

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Jimmie Edwards)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- **Regular Meeting: April 19th, 2023**
 - **Special Meeting: May 3rd, 2023**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
- **Affordable Housing Program Resolution No. 018-2023 (Keith Broussard)**
 - **St. Landry Parish Government joins the Attorney General of Louisiana in litigation against FEMA to challenge Risk Rating 2.0. Resolution No. 019-2023**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
- *Items passed through committee.
1. Update on the Racino allocation of \$100,000.00 back to the Opelousas Police Department.
 2. Update on the Insurance for the Lease and Operating Agreement with Aerotech at our St. Landry Parish Airport.
 3. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to present an Organization Chart to the Council that will include the salaries of the employees, their Vehicle Numbers and the name of the Department they are working in before the 2023 Budget is approved.
 4. Update on overlaying Jim Guillory Road by Acadiana Road.
 5. Authorize the Preliminary and final approval for Mark Kopieck showing a partition/subdivision lots 1-13 located on La HWY 356 and Bearb Road, Sunset, LA.
 6. Vote to re-appoint Buddy Helton to serve on the Central St. Landry Economic Development District Board recommended by Vision St. Landry.
 7. Vote to appoint Jason Halphen to replace Rita Renee Aymond for the remaining of a four- year term on Public Works Commission District Six. (05-17-2021-05-17-2025)
 8. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) for a six-year term. (07-19-2023-07-19-2029).
 9. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No.12 for a four-year term. (07-15-2023-07-15-2028).
 10. Update Menard vs St. Landry Parish Government.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-008

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Iseringhausen Road in Sunset, La can be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-010

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-011

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SALARIES OF THE CLERK FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL AND THE ASSISTANT CLERK FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 012

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE TERMINATION OF ST. LANDRY PARISH EMPLOYEES FROM AUGUST 24, 2020 TO THE PRESENT

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-005 (Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE NOTIFICATION SIGNS AT THE LOCATION OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE BING PLANNED AND DEVELOPED TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government must review and approve all new subdivisions located outside of incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish, as per the subdivision ordinances in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the public have sufficient notice of the development and location of new subdivisions in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that when a new subdivision is being planned and developed in St. Landry Parish, outside of incorporated municipalities, a notification sign stating that a new subdivision is being planned and developed shall be placed by St. Landry Parish Government at the location of the new development.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006 (Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

THE DIVISION OF PRECINCT 8 INTO PRECINCTS 8 AND 8A AND THE DIVISION OF PRECINCT 10A INTO PRECINCTS 10A AND 10B FOR VOTER CONVENIENCE AND THE SUBSEQUENT MERGER OF QUALIFYING PRECINCTS

An ordinance amending the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, relative to amending the current Parish Precinct Ordinance to divide Precinct 8 into whole Precincts 8 and 8A and the division of Precinct 10A into whole Precincts 10A and 10B for voter convenience for the Parish of St. Landry and the subsequent merger of qualifying precincts in accordance with the guidelines put forth by the Louisiana Secretary of State, and further providing with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the redistricting has been completed for St. Landry Parish; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 8 is a geographically large precinct that now causes voters to have to travel longer distances to the assigned polling location; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 10A is a geographically large precinct that now causes voters to have to travel longer distances to the assigned polling location; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate voter convenience, the St. Landry Parish Council desires to divide Precinct 8 into Precinct 8 and Precinct 8A in accordance with RS 18:532.1, et al; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate voter convenience, the St. Landry Parish Council desires to divide Precinct 10A into Precinct 10A and Precinct 10B in accordance with RS 18:532.1, et al; and

WHEREAS, the new descriptions of Precincts 8, 8A, 10A, and 10B are hereby described in the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 8A then qualifies to be merged into Precinct 9; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 22A then qualifies to be merged into Precinct 10A; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 10B then qualifies to be merged into Precinct 18; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 13B qualifies to be merged into Precinct 14A; and

WHEREAS, Precinct 20A qualifies to be merged into Precinct 9A; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent mergers listed above are described in the attached Exhibit B.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Landry Parish Council, in regular session assembled, does hereby amend the Precinct 8 description to provide for the division and description of Precinct 8 into Precinct 8 and Precinct 8A, and the division and description of Precinct 10A into Precinct 10A and Precinct 10B; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the precincts identified above as qualifying precinct mergers and as described in Exhibit B, therefore be enacted.

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance is to become effective upon approval by the State Legislative Office and the Louisiana Secretary of State Office and as allowed by law.

Should any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof, be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-007 (Sponsored by Councilman Dexter Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SYSTEMS

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

WHEREAS, this ordinance also relies on Louisiana Constitution Article IX, Section 1 duty to protect air and water, and the healthful, scenic, historic, and esthetic quality of the environment, consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the people, a constitutional provision which the Louisiana Supreme Court has concluded in *Save Ourselves, Inc. v. La. Evtl. Control Comm'n*, 452 So.2d 1152, 1156–57 (La. 1984) creates a duty on all state agencies and officials, a duty which the Parish hereby fulfills in passing this ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Parish declares that it is a public purpose to protect the health of the citizens of St. Landry Parish, and the environment of St. Landry Parish, and to preserve the Parish's environmental and aesthetic character.

