Jimmie Edwards	Vivian Olivier
Councilman Coby Clavier	Coby Clavier

Madam Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Once again, we have a tie.”

Temporary Chairman Garett Duplechain stated, “We have a tie vote. So the current Vice-Chairlady will have to serve as Vice-Chairlady until the next meeting which will be held on **Tuesday, January 31st, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** I think that conducts our business. At this time Ms. Olivier, you will have to continue serving as our Chairlady until the next person is chosen. I will turn the gavel back over to you.”

V. CONDOLENCES:

Councilman Jerry Red Jr.: Taylor M. Semien, Janice M. Gailes, Lindsey Tatmon Sr., Warren Babineaux, Jaquanta Ty Jason.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Paul Kennerson Sr., Lawrence Tezeno Sr., Janice Gailes, Jeanette Pitre, Shirlene Brisco, Taylor Semien, Jonathan Semien. Marie ‘Elaine’ Latiolais Guillory, Shelia Darlene Menard, Velma Malbrough, Horace Joseph Anderson, Lindsey Tatmon Sr., Elizabeth Ann Savoie Guillory, Roland Gene ‘T-Black’ Thibodeaux, Mary Genevieve Leday, Paulette Marie Sam Hayes, Warren Babineaux.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Dr. John Andries

Chairwoman Vivian Olivier: Frank Mouton

Councilman Alvin Stelly: Raymond ‘LaLa’ Lalonde, Donald Joseph Meche, Johnny Quebedeaux, Ronald James Quebedeaux, Ervin Joseph Hebert

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Estelle Mason Perrault, Marie Elaine Guillory, Johnny Quebedeaux, Raymond ‘La La’ Lalonde, Donald Joseph Meche, Marlene Nicholson Beauxis, Dr. John Andries, Frank Mouton.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Donald Joseph Meche, Warren Babineaux, Benny Fontenot, Charlene Semien.

VI. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- **Ms. Sandy B. Lee addressed the council, she stated,** “We are here to find out what is going on with our property that we purchased thru a bid.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Mr. Duplechain can answer that question.”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Your Attorney contacted me. I spoke with her and we are still in the process of reaching a conclusion. I think we should do that soon one way or the other.”
- **Ms. Sandy B. Lee stated,** “We were just concerned because Mr. Thomas tried to serve us an eviction notice but that was cancelled because the Attorney General stated it had to go through District Court.”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “If I was you I would contact your attorney tomorrow. That would be a good thing.”
- **Ms. Sandy B. Lee stated,** “Thank you all.”
- **Mr. Craig Kidder addressed the council. He stated,** “This is a follow up question from my meeting before. What happens when the second highest bidder of Adjudicated Property makes the payment and claims the property and the highest bidder does not?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “There was an ordinance put before the council to amend the ordinance. I don’t think the council has passed it yet and our Council Clerk has confirmed that.”
- **Mr. Craig Kidder questioned,** “What is the next step?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The council is going to address that.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned,** “Was it submitted Mr. Duplechain?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “It was submitted before the council but it has not been passed yet and our clerk can confirm that.”
- **Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated,** “Correct.”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “So the council will continue with that issue until they dissolve the issue probably with an ordinance.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Mr. Duplechain, can you explain to the council what the issue is here.”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The Ordinance for the sale of Adjudicated Property, there was an amendment to the ordinance placed before the council. At the last meeting it was tabled or passed. It will be brought up again, I think.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I think what happen was that we were trying to get it worded right. It was tabled until Mr. Lewis can get with you so we can have it worded right.
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Right, I have a copy of the ordinance. The ordinance says if you successfully bid on the property you will have a time limit to close the deal and begin the process of closing or finishing it and passing the conveyance. That is the amendment to the ordinance so that there is a time limit once you successfully bid on it to close the deal. Of course the clerk and I have that ordinance and any changes the council wants to make in it they just have to let me know.”

- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I don’t think that we said that we will go with the second bidder. We said that it will go back into the bidding pool if you remember and it will be re-bided. I think that was one of things that we discussed.”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “I have copy of the ordinance and it the council wants to make changes then they need to let me know.”
- **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “Mr. Duplechain, when those people brought that land the first time, there was no time on the ordinance, right?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “There was no Statutory Time Limit on it. That is the issue that came up. That is what we are trying to resolve.”
- **Mr. Lance Lee stated,** “The ordinance was tabled and the time limit is still not into effect so there is still no limit is that correct?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “That is still correct.”
- **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “We did not vote on that yet so there is still no time limit on that.”
- **Mr. Lance Lee stated,** “Mine started before the limit even came about. That is why we can’t understand why we can’t even get our property. Even if there were a limit that would have happen after our purchase.”
- **Mr. Alvin stated,** “You all should have been granted that land.”
- **Mr. Lance Lee stated,** “If he continues to come on my property I have enough and it will get ugly if he don’t stop because the police department cannot do anything.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “The problem that we have with this is that we spoke to the Parish President in December and we said that it would take six months for the person purchasing the property.”
- **Ms. Sandy Lee stated,** “That is impossible, you can’t do it in six months.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “We said that we would give them six months. Jessie, didn’t we say that we would give them six months as far as changing the Ordinance? Because we had said 90 days and you said it would take 6 months or 180 days. You all had over one year and you still did not pay for it. This is the problem that we are having with your property. Mr. Thomas purchased that property.”
- **Ms. Sandy Lee stated,** “We did to.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Mr. Thomas paid for the property. He had it recorded in the Courthouse. Is that correct Mr. Duplechain?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Yes.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Okay, if he had it recorded, whose property is it for?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The person on the Conveyance Record is the Record Owner.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “And who is the name of that person?”
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The person you just mentioned.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Mr. Thomas, not Mr. Lee.”

- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “As to the rest of it I will have to contact their attorney or their attorney will have to contact me.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “We are going by what you, our Legal Counsel told us. You said that it was recorded in the courthouse and it was not recorded by Mr. Lee it was recorded by the other person that purchased the property and that is why this council is trying to correct this problem so that the next person that purchase the property do it in a timely manner. If you don’t do it in a timely manner they could put it back up for bid.”
- **Ms. Sandy Lee stated,** “I have records where I have been trying to get in touch with this man and this man to get the paperwork correct. They would never call me back and they would never answer the phone. When I showed up at the office they were not there or busy. I could not talk to anybody to get the paperwork straight to go to an attorney to fix it.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I understand what you are saying but we did not hear anything from you all until after it was sold.”
- **Ms. Sandy Lee stated,** “They put it out for bid 35 days later. We did not get to the lawyer and transfer the paper. In the ordinance it says that there was no time frame to put it on my name.”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “Why you did not go to an attorney to get this done?”
- **Mr. Lance Lee stated,** “Why does that question even matter?”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “You would have corrected the problem and it would have been finished.”
- **Ms. Lance Lee stated,** “I was trying to get the paperwork correct. I could not get in touch with Mr. Lewis or Mr. Bellard. That is the reason.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “The attorneys are handling this issue. I don’t think that we should hash this out in a council meeting.”
- **Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated,** “We will let the attorneys handle this.”
- **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated,** “This is in my district and I don’t believe those people were done right. That is what I have to say.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “I will go back to the ordinance, Mr. Duplechain, we just received an old ordinance from Sherell. I remember this incident, we had talked about the ordinance and some changes that needed to be made. I ask you to get with Mr. Bellard so we can have the new ordinance to answer the questions about the time limit. That is where we stopped at. This is an old ordinance, if you don’t mind, we can speed up that process, get with the new ordinance about adding in the time limit.
- **Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “This is the amended ordinance. It says 90 days.
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “This is my first time seeing the new one tonight.”
- **Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “The new ordinance won’t change anything that happened in the past. Everything has to be settled. We can pass all of the ordinances that we want but whatever we had standing before we passed this ordinance remains questionable.”

- Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is fine. I was only saying that for the young man that asked the question. From this point on we had to get an ordinance to be able to answer the questions. We understand that this situation is ongoing and it needs to be fixed.”
- **Mr. Tracy Duplechain addressed the council. She stated,** “Good afternoon, my name is Tracy Duplechain. Approximately a week and one-half ago I called St. Landry Parish Animal Control and I asked them if they were taking volunteers. They said yes so I went. When I arrived at Animal Control they told me that I had to go to the court house and sign a paper so I went to the courthouse, they gave me the run around. I went down stairs to HR and they told me that they are not accepting volunteers. I said okay but they told me at Animal Control that they were. They said no we are not, it is a misunderstanding, supposedly. So I am on my way out of HR and I meet up with an armed guard by the elevator. He asked me if he could help me, I said no, I am good, I was on my out. He said, what is your name? I told him and he said, hold on one minute, follow me to HR, I followed him and he called Jessie Bellard. Mr. Bellard tells me that I am no longer allowed on Parish Property. They escorted me out of the courthouse, is that right Jessie? Oh, he is not talking to me but you wanted to talk the other day.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Just move on.”
- **Mr. Tracy Duplechain stated,** “I am escorted out of the courthouse by an armed guard.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor questioned,** “Mr. Bellard, do you want to comment on that?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Nope,”
- **Mr. Tracy Duplechain stated,** “I guess not. He said that I was not allowed on public property, St. Landry Parish Property. That means I can’t go to work. I am taking a chance right now of being arrested according to Jessie Bellard. He said that I am not allowed on any public property, not even in here, but I am. Ms. Thierry, you are my councilperson, is this the way that I should be treated. I am a tax paying citizen in St. Landry Parish. Is this what we do with everybody, we escort them out of the courthouse with an armed guard? Jessie, you are out of control. A volunteer, a volunteer and that is the way you treat them.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “Are we accepting volunteers?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes we are.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “Can this man volunteer?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No. I will not discuss it in an open meeting. It will not happen.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned,** “Did this man commit any crimes? Is he forbidden?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I will not answer those kinds of questions in an open meeting.”
- **Mr. Tracy Duplechain stated,** “I was not. I am an employee.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Let me just clarify this. I will talk to the council. We have an open criminal investigation going on right now and that is all that I am going to say about it. He is not going to volunteer at the shelter. It is just that simple.”

- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “Are you a former employee of St. Landry Parish Government?”
- **Mr. Tracy Duplechain stated**, “Yes I am. I was employed until Terry got fired and Terry is my girlfriend. When Terry got fired she asked me if I was going to quit. I said no, I am there for the animals, I will stay. I went to talk to Kiddair and he said it was fine you can stay, everything is good. I have to go to a meeting at the courthouse, I will talk to you later but everything is good. Of course he was going to meet Jessie to tell him. Jessie decided he was going to terminate me. I work every weekend at Animal Control. They could not get anybody to work at Animal Control on the weekends, nobody wants to do it. I did it every weekend, holidays it did not matter I was there. So what exactly is going on at Animal Control Jessie? What is going on? What do we have to hide? Apparently we are hiding something, right Jessie? What, the cat got you tongue?”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned**, “Mr. Bellard, this gentleman has been terminated. You gave him some papers? Is he terminated?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I am not going to discuss personnel issues in an open council meeting. I don’t know how many times I will tell you all that.”
- **Councilman Coby Clavier stated**, “Madam Chairlady, his time is up. We can’t resolve this here. We need to move on.”
- **Madam Chairwoman Vivian Olivier stated**, “Your five minutes is up.”
- **Mr. Tracy Duplechain stated**, “Ms. Thierry, is that the way our tax payers are treated. We voted for you all. I am not done with this.”
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux addressed the council**. He stated, “Good evening. I have an Animal Control issue as well. It is a little different. I have had a positive experience with Mr. Bellard. I will read section 8:14 of your new ordinance that was adopted recently.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “Madam Chairlady correction. It was adopted but it was vetoed by the Parish President. So it is not in effect.”
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux stated**, “Oh wow, so that changes things. I don’t have a copy of the old ordinance so I will skip that part. I will just go straight to my problem issue. In my hand I hold four different dates of calls that I have made to the Sheriff’s Office about a neighbor’s pit bull crossing into my yard. I also have two dates that were called into the Animal Control, one of which was unanswered by them at all but it was returned by Jessie Bellard himself. My issue is one of safety. I read the new ordinance and I was unaware that it was not adopted but the new ordinance shows that there are stages. Those stages are run with a citation essentially. First offense, second offense, third offense, I am on my fifth offence with the same neighbor with the same animal. I can’t get this person cited. She has been cited twice. I can’t move on with getting her cited to the point where forfeiture can happen. Again, I did not know that it was not adopted. I am really curious as to why it was not adopted. I read through this ordinance page by page with Mr. Taylor. These type of things don’t usually bother people until you need them. It was not until I was in an instance where I needed to know the ordinance that I found out that we had a horrible ordinance before. So I am really anxious to know, I will do some more homework and find out why exactly we did not adopt this because this is way better than what we have currently. I have worked with Mr. Bellard. He has returned my calls, he sent out Mark Kidder, I have met Spencer Cornette which I think he is not the director and there is a lot of changes that are going on in Animal control and frankly I could care less about all of them, I just need this animal to be deemed vicious or a nuisance or something so I can protect my family. That is it. That is all that I care about. I just want to protect my family. I have gone through a lot to try and get this done. I have even tried to take care of the animal myself and that did not work out for me either. I don’t know what else to do. It is not a laughing matter. I really don’t

know what else to do. I am being put in a position where I have to choose my family safety or sleeping in a bunk bed behind bars. This is absolutely ridiculous. I can't promise you that one of my children will never be bitten by an animal or something like that but I can promise you this, it won't happen in my front yard. I can promise you that. I am at the point where I am having to seek legal counsel on my own to sue parish government to do their job. This is ridiculous. I don't care about the drama that is going on at the Animal Shelter. I can't get someone to cite this individual to move on. I am asking the council, I am not upset with anyone, I am upset with the situation. I have had unbelievable support from Mr. Bellard himself, I have been able to call Mark. I called Spencer a few times, I have contacted my parish councilman as well as Mr. Taylor and everything was great, everything is all good but I can't fix anything. I can't get help from the Sheriff. There is always a circle and it ends up not going anywhere. So I am pleading to you all, what does a man have to do to protect his family? I can build a fence all I want but at the end of the day the dog runs around the fence."

- **Councilman Coby Clavier questioned**, "Maybe I missed that part sir but did the dog ever bit someone or attack someone?"
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux stated**, "The closest it has gotten to biting is one day I went to check my mail and it was behind me. I continued to walk away from the animal without make any advances but it was so close that I could feel the heat of the dog's breathe at my ankle."
- **Councilman Coby Clavier stated**, "I was just wondering if it showed any aggressiveness."
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux stated**, "Absolutely. Not only for myself but also the neighbors. It has chased people. I have documentation here from the sheriff with video footage of the whole incident. It is not like I am talking and I don't have video footage. I have video footage of every incident since this has happen, chasing people delivering packages and it does not go away."
- **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated**, "This man is in my district. If you all have been hearing the news they have a pit bull that killed a nine year old in Baton Rouge. Do we want this in St. Landry Parish? Mr. Bellard, how many times are we going to have go before they are going to pick up the dog and do something with it?"
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux stated**, "In that response, they have picked up the animal twice but then they bring it back. In seven days I had a long argument with Ms. Terri. I don't know her last name. We got into it but she sent out an animal person to pick them up. We got into a big old circle between Mr. Bellard, Mr. Kidder and Ms. Terri about the dog's rights. I am fighting a dog. I have a special needs child who loves animals and would walk right up to that dog. So I am literally being told to wait until the animal bites before we can do anything. This is ridiculous."
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "So we have one more citation. We gave her one citation already for the dog running at large. So we have to do another citation."
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux questioned**, "When was that Mr. Bellard if you don't mind?"
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "Mark did it. I will have to ask Mark?"
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux questioned**, "Was it recently like two days ago?"
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "Not since the last time we talked. So we go to the house and nobody comes to the door. We know that the people are there but they don't answer the door."
- **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated**, "Can't we just pick up the dog?"

- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “The dog is outside of the house. It goes outside and she don’t watch it. He does have video footage. The problem is making contact with that person to give them that citation but she just refuses to answer the door. That will be an issue for Mr. Duplechain to help us out with.”
- **Councilman Alvin Stelly stated**, “We will need to get the Sheriff involved or something.”
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux stated**, “Every incident with the Sheriff has fallen right back into Animal Control. The Sheriff has given us zero assistance when it comes to this other than documentation, they have done really good with documenting.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I was going to get with Mr. Duplechain to find out what is another avenue in order to do this. The dog is inside the residence and she only takes it out at certain times. Other than staking out the house and staying there all day until she gets out it would be kind of difficult. That is where the issue is right now. But if the dog gets out again and he calls, Mark does not live far from there hopefully he can go over there and take care of it.”
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux stated**, “Every time I have called Mark, he has answered. I get it, it happens on the weekends mostly. It happened this past weekend. Mr. Jessie contacted me back after the message but at the end of the day, nobody is there, I can’t get to you today, I will try tomorrow, this is how I ended up in jail the first time. I will not wait for something to happen that will hurt my family.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I will get with Garrett in the morning to come up with a solution to make contact with that person some kind of way. I want to make sure that we do it legal.”
- **Mr. Josh Boudreaux questioned**, “Who do I follow up with?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “You can follow up with me.”
- **Ms. Brigitte Piattoly addressed the council**. She stated, “I am Brigitte Piattoly and I am here on behalf of Ms. Terri Courvelle, Ms. Michelle Benoit and the gentlemen who just spoke Mr. Tracy Duplechain who I understand Mr. Bellard just threw off of public property. Why he is not allowed to come back in? What right do you have to do that? He has a right to be in here. I want to know under what legal authority you have banned him from this meeting. Just one more thing for the Federal Lawsuit against you. I would like to know from the last time that we spoke Mr. Ardoin had a resolution and it is my understanding that the situation in which two Law Enforcement Officers working under Mr. Bellard lied to a district judge in order to obtain a warrant to cover up an illegal unconstitutional search. It is my understanding that the sheriff’s office went forward with this investigation but no one knows the results. From what I have heard it was sent to the D.A. Office. As an attorney who have been practicing a number of years is not my first time at the rodeo. It seems to me something involving two Law Enforcement Officers for St. Landry Parish should have been referred to Attorney General Landry’s Office for Prosecution. I would like to know what is going on. I was looking at the Public Policies for Employees of St. Landry Parish. I don’t understand, it says in the interest of the state and of safety and justice and the welfare that a person that is accused of something that if proven true would be detrimental to the public welfare and safety that public employee should be put on suspension pending an investigation and possible prosecution. How can you have two Law Enforcement Officers that climbed through a window into someone’s property without a warrant then go and lie a District Judge, still walk around this parish with a gun and a badge? These two gentlemen should be put on suspension pending an investigation. If the sheriff has concluded his investigation then it seems to me this should be referred to the Attorney General’s Office for prosecution. I am trying to see if we can work this out here without bringing in the Federal Government, this is a disgrace. The things that I am hearing that is going on, I cannot believe that you have the power and you are not even on the city council, how are you banning someone from their meeting, I am sorry Parish Council, I am from New Orleans. How are you banning a person from the meeting of this group?”

I have had enough but I want to know what is going on with that investigation of those two allegedly officers? I want to know they are not suspended and I want to let you know that I am not going anywhere. I might be quiet for a while but I am not going anywhere, thank you, I appreciate it.”