WHEREAS, the repair and maintenance of sewer systems is the responsibility of the owner of the property that uses the sewer system.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this Ordinance is enacted in Chapter 26 – NUISANCES, as ARTICLE V – REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SYSTEMS:

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SYSTEMS

(a) In the event that a raw sewerage leak or sewer backup is detected as coming from property, the St. Landry Parish Government shall mail a notice to the property owner at the address listed for the property owner on the Parish Tax Assessors record of property owner addresses. The notice mailed to the property owner shall also be hand delivered or left on the door of the structure, building, office, or residence with the sewage leak. The notice shall give the property owner five (5) days from the date on the notice to submit to the St. Landry Parish Government a plan to repair their sewer system.

(b) The plan to repair the property owner's sewer system shall include the name of the contractor who will repair the sewer system, a cost estimate from the contractor for the work to be performed, and an estimate of the time it will take for the sewer system to be repaired. The contractor must be qualified to perform the repair of the property owner's sewer system.

(c) If the property owner does not comply with this ordinance, the property owner shall pay a civil fine of \$100.00 and the electricity to the residence with the sewer leak may be terminated.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-009 (Sponsored by Councilman Easton Shelvin)

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR A PERMIT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

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

WHEREAS, Providers of high quality emergency and non-emergency ambulance services provided by qualified personnel with advanced life support equipment are essential to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of St. Landry Parish.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council declares that it is a public purpose to promote and protect the health and safety of the citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating the emergency and non-emergency ambulance service providers in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY GOVERNMENT that the following Ordinance establishing an emergency service advisory board and terms and conditions for a permit for ambulance service providers in St. Landry Parish is hereby enacted and established:

Chapter 21 – AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDERS

ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Sec. 21-1. – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Advanced life support (ALS) means prehospital emergency medical care provided under the direction of a licensed physician providing medical control by established medical protocols.

Advanced life support ambulance means any publicly or privately owned vehicle equipped or used for transporting the wounded, injured, sick or dead by stretcher including emergency vehicles used for that purpose, but not including funeral coaches or stretcher vans used exclusively as such. Said vehicle shall provide space for a driver, and two attendants. The vehicle must be permanently equipped, as part of its regular equipment, with the minimum essential equipment in accordance with the bureau of emergency medical services regulations.

Ambulance means any authorized emergency vehicle, equipped with warning devices, designed and operated as a part of a regular course of conduct or business to transport a sick or injured individual or which is advertised or otherwise held out to the public as such. "Ambulance" shall not mean a hearse or other funeral home vehicle utilized for the transportation of the dead. Said vehicle shall provide space for a driver, and two attendants.

Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) means an automated system used to track or determine the physical location of vehicles through a Global Positioning System (GPS).

Basic life support ambulance (BLS) means an ambulance equipped with a level of training that does not involve any advance medical procedures or administration of drugs. BLS units provide basic life-saving and life sustaining interventions while transporting a patient to a hospital.

Bureau of emergency medical services (BEMS) means the governing agency for the training and certification of emergency medical service (EMS) instructors and providers.

Caregiver shall mean, individually and collectively, an emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic.

Certified emergency medical technician-basic means an individual who has successfully completed an emergency medical technician-basic training program developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation and adopted by the bureau, who is nationally registered, and who is certified by the bureau.

Certified emergency medical technician-intermediate means any individual who has successfully completed an emergency medical technician-intermediate training program developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation and adopted by the bureau, who is nationally registered, and who is certified by the bureau.

Certified emergency medical technician-paramedic means any individual who has successfully completed an emergency medical technician-paramedic training program developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation and adopted by the bureau, who is nationally registered, and who is certified by the bureau.

Certified emergency medical responder means [insert definition]

Customary charge or customary rate means the uniform amount that the provider charges for a specific medical procedure or service in similar localities before the application of any type of federal or contractual write off.

Driver means any person who physically drives an ambulance.

Emergency means a medical condition of recent onset and severity, including severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson, acting reasonably and possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine, to believe that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in: (a) placing the health of the individual, or with respect to a pregnant woman the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy; (b) serious impairment to bodily function; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

Emergency patient shall mean an individual who is ill, injured, or otherwise incapacitated and is at risk of needing medical care during transportation by stretcher to or from a healthcare facility.

Emergency medical service advisory board means the advisory board established pursuant to this chapter which board shall have the primary oversight over the terms and conditions of the provision of ambulance service within the Parish.

Non-emergency means all prescheduled medical care and transportation that is not emergent in nature as defined above.

Owner or operator means any person who owns, controls, or operates an ambulance for purposes of providing emergency and/or non-emergency medical care and transportation.

Parish means for purposes of this ordinance, the unincorporated areas of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana and any town, city or municipality located within the parish which has not established an ordinance for the specific providing of emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services originating within their jurisdiction.

Person includes any person, firm, partnership, association, company or organization of any kind.

Prescheduled means arrangements have been made for transportation at least seventy two hours in advance of scheduled pick up time.

Provider shall mean that person, company and/or legal entity which, under contractual agreement with city-parish, provides emergency and non-emergency ambulance service within the jurisdiction of city-parish.