- **Mr. Devin Johnson addressed the council.** He stated, “Good evening council. My name is Devin Johnson. I am seeking an appointment to the Fire District 6 Board in the Eunice area. I have dedicated my career to law enforcement in the parish. I am also a member of the Fire District since 2015. I believe that being appointed to this board will greatly benefit that department. I hope to get your support and I will not take the full five minutes. That is all that I ask.”
- **Mr. Eric Williams addressed the council.** He stated, “My name is Eric Williams. This has been a whole lot to take in from this meeting. I would like to ask a question, what is bothering you? I have been sitting here and I have been noticing that piece of paper down there for the longest, I am a janitor and I work at a high school, well Opelousas Junior High School. That is something that we normally look for, trash. We look for something like that. I am going somewhere with this and I won’t be long but it kept bothering me. Then I was wondering who was going to pick up that trash. Who will take the initiative to do the job that needs to be done? We have a lot of hurting mothers, we have a lot hurting fathers and we have a lot of children who are being killed in these streets and I am just wondering what is bothering you. We have a lot going on, a lot has been spoken over this microphone. I thank God for our Parish President and I can imagine his job might be real tough, just this little sample, I have never been here before, this is my first time coming. It is a lot going on in this world, we have a lot of issues but we need to come together for something. This parish have a lot of potential, this parish has a lot of potential to be great. We have to bind and come together to give our children a future and to give our people hope, we will have to come together. So guns down and power up. We have been having meetings, we are planning on doing something in our parish for our children, for our people so we can come together. You see we don’t have a black and white problem we have a murdering problem, we have a spirit of evil in this parish that is causing our people to be destructive towards one another. So I was wondering when we will pick up that paper. What we do with the children with guns down and power up, we gather them together and we go the neighborhood and different areas and pick up trash to try and beautify our city so we can have pride but I can only do so much with the resources that I have. These children are ready to go to work and they are ready to help to make Opelousas and other cities in our parish beautiful. I live here in Opelousas so Opelousas is near and dear to my heart because I live here. We try our best to make this a nice and safe place to be using the game of chess, life coaching skills and we have helped them with strategies. We just talk to them and we get them to communicate to give some feedback. I am just here hoping that we can come together on this one thing.”
- Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I just want to reiterate on what Mr. Eric Williams said. I attended one of his functions at Opelousas Police Department where he had gathered some young individuals and it was a nice turnout. Mr. Williams, please continue doing what you are doing. Thank you for coming.”
- **Ms. Lena Charles addressed the council.** She stated, “Good evening Madam Chairlady, Councilmen and Councilwoman. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you all tonight. On a positive note I am very excited because a while back I came and give you all a few items that the Opelousas Downtown Development District had and I said the first and the second quarter we will start seeing some things moving around. On yesterday they spotted lines and today they started on the Wallior Street Project. That is bringing water and waste water from the west side to the east side. It will service to be developed property. It will service the Chick-Fil-A which we are bringing into that area as well. Hopefully this quarter or the next we will have another turning lane. All of these advancement and projects were funded by the Opelousas Downtown Development District. The reason that I am here before you representing Opelousas and St. Landry Parish is because your confidence in me and to elect me to another three years on the St. Landry Parish Economic Development and from there appointed to the Opelousas Downtown Development District working together we can get things done. Working together we can accomplish a lot with the resources that we

do have, polling those together and I thank all of you for being supportive of that. I have one more thing. In March of last year came about the monument. We had an incident since the last meeting with the monument which was to my regret and something that I have warned you all about if we did not make a move and move it we would have some negatives come to our parish and we don't want to be in the news for negativity. We want to make sure that we continue to put St. Landry Parish, Opelousas and all of the other municipalities as a place to come and enjoy the culture, enjoy the opportunity and the growth of our business. So I ask you Mr. President, please do not delay in moving the monument so we can move on to get constructive and positive things in our parish. So please allow your agenda to make this happen sooner and not later. March is long enough. You all voted to get it removed so we just need to get it removed. Thank you.”

- Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don't know what you all want me to do. They don't want to spend a dollar on the monument to move it so they want it done for free so I am getting it done for free but I am doing it on their time table. It will get done and I am not making anybody any promises unless I spend some money on moving that monument it will take a little while to get it moved. It is not as simple as picking it up and moving it. It comes off in pieces. I am doing what I can and this council voted not to spend a dollar on it. I am not taking those bids that were discussed because it cost money.”
- **Ms. Lena Charles stated**, “I am not bringing up anything else but a question and a concern that you all had voted for a solution and you can do the solution. When we start getting comments that the daughters own it, it keeps it in the news, it keeps regurgitating so that is why I am saying sooner than later. I thank you all. It is good news that we are getting water and waste water from west side to east side on Wallior and we will see a Chick-Fil-A develop and businesses coming to that area.”
- **Mr. Robert Voitier addressed the council.** He stated, “Good evening, Robert Voitier, Lafayette Parish, the monument again. I am bothered by what was done by the council back in March I think it was. From my understanding is the council passed a Resolution that the monument should be moved, is that right? Can anyone contradict that? Okay so it goes like this in my head. You must have done that for a reason. I am curious, I want to know why it was done. I want to know the reason. I have asked some of the councilmembers and they don't give me a reason other than things that don't make sense. It bothers me because I went back and I pulled the minutes of those meeting and I looked at every word that was said here and every word that was said if the things that was said by the proponent of moving it, Mr. Cravins, if they were true I would have voted for moving it. But the problem is they were not true, they were false. They were either made unintentionally, intentionally it is possible, I don't know, I can't find a motive for the man or it could have been made negligently like he did not now or he did not care whether they were true or not. Actually what the council did, you all made a Resolution and approved something based on false pretenses. I am asking you to take a look, look at what was said and listen to what I am saying and realize that something wrong was done, it is unjust. Actually what the council did whether they realized it or not in my opinion is an unjustified taking. Taking of what, History. My History. William Dejean is my great, great grandfather and he is on the monument. It says in memory of, there is not a raciest word, there is nothing raciest or racial on that monument. Does everybody here know what is on that monument? Have you all ever read it?”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, “Yes I have read it.”
- **Mr. Robert Voitier stated**, “Is there anything on there that you think is bad.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, “Actually I can't remember because I did not study it but I did go and read it. I was not really satisfied with it. So that is why I voted for it to be removed. I will stand by that decision.”
- **Mr. Robert Voitier stated**, “The words that are on the monument are in Loving Memory of 4-5 different people. In memory of, in loving memory of, that is a memorial. I did research. It is a Cenotaph what it amounts to, it is a tombstone for

people whose remains are elsewhere. These are people that died on the battle field, buzzards probably picked their bones. They had family and the family got together through the United Daughters of the Confederacy and they put that memorial up. That is all it is. That is what the council had nullified based on untrue information. So the point of me speaking here tonight is to ask the council to get together and think about repealing the Resolution or withdrawing the Resolution. It is that simple. If anybody has questions, I will talk to them anytime, here at the microphone or afterwards. That is it.”

- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, “The monument is going to be move to probably a more appropriate place because it was designed and produced or whatever word you may want to use by the Daughters of the Confederate. That is who is going to inherit it back. It still will be standing, it is not like this monument, if I am correct Mr. Bellard, is it going to be destroyed?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Destroyed?”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, “No, that is just a question. Is it going to be destroyed?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No, it will not be destroyed. It will be donated piece by piece.”
- **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, “You will still be able to go and memorialize in a different area.”
- **Mr. Robert Voitier stated**, “Yes ma’am. That is correct. If the council agrees with me and the majority of you all voted to repeal or withdraw that Resolution it still is going to get moved. It will get moved for the right reasons and it will nullify the implications and insinuations that were made at the beginning of this whole thing that those people are a bunch of raciest, blah, blah. Straight talk is rare these days. Everybody knows that you have to pay for your sins. But you don’t have to pay for somebody else’s sins and that is in effect what you all are doing. It really does not make sense and it is just wrong. It is unjust. What is more unjust than making somebody pay for something that they did not do or even know about?”
- **Councilman Jerry Red Jr., stated**, “Madam Chairlady, his time is up.”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Madam Chairlady, I just got an update, it will be moved on Sunday. So the media is here on Sunday they will start the moving of the statue.”

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardon, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 21st, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to approve the **Special Meeting Minutes from December 28th, 2022** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Update on the results from questions asked in the Finance Report by Councilman Harold Taylor.

- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “It was presented to the whole council. The answers were given to all the council members.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “I assumed they were sent to everyone. I got a copy of them. I reviewed them and I am more confused than I was when I asked the questions. Let me just read something to you. Along with the answers you submitted. She submitted the General Fund income and expense statement dated January 13, 2023. In that statement the January 13, 2023 General Fund statement showed the total General Revenue of \$3,837,692.00 while the December 02, 2022 General Fund Revenue Income Statement showed \$4,488,000.00. The January 13, 2023 Statement of Expenditures showed the General Fund Expenditures of \$5,657,000.00 while the December 02, 2022 General Fund Statement showed Expenditures of \$6,200,000.00. The question is which one of the statements is correct? How did this happen? Going forward how can the council be assured that the proposed 2023 that we will considering does not contain the same issues? I am confused but we can talk about that at our next meeting. Thank you madam Chairlady.”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned**, “Mr. Bellard, on Flag Station Road, Aspen Lane and Suzanne Dejean Drive did we get the prices back from Mr. Jarrell?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No Sir, we have not started,”
- **Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned**, “Did he give you all the prices on it?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No Sir. We have not started the whole process yet.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor questioned**, “On Houston Richard Road, was that Smooth Ride Home or was that other funds?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “Yes, Smooth Ride Home.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor questioned**, “Who was the Contractor?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “I am not sure I will have to find out.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor questioned**, “Was the Project Bid?”
- **Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “No sir.”
- **Councilman Harold Taylor stated**, “Thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the Parish President’s Report.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Vote to appoint one applicant to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term (01-18-2023 – 01-18-2028). Applicants are: Megan Plattsmier and Paul Scott.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint Megan Plattsmier to the 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, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

The Votes were as follows

Councilman Jerry Red Jr.	Megan Plattsmier
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Easton Shelvin	Absent
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Harold Taylor	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Gil Savoy	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Alvin Stelly	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Wayne Ardoin	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Dexter Brown	Paul Scott
Councilman Timmy Lejeune	Megan Plattsmier
Councilman Jimmie Edwards	Paul Scott
Councilman Coby Clavier	Megan Plattsmier

- Vote to appoint Charles Daigle for one appointment to Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes for the remainder of a four - year term. (10-02-2021 - 10-02-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to appoint Charles Daigle to the Eunice Gravity Drainage District No. 9 of Evangeline and St. Landry Parishes for the remainder of a four - year term. (10-02-2021 - 10-02-2025).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

- Vote to appoint Damian Herpin 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 Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint Damian Herpin 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, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

- Vote to re-appoint Ryan Dupre and Blake Davis to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term. (01-01-2023 – 01-01-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to re-appoint Ryan Dupre and Blake Davis 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, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