Sprint unit means any emergency vehicle with fully visual and audible warning signals operated by a certified ambulance service, the primary purpose of which is to respond to the scene of a medical emergency to provide emergency medical stabilization or support, or command, control, and communications, but which is not an ambulance designed or intended for the transport of a patient regardless of its designation.

(Ord. No. O-053-2003, 3-19-03; Ord. No. O-014-2012, § 2, 2-28-12)

Sec. 21-2. - Territorial applicability.

The provisions of this chapter apply in the unincorporated areas of St. Landry Parish and any town, city or municipality which has not established an ordinance for the specific providing of emergency and non-emergency medical transportation services.

Sec. 21-3. - Penalties.

(a) In this chapter, the term violation of this Code means:

- (1) Doing an act that is prohibited or made or declared unlawful, an offense or a misdemeanor by ordinance or by rule or regulation authorized by ordinance;
- (2) Failure to perform an act that is required to be performed by ordinance or by rule or regulation authorized by ordinance; or
- (3) Failure to perform an act if the failure is declared a misdemeanor or an offense or unlawful by ordinance or by rule or regulation authorized by ordinance.

(b) The imposition of a penalty does not prevent revocation or suspension of a license, permit or franchise.

(c) Continuous or repeated violations of this Code may be abated by injunctive or other relief, and the imposition of a penalty under this chapter or any other provision of law does not constitute an election of remedies and shall not prevent an award of injunctive or other relief.

(d) It shall be illegal for any person(s) and/or entity to operate and provide service with transport origination in the Parish or to provide public or private standby service within the Parish other than a permitted provider in good standing with the Parish. Any such unauthorized operation of an ambulance service shall result in a fine of not more than \$500.00, per violation, as well as the impoundment of any vehicle operating in violation thereof.

ARTICLE II. - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 21-4 - Board established.

- (a) Within sixty days of the adoption of this ordinance, the St. Landry Parish Council shall designate a committee to serve as the emergency medical service advisory board and shall have a minimum of seven members.
- (b) Name. The board shall be known as the emergency medical service advisory board.

Sec. 21-5. - Meetings.

The board shall meet at any time on the call of the chairman, the St. Landry Parish President, the St. Landry Parish Council or on the written request of any four members. The board will meet regularly at least semi-annually. All meetings of the board shall be opened to the public as provided by law. The board may make its own rules and regulations concerning the conduct of its meetings.

Sec. 21-6 - Organization and quorum of the board.

The board shall elect, at its first meeting, and annually thereafter, a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary from its membership. The term of each officer shall be for one year with eligibility for reelection. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

Sec. 21-7. - Reports.

The board shall keep an accurate record of all of its meetings and shall, at least annually, give to the St. Landry Parish Council a written report of the board's activities for the prior year. The board shall provide to the clerk of the St. Landry Parish Council copies of the minutes of each of its meetings.

Sec. 21-8. - Legal representation.

The St. Landry Parish attorney or his/her designee, shall serve as the legal advisor to the board.

Sec. 21-9. - General policy.

The board shall be subject to the general policy for all boards and commissions as established by the St. Landry Parish Council.

(Ord. No. O-053-2003, 3-19-03)

Sec. 21-10. - Duties and authority of board.

The board shall have the following duties and authority:

- (1) As desired, the board may review and recommend to the St. Landry Parish Council any changes in this chapter regulating ambulance services.
- (2) As desired, the board may review and recommend to the St. Landry Parish Council any changes in the standards and procedures with reference to the provision of emergency medical services.
- (3) The board will respond to any complaint concerning the quality of all emergency medical services provided under in the Parish.
- (4) The board will respond to any complaint concerning rates and charges by emergency medical service providers in the Parish and can make any recommendation concerning the same to the St. Landry Parish Council.
- (5) As desired, the board may review and recommend to the St. Landry Parish Council any recommendations which it has concerning the provision of any emergency medical service to the citizens of the Parish beyond the provision of ambulance services including, but not limited to, emergency medical service programs such as the "First responder program", programs for the deployment of automated external defibrillators and the "heart starter" CPR initiative, by way of illustration only and not by way of limitation.
- (6) As desired, the board may encourage all other political subdivisions within St. Landry Parish to adopt emergency medical services ordinances similar to this chapter in order to provide uniformity to all citizens living within St. Landry parish.
- (7) The board will hear any complaint of any citizen of the Parish with reference to the provision of emergency medical services under this chapter. The hearing of complaints by the board will be conducted under the following procedure:
 - a. All complaints must be in writing. All written complaints must be directed initially to the clerk of the St. Landry Parish Council.
 - b. The clerk of the St. Landry Parish Council will notify the chairman of the emergency medical service advisory board in writing of the receipt of any written complaint.
 - c. Upon the receipt of any written complaint by the board, the board will notify the emergency medical service provider in writing of the complaint, will furnish a copy of the written complaint to the provider and will allow 30 days for the provider to respond in writing to the complaint.