- Vote to appoint three applicants to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (01-18-2023 – 01-18-2025) Applicants are: Devin Johnson, Rodges Richard, Gilbert Guillory, and Joseph Popillion.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to re-appoint Devin Johnson, Gilbert Guillory and Joseph Popillion 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, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

The votes were as follows

Councilman Jerry Red Jr.	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilwoman Nancy Carriere	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Easton Shelvin	Absent	Absent	Absent
Councilwoman Mildred Thierry	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Harold Taylor	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Gil Savoy	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Alvin Stelly	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Wayne Ardoin	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Dexter Brown	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Timmy Lejeune	Rodges Richard	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Jimmie Edwards	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion
Councilman Coby Clavier	Devin Johnson	Gilbert Guillory	Joseph Popillion

- Vote to re-appoint August Amy Jr., Jimmie Lafleur, Howard Owens, Floyd Dupre, and Debra Thomas to the 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 re-appoint August Amy Jr., Jimmie Lafleur, Howard Owens, Floyd Dupre, and Debra Thomas to the 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, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

- Vote to appoint Cathy Carlisle and re-appoint Bobby Richard to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2023 – 01-01-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Cathy Carlisle and re-appoint Bobby Richard to the 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, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

- Authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on Rolling Oaks Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on Rolling Oaks Road.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

- Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four- year term. (03-05-2023 – 03-05-2027).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Ward Two Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four- year term. (03-05-2023 – 03-05-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

10. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Coulee Crouche Fire Protection District No. 4 for the remaining of a two- year term. (04-20-2022 – 04-20-2024). Gregg Cormier has resigned.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Coulee Crouche Fire Protection District No. 4 for the remaining of a two- year term. (04-20-2022 – 04-20-2024).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

11. Authorize a study to be performed for the drainage issue in the Judice Farms Subdivision.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize a study to be performed for the drainage issue in the Judice Farms Subdivision.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

12. 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to 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.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

13. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the CEA with the Town of Melville to help bring their office up to date with policies and procedures and ordinances.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Madam Chairlady, Item 13 can be pulled. They do not want to do it.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “They have said that they don’t want to do it Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They voted against it last week at their meeting. They had a meeting with the Legislative Auditor on Friday.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “We need a motion to pull this agenda item.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Parish President to pull this agenda item to authorize the Parish President to sign the CEA with the Town of Melville to help bring their office up to date with Policies and Procedures and Ordinances.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jerry Red Jr. and Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

14. Vote to cancel having applicants come to council meetings that are renting a Hanger at our St. Landry Airport.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to cancel having applicants come to council meetings that are renting a Hanger at our St. Landry Airport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jerry Red Jr. and Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:
NONE.**

XI. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

**Ordinance was pulled by
Councilman Harold Taylor**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-022
(Sponsor Councilman Harold Taylor)**

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I would like to pull this Ordinance and set it at another date. I would like for each councilmember to review it and give me your comments on whether we need to make changes on it or not. If we are in an agreement on it I would like for our engineers to look at it to make sure that they don’t have any problems with it. So I would like to pull it at this time.”

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;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 40-165, Pre-application Consideration and Drainage Review, of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

SEC. 40-165. – PRE APPLICATION CONSIDERATION AND DRAINAGE REVIEW.

Whenever any subdivision or a tract of land is proposed to be made, the owner/developer and his project engineer are required to discuss the subdivision with the planning department to discuss the general program objectives and procedures and requirements of a drainage review. If the development is a private subdivision, all requirements of this Section shall be adhered to with respect to the design and construction of improvements, including streets, roads, drainage, and utilities, except the minimum width for all right-of-ways for roads in a private subdivision shall be forty feet. The St. Landry Parish Government is not responsible for maintaining any private streets, private roads, signs, or drainage improvements on the private streets or roads. The developer of the private subdivision shall cause to be created, or furnish a certified copy if already in existence, a financial and managerial legal entity or entities that will guarantee and assure the maintenance of all private streets, private roads, private alleys, and drainage improvements constructed. The developer will provide a certification to the St. Landry Parish Government from an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana that the documentation attached to the certification provides for the creation of an entity that is responsible for maintaining the private streets, private roads, and/or private alleys, and related drainage improvements, in the subdivision. The certification must be provided prior to obtaining final approval of the subdivision. The certification shall contain the name of the entity responsible for maintenance of the subdivision and its registered office. The developer of the private subdivision shall create a HomeOwners Association (HOA) for the private subdivision in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 9:1141.1 through 9:1148. The

developer of the private subdivision shall record the document creating the HOA, which shall set forth the annual dues to be paid by each lot owner to provide sufficient funds to maintain the private subdivision, and shall contain the Acts of Restrictions for the subdivision, with the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court prior to obtaining final approval of the private subdivision. The developer may make the private subdivision a gated subdivision if the planning department approves of it being a gated subdivision.

All subdivision developments will require a drainage review. The magnitude of the drainage review will depend upon the area impacted, potential for future development within a watershed traversing the proposed development, and identified existing drainage system problems of the area of the development or within a watershed traversing it.

The purpose of the drainage review process is to consider whether the proposed development may be impacted by existing drainage system deficiencies and/or how the proposed development will impact the drainage system of the surrounding area.

As the first step of this process the developer and/or the land surveyor and/or the engineer of record for a development should contact the parish public works director and representatives of the local drainage district to obtain information on existing drainage issues in the vicinity of the development.

Should the planning department determine a drainage review is unnecessary, the planning department will issue notice in writing to the developer indicating such. The professional of record may then continue to plan development in accordance with policies and procedures established herein.

If an existing drainage problem is identified within the vicinity of the proposed development which may be impacted by or cause impact to the development, a meeting shall be scheduled with the planning department. If a feasible solution to the existing drainage problem can be recommended and administratively implemented by the planning department or developer, then the improvement to eliminate the existing problem shall be implemented. The planning process may then continue. If an agreeable and/or implementable solution to the existing drainage problem cannot be reached by the planning department and developer, the issue will be referred to the parish president and/or parish council for direction in determining a resolution of the problem and parties to be financially responsible for surveys, studies, plan development and implementation.

If resolution of the existing problem cannot be reached by the parish president and/or parish council, the parish council shall determine whether approval or continued review and/or subdivision development will be allowed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-023
(Sponsor Councilman Coby Clavier)

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-023**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red Jr, Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Easton Shelvin. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

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;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 24-3 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

SEC. 24-3. – PAYMENT OF TAX, PENALTY, AND INTEREST

(a) Except as otherwise expressly provided, the first license tax herein levied shall be due and payable to the parish collector of revenue, as follows: In the case of any business, trade, profession, vocation or calling subject to license under this chapter commencing on or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived, the license tax shall be due and payable on such date of commencement.

(b) Annually thereafter all license taxes levied herein shall be due and payable on January 1 of each calendar year for which the license tax is due, except that in the case of a new business commencing after January 1 of any calendar year the first license due for such business shall be due and payable on the date the business is commenced.

(c) All license taxes unpaid after March 1 of the calendar year for which they are due, or in the case of a new business, unpaid on the date such business is commenced, shall be deemed delinquent and subject to the payment of delinquent interest and penalty.

(d) When any taxpayer fails to pay the tax, or any portion thereof, on or before March 1, interest at the rate of one and one-quarter percent per month or fractional part thereof, shall be added to the amount of tax due and such interest shall be computed from the due date until the tax is paid.

(e) In addition to the interest charged on delinquent taxes there shall be imposed a penalty of five (5) percent of the total tax due if the failure or delinquency is for not more than thirty (30) days, with an additional five (5%) percent for each additional thirty days or fraction thereof during which the failure or delinquency continues, not to exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the tax in the aggregate.

(f) If any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge for attorney fees will be charged at the rate of ten (10) percent on the aggregate of the taxes, penalties and interest due.

(g) If any taxpayer fails to make any return required by this article, or makes a grossly incorrect report, or a false or fraudulent report, and the collector, in performance of his duty to ascertain the amount of tax due, makes an examination of books, records or documents, or an audit thereof, or conducts a hearing, or subpoenas witnesses, then there may be added to the amount of tax found to be due, a specific penalty, in addition to any other penalty provided, in an amount as itemized by the collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making such examination or audit, or in holding such hearing, or in subpoenaing and compensating witnesses. This specific penalty shall be an obligation to be collected and accounted for in the same manner as if it were part of the tax due, and can be enforced either in a separate action or in the same action for the collection of the tax.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-024
(Sponsored Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

Ordinance was pulled by Councilman Timmy Lejeune

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would like to pull this ordinance please.”

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

Date Introduced: December 21, 2022

WHEREAS, the 2022 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby amended to reflect the detailed amended estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT:

Section 1. The attached, detailed AMENDED estimate of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Revenues for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 2. The attached, detailed AMENDED estimate of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, is hereby adopted to serve as an amended operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 3. The adoption of the Amended Operating Budget of Expenditures being the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section 4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2022 Budget.

Section 5. All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the St. Landry Parish Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-025
(Sponsored Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

Ordinance was pulled by Councilman Timmy Lejeune

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I would like to pull this ordinance please."

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2023 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby adopted to reflect the detailed estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT:

Section 1. The attached, detailed estimates of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023 is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues for the parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 2. The attached estimates of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 3. The adoption of the Operating Budget of Expenditures being the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section 4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2023 Budget.

Section 5. All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the St. Landry Parish Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red Jr., seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001**.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-001
(Sponsor 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.

Dates for upcoming Council Meetings in 2023 are listed below:
TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2023
(Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

January 18, 2023
February 15, 2023
March 15, 2023
April 19, 2023
May 17, 2023
June 21, 2023
July 19, 2023
August 16, 2023
September 20, 2023
October 18, 2023
November 15, 2023
December 20, 2023

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2023
(First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

January 4, 2023
February 1, 2023
March 1, 2023
April 5, 2023
May 3, 2023
June 7, 2023
July 5, 2023
August 2, 2023
September 6, 2023
October 4, 2023
November 2, 2023
December 6, 2023

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:
NONE.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from **Wednesday, January 4th, 2023** as transcribed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **January 4th, 2023** as transcribed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, January 4th, 2023** as transcribed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

XIV. ADJOURN:

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

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of January, 2023.

Chairwoman Vivian Oliver stated, "I would like commend Sherell and Karen for the minutes. They were having a hard time doing the minutes due to the sound system.

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