- d. The board will furnish a copy of the written response of the emergency medical service provider to the complaining party upon the receipt of the same.
- e. The board will attempt to mediate and resolve the complaint, if possible. If the complaint is resolved, notice of the resolution will be sent by the board to the complaining party and to the emergency medical service provider.
- (8) If the complaint is not able to be resolved by the board, the board will refer the complaint, together with the response of the provider, to the St. Landry Parish Council with any recommendation that the board deems appropriate. The action taken by the St. Landry Parish Council, if any, shall be deemed dispositive of any such complaint.

ARTICLE III. - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PERMIT FOR THE PROVIDERS OF AMBULANCE SERVICES

Sec. 21-11. - Limited Permitting.

Under the provisions of Louisiana law, the St. Landry Parish Council can limit the number of Ambulance permit holders (both emergency and non-emergency) within the jurisdiction of the Parish.

At the time of enactment of this ordinance, there are three current operators of ambulance service within the Parish, namely Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc., St. Landry EMS, and Global Medical Response dba Med Express Ambulance Service.

Each of the current operators will be issued a permit so long as they are in good standing with the parish.

Hereafter, if one or more of the current permit holders, named above, discontinued operation in the Parish, for any reason whatsoever, voluntary or involuntary, then:

Each of the remaining permit holders shall be given written notice by the secretary/ clerk of the Council of the discontinuation of service by the existing permit holder; and

- (2) Within sixty (60) days of such notice, each or either of the remaining permit holders shall provide a written plan to the Council on their ability, either jointly or individually, to absorb the transport capacity previously filled by the existing provider.

No additional permit(s) shall be issued to a new provider, unless:

- All existing providers fail to provide a plan to fill the existing providers transport capacity; or
- The Council finds that the plan(s) submitted will not provide adequate, high quality, consistent service to the citizens of the Parish and a new provider proves there exists a public need and necessity to permit an additional provider; and

Any new provider wishing to obtain a permit must meet the criteria set forth in Section 21-13.

Sec. 21-12. - Term of permit

The term of any permit shall be renewable annually if the following conditions are met:

Permit is renewed by December 31 each calendar year, upon the giving of written notice by the St. Landry Parish Council Clerk;

The permit holder is in good standing with the Parish and compliant with all terms of this ordinance; and
The permit holder has not filed for bankruptcy.

Sec. 21-13. - Conditions of permitting for a provider of ambulance services.

Any provider of ambulance services for the Parish must meet the following conditions:

(1) The provision of a physician to serve as medical director of ambulance service. The medical director or his/her designee shall be responsible for all quality of care issues, and shall provide reports to the emergency medical service advisory board regarding response to complaints made to the council, and any other quality of care issue. Those reports shall be sent to the clerk of the Parish Council.

(2) Insurance required: Prior to commencement of any operations with the Parish, the provider must file with the emergency medical service advisory board all policies of general liability insurance, automobile liability insurance, workers compensation insurance and medical malpractice insurance which policies must be issued by an insurance company qualified to do business in the state and which policies shall contain the following conditions and stipulations and shall be approved as to form and content by the St. Landry Parish attorney:

- (a) The term of all such insurance policies shall be for a period of not less than one year. Proof of insurance must be provided on a yearly basis.
- (b) The general liability and automobile liability insurance policies shall provide not less than limits of liability for each accident causing bodily injury (including death at any time resulting therefrom), \$1,000,000.00

for each person, \$3,000,000.00 for each accident, and \$1,000,000.00 for property damage sustained in any accident.

- (c) The medical malpractice insurance policy(ies) shall provide limits of liability for each accident causing bodily injury (including death at any time resulting therefrom) of \$500,000.00 for each person and \$500,000.00 for each accident. Participation in the Patients' Compensation Fund of the state as set forth in LA R.S. 40:1231.4, et seq., shall be deemed to be medical legal liability insurance within the contemplation of this chapter.
- (d) The workers' compensation insurance policy(ies) shall provide coverage for statutory benefits up to an aggregate amount for any one claim in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. In the event that provider is self-insured, it shall provide evidence of self-insurance along with proof of adequate excess insurance.
- (e) Provider shall furnish St. Landry Parish with a waiver of subrogation against any and all claims for damages or liability arising from their operations within the jurisdiction of the Parish.
 - (3) Inspection of ambulances: Before any operations can commence under any permit with the Parish, all ambulances must have current motor vehicle inspection stickers issued by the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles and each ambulance must be equipped in compliance with the standards for ambulance equipment as contained, inspected and approved yearly by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and as is set forth in LA R.S. 40:1135.2. Any ambulance owned or operated by a provider, which has a mechanical defect or lacks ambulance equipment, as required by law, must be corrected to conform to the requirements of this section.
 - (4) Emergency medical technicians: With reference to emergency medical technicians, the provider must agree as follows:
 - (a) No ambulance will transport an emergency patient with the transport originating in or from the parish unless it is capable and equipped properly to provide the appropriate level of services and staffed in accordance with State and Federal law.
 - (b) No person shall provide services in any capacity on an emergency medical response vehicle unless he is the holder of a certification by the department of health and hospitals; or a certification of an emergency medical responder, and emergency medical technician issued by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; or a certificate of licensure as a registered nurse; or is a physician or surgeon licensed to practice medicine by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. No person shall provide services in any capacity without holding a valid certification of cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American National Red Cross or the American Heart Association.
 - (c) Provider shall, at all times, under penalty of revocation, certify that all persons serving on said ambulance meets the following qualifications:
 - (1) The caregiver is a person of at least 18 years of age.
 - (2) The caregiver is an emergency medical technician who meets all state certification requirements and is in good standing with the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of Louisiana as memorialized in LA R.S. 40:1131 et seq.
 - (3) All employees of the provider who shall operate an ambulance within the jurisdiction of the Parish shall have been issued and be in possession of a valid driver's license for the operation of said vehicle as required by the state. Additionally, the provider shall, at all times, certify, under the penalty of permit revocation, that all drivers of its ambulances meet the following criteria:
 - i. The driver is a person of at least 18 years of age; and
 - ii. The driver is a Louisiana certified emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician-basic, certified emergency medical technician - intermediate, or certified emergency medical technician - paramedic.
 - (5) Standards for ambulance equipment: The provider must warrant that each ambulance will carry at all times, when the ambulance is in use, the minimum essential equipment necessary for either basic or advanced life support including, but not limited to, a space for a driver, and two attendants. Furthermore, the vehicle must be permanently equipped, as part of its regular equipment, with the minimum essential equipment and appropriate sizes for treating infants, children and adults consistent with the bureau of emergency medical services protocols.
 - (6) Ambulance performance standards: The provider must warrant as follows:
 - (a) That it shall not unreasonably refuse to respond to a request for emergency service within the jurisdiction of the Parish.
 - (b) The provider warrants that it shall not refuse to respond to a request for emergency service on the grounds of the patient's inability to pay for such service.
 - (7) Review of rates and financial information: As to the review of rates, charges and financial information, the provider must agree as follows:

The provider shall submit a schedule of its charge master rates for all services to the emergency medical service advisory board for review, at least once per year at such time and in such format as may be designated by the emergency medical service advisory board. The provider will not exceed the charges for base rate, mileage rate per run, supplies, oxygen and any other services included in the provider's schedule

of charge master rates at the time service is provided. A statement of the provider's charge master rates for the initial year of the initial term is attached to the contractual agreement as Exhibit "A." The issuance of a permit to Provider is ipso facto acceptance of the charge master rates provided. The provider acknowledges that it is responsible for billing and collecting for services rendered. All fees for services rendered shall remain the property of the provider. The provider will be allowed to add and/or modify items that represent new and/or changing technology, equipment, services and pharmaceuticals and to charge reasonable fees for said new items that are added. The provider shall be entitled to an annual increase in rates in accordance with the provider's schedule of charge master rates, on January 1 of each year that a permit is in effect, which rates shall not exceed the charge master rates charged in other areas of the State of Louisiana without the need for approval by the emergency medical service advisory board or the St. Landry Parish Council provided that such rates do not exceed the greater of five percent or the Medicare Inflation factor for the year at the time of renewal of the permit. However, should such an increase in rates exceed that amount as set forth herein, the increased rates shall not go into effect without first obtaining the written approval of the emergency medical service advisory board and the St. Landry Parish Council. Approval by the St. Landry Parish Council shall be by resolution. Notice of any increase in rates shall be reported to the St. Landry Parish Council and emergency medical service advisory board at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such increase.

- (8) Corporate citizenship: The provider must agree, when available, to provide ambulance stand-by at no charge for high school/college football games within the Parish. The provider must also agree, when available, to provide such other stand-by service as is requested by the Parish for similar events at a reasonable charge.
- (9) Maintenance of vehicles: All ambulances shall at all times be adequately maintained, serviced and mechanically sound. The provider shall maintain maintenance records that may be inspected by the emergency medical service advisory board as requested.
- (10) Vehicle locating system: Each ambulance provided must be equipped with global positioning satellite (GPS) or equivalent technology and the provider must maintain all necessary licenses, permits, etc. necessary pursuant to any state, federal, and local laws and regulations to enable the provider to operate said system. All response apparatus shall utilize Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVLs). The AVL system must interface with the St. Landry Parish E-911 Commission's CAD/GIS systems. The provider is responsible for all costs associated with the purchase and monthly operation of the AVL system. AVL data, including in-service and out-of-service vehicle locations, should be shared with the St. Landry Parish E-911 Commission's CAD/GIS systems by January 2024.

Section 21-14 - St. Landry Parish will agree as follows:

- (a) Will instruct and inform all interested parties (such as but not limited to 911 director, etc.) that the only permitted providers are allowed to respond to emergency (911 and other) and non-emergency ambulance transportation originating in or from the jurisdiction of the Parish.
- (b) St. Landry Parish will obey the terms and conditions of this ordinance and take all steps necessary (including criminal prosecution) to prevent any unauthorized operation of ambulance service within the jurisdiction of the Parish during the term of any permit. Unauthorized operation of an ambulance service is the situation where both the origin of the service takes place within the jurisdiction of the Parish without the operator having a permit with St. Landry parish to provide such ambulance service.
- (c) St. Landry Parish will enforce this ordinance and all laws, rules, regulations and ordinances governing unauthorized ambulance operation within the jurisdiction of the Parish.
- (d) St. Landry parishes will acknowledge that any unauthorized operation (by other than the permitted provider(s)) will cause financial harm to the permitted provider(s) such that any permitted provider may seek any appropriate relief against such other person/entity, including injunctive relief.

Section 21-15 – Revocation of Permit.

- (a) Revocation of a permit: Each of the following acts, omissions or occurrences shall constitute an event of default entitling St. Landry parish to revoke a permit:
- (1) Failure by the provider to observe and perform, in any material way, any covenant, warranty, term or provision of this ordinance including in the event of default as specified herein, which failure shall continue for a period of 60 days after notice thereof is given to the provider by St. Landry parish such failure and requesting that it be remedied;
 - (2) The provider shall cease doing business as a going concern;
 - (3) The provider's financial reports to St. Landry parish demonstrate financial instability or insolvency;
 - (4) The provider shall commence a voluntary case or other proceeding in bankruptcy or seek liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of its debts or for any other relief under the federal bankruptcy laws, as now existing or as may be amended from time to time, or under any other insolvency act or law, state or federal, now or hereinafter existing, or shall take any other action indicating its consent to, approval, or acquiescence in any such case or proceeding; the provider shall apply for, or consent to or

acquiesce in, the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, custodian, sequestration, or a trustee for all or a substantial part of its property; the provider shall make an assignment of a substantial portion of its assets for the benefit of its creditors; the provider shall fail, or shall admit in writing its failure to pay its debts generally as such debts become due or;

- (5) There shall be filed against the provider an involuntary petition in bankruptcy or seeking liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of its debts or any other relief under the federal bankruptcy laws, as now existing or as may be amended from time to time, or under any other insolvency act or law, state or federal, now or hereafter existing, or a receiver, liquidator, custodian, sequestration, or trustee of the provider for all or a substantial part of its property shall be appointed without the consent or approval of provider or a warrant of attachment, execution or similar process against any substantial part of the property of the provider is issued; and the continuance of any such event or events for 30 days undismissed or undischarged or within such 30 days, the entering of an order for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code.

Section 21-16 – Termination by the provider.

(a) The provider will be entitled to terminate any permit concerning the provision of ambulance services upon the occurrence of an event of default as hereinafter set forth:

- (1) Failure by the St. Landry Parish, by its own fault, to observe or perform any covenant, warranty, term or provision of this ordinance;

Section 21-17 – Statement of purpose.

The St. Landry Parish Council, in accordance with La. R.S. 33:4791.1, does hereby find and declare the following:

- (a) The provision of consistent high quality emergency and non-emergency ambulance service, and any and all aspects attendant to emergency and non-emergency operations provided by qualified personnel with advanced life support equipment, is essential to health, safety and welfare of the citizens and people within the jurisdiction of the Parish.
- (b) Exclusive or limited permitting of ambulance service, for the provision of emergency medical services, to the 911 or other emergency communication dispatcher of the city-parish is essential to maintaining quick response time.
- (c) It is in the best interest of the citizens within the jurisdiction of the Parish to limit the permitted providers of emergency and non-emergency ambulance service, in order to demand accountability of the provider as well as to guarantee the stability and access to ambulance service

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 017-2023

A resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the “District”), adopted a resolution on April 13, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 14, 2023, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry,

State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of five (5) mills on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$66,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of constructing, improving, and maintaining gravity drainage works within and for the District?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd, 2023
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Harold Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation
3. Roll Call: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: None.
4. Person to address the Committee:

Darnell & Sikes – Delivery of Audit from Adjudicated Property Report.

Mr. Steve Moosa addressed the council regarding Adjudicated Properties in St. Landry Parish. He presented the council a copy of the agreed upon procedures engagement that was performed on the adjudicated property policies and procedures. He stated management requested them to come in and provide updates. They had some policies in place and they were adopted for many years. Parish management wanted us to come in and perform a procedure to see if the policies were being followed and in order. In March 2023 the report was provided and it is not an opinion report, it is not anything that is compliance it is just a voluntary agreed upon procedure. He stated 27 properties were sold during the 2021-2022 calendar years and there were several exceptions to the record keeping of the records that were needed. It is public record and it was reported to the Legislative Auditors. Management have already started to make improvements to those policies and procedures to make sure that they are followed going forward. He stated out of 27 properties that were sold during the last two years there were about 7 or 11 deposits that we could not account for nor were they identified during the year. Policies on advertising and notices were not always followed and 15 of 27 properties did not have proper and timely advertising and management has already started to make those improvements.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere ask for the status of the properties that had discrepancies.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have been meeting with Garrett and trying to come up with a solution. There are 3 pieces of property out of the 27 that we will have to stop and reverse the sale. We have an affidavit for the rest that we will submit to the owners of the property. If they want to sign the affidavit acknowledging the discrepancy in the sale then I will let the sale go on because it is a non warrenty cash sale. If they don't want to then we will have to reverse the sale and rebid the property. Our plan for the 3 pieces of property that we had issues with are to meet with them one on one and tell them what the issues are.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned how soon will all of this take place?

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The process have not started yet. What the auditors have done is complete but we still have the criminal investigation that is not complete yet. Once that is done then we will start the process of what needs to be done."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned if Parish Government is ready to restart selling adjudicated property.

Mr. Steve Moosa stated, "From what I have seen after the comments, the follow-ups, the corrections and the procedures that are put in place management is ready to account for the adjudicated property sales.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We have one person filing suit against Parish Government because they had the opportunity to purchase a property and they did not purchase the property. The other person came behind them in a timely manner and brought the property and had it recorded in the courthouse. Our attorney told us that he was the legal owner of that property then it goes back and the other person is now suing Parish government as well as the other person that purchased the property. I think there are a lot of issues that needs to be corrected before we start selling adjudicated properties. We really need to know if a person that works for Parish Government can purchase property. I believe that answer was no."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The answer is yes. Anybody can buy property. I can buy, you all can buy. Anybody can buy property as long as it is put like it needs to be put. Just to make sure there is no problem I am not buying any property but any councilman can as long as it is through the Public Bid Process."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I am talking about workers for Parish Government. From my understanding no councilmembers or people working for the Parish could purchase property and now you are saying that they can."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I never ever said that a person working in the government or a councilmember cannot buy property. It is open to the public. If you would buy you cannot vote on it obviously because of a conflict but other than that it is not an issue. The issue is not that at all."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated she called the Ethics Board several times to inquire if Parish Government Employees can purchase adjudicated property and they informed her that no parish employee is allowed to buy property.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have asked that opinion from the Attorney General's Office and it is not an issue. It has to be public. So buying property have to be public, it is not about a private sale. If it is public it is public for anybody.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked the Parish President to share the Attorney General's Opinion that he received with the council.

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding an ongoing investigation.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The investigation have been going on for about 5-6 weeks. I spoke with the detective yesterday and she still have a couple more people to interview and we will have her conclusion.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked the Parish President Jessie Bellard to explain to her what will be done different in sales of adjudicated property that was not done in the past.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he has people that he can trust to do the job right. It falls back on him and he takes the blame. He stated Adjudicated Property sales will be done on a quarterly basis. He presented the council with quarterly sale dates. They will be selling adjudicated property four times a year and we will take applications for each quarter of the year and make the sale happen after the ordinance is passed and everything else is done.

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain regarding the process constituents have to take after they have been notified by Parish Government that they have won the bid for the adjudicated property sale.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If they are notified by the Parish Government that they have the winning bid then they should follow these new guide lines. It is recommended that they seek an attorney to help them to close the deal and to do the Non-Warrant Cash Sale. It is here in your packets and it is very streamlined and organized step by step process. They will be notified by mail by Parish Government that they have won the bid. They notify Parish Government that they wish to authenticate the property and Parish Government have 10 days to authenticate it. Authentication of sale can only be completed after notices are sent to the previous owners who lost it. If it is adjudicated less than 5 years then the owner have 6 months to redeem it. If it is more than 5 years they have 60 days to redeem it. The purchaser must request authentication and Parish Government have 10 days to authenticate it. It can only be a Non-Warrant Cash Sale because it came out of a tax sale. The cash sale have to be filed in the Conveyance Records of the Clerk of Court and the purchaser has to pay all the filing cost. The filing of the Non-Warrant Cash Sale the purchaser shall file an affidavit of cancellation into the Mortgage Records. If the property is redeemed by the original owner the sums that are deposited by the purchaser will be refunded. It appears that now it is very streamline and organized. The statutory guidelines for selling adjudicated property are in the affidavit and the checklist that will be filled out.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain regarding a letter that stated we should hire a law firm to take care of our adjudicated property sales. He also stated if another attorney who handles sales of property says that we don't need another firm but as soon as that bidder is notified that they are awarded that property they will seek a private attorney that they choose.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated that is correct. It is recommended that they seek out an attorney to help them to authenticate it.

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned why we would need another attorney to be involved with this? He stated he spoke with another attorney and the other attorney stated that we don't need anyone involved. Let the people come and see us and we will take care of the situation.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The reason why is not because of the purchaser that is buying the property. It is to make sure that whenever that purchaser brings the property we have 10 days to make sure that it is good so I can sign off on the Non-Warranty Cash Sale. I wanted an attorney to look at it on behalf of the Parish Government to make sure that what they gave us was correct, just to cover us. That \$500.00 that comes in with the deposit is what we will us to pay that attorney. We will not be out of any money. The Parish Government is not going to pay this attorney it will be coming from them. So the private attorney still gets to do the work but my thing is that whenever they come back with the affidavit and make sure that all of the procedures were done that is why I wanted an attorney. To go back to the procedures, these procedures did not change. Everything that he talked about have been in place. We did not change any procedures it is that they did not follow the procedures and that it is a difference."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated the attorney that advised and has a letter to the effect of this stated that we don't need to hire another firm to be involved. It is the same attorney that is involved in that lawsuit where we are getting sued because we sold the property to two people. I am trying to keep it where our constituents are going to be taken care of and they don't need to use our attorney. They can go and seek their own attorney and take care of things.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We agree. We are not saying that they can't hire their own attorney all we are saying is once they do their own work it is brought back to us. Doing property sales is not something that any attorney can do, it is very tedious and it has a lot in the process. What I want to do is get an attorney on board so they will look at it before I sign it in that 10 day window. It is okay, we have if fixed so we are good.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned once an adjudicated property sale is awarded to a constituent how long does the constituent has to complete the process of ownership.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated there was an ordinance to amend the adjudicated property ordinance to put a deadline or a timeline on when it must be finalized and authenticated. That ordinance was not passed by the council yet but there was an ordinance to replace a deadline which was not passed. There is no deadline which is why an ordinance was put together to amend the adjudicate property ordinance to put a deadline on the person buying it.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated once the property is awarded to a constituent it cannot be resold. He also questioned if a constituent waits two years or 5 years and does not complete the process can the parish resell this property?

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain, "There is no deadline that have been legislated in an ordinance to place on the purchaser where after a year it will be place up for bid again. I don't think the parish will let the purchaser go five years, at some point the parish will take action. There was an ordinance to amend it to place a deadline but the ordinance was not passed at least not yet.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "How can a piece of property be sold twice when the first constituent that bought it put their \$500.00 deposit and it was sold again?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is what brought up everything, that one sale, it was sold twice. We started the process on that particular sale in September 2021. It was sold in November to Mr. Lee and December it was brought back to the council to sell again and that was sold in January. Whenever that happens that what brought me to look at the whole process and that is why we are here today. That will not happen again. The people that placed their \$500.00 were awarded the bid and they were the highest bidder at the time.

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned the status of the lawsuit regarding the property sold to two different constituents.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not sure about the lawsuit. Garrett will explain.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "I have left messages for the other attorney. I was told that she will call me tomorrow to let me know when she will file for the Court Hearing to finish that lawsuit.

Councilman Alvin Stelly asked that Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain contact him to let him know when the Court Hearing is filed because that is in his district.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated the process was started to have an amendment to the ordinance to have a time limit of 6 months for the constituents to complete the process. She stated that ordinance needs to be updated and adopted.

Mr. Tommy Dejean addressed the council regarding the statue. "He stated you all gave the monument to the Sons of the Confederate Veterans about one year ago. They tried to move it in January and it did not work out. We had a plan and we dug around the monument. We thought that we could pick the whole thing up in one piece but it did not work because it is not solid. I have spoken to people who have taken down monuments and they have informed me to take the top part down first or it will be destroyed. I have a plan and it is modified, we need a crane and we need to pick up the base. The base is a 4 x 4 piece of granite. I have a guy named Michael Baston from Baston Monuments out of Alberton Georgia. The Sons of the Confederate Veterans will fly Mr. Baston in on Tuesday or Wednesday after Mother's Day to see what equipment he needs to disassemble the statue. The statue is a puzzle and it was not meant to be taken down. It has locking pins all around it. He will drive a crew from Alberton Georgia to take the top off and then we will remove the base.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "It has been over 6 weeks, I will ask the council within the next 2 weeks to try to get it moved because we have already voted to have it removed. I am asking the council to give them a permanent time and date to move the statue.

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated Mr. Dejean is trying. I know that we voted on it but it takes time.

Mr. Tommy Dejean stated, "No time limit was given until it was not moved in January. With all due respect the council could not get a dog ordinance passed in two years. We are volunteers, I don't do this for a living. I am leaving to go out of town tomorrow and I was suppose to take my wife out to dinner tonight but I came here to address this. I am trying to help out the community. Your community wants it down and my community wants it to stay but the votes were not there but it will be removed. It will be removed with dignity and respect. That is how this whole thing started. Someone came up here and spoke without a rebuttal back in January 2022. Someone got on the agenda without being on the agenda and spoke without a rebuttal and put forth in my opinion untruths to the committee on the reason why it needs to be removed. I accept that you all have voted to remove it but it has to be moved with dignity and respect."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I know it is a big statue. It never shrunk in size. We knew that it had to be moved. You spoke of an animal ordinance but there are houses that are 3-4 stories high and they are being built in less than a year and this is a statue."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "The man that brought it up said if everybody would put up fifty cents the monument would be moved easy. I did not see anyone put up fifty cents and he is not here to tell us where the fifty cents are. I don't mind the monument staying right where it is. It is over 100 years that monument has been sitting there."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "With very much respect from both sides of the isle, do you have any idea of a time frame? I know in two week this monument company will be back with some information about a time frame."

Mr. Tommy Dejean stated, "In two weeks, the week after Mother's Day, May 17 or May 18, 2023 Mr. Baston from Baston Monuments will fly into Lafayette and he will look at that monument. If he has to come in without seeing it other than pictures then it gets to be a more costly procedure because he does not know what he is dealing with other than photographs. He said the best thing is for him to come here and look at it and see what he has to bring that is necessary to take it down to made sure that it can go back up. That is the goal to put it back up, not just to take it down. It was hard to get him to come during that time because he is busy. He estimated, again this is looking at photographs, he said three or four days just to take that top part down and of course we will move that bottom part at the same time. I can't tell you, I can tell you 6 weeks, I don't know."

Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier stated, "Mr. Tommy we will try to move on. I understand and I appreciate your effort. I understand that you can't move it overnight. It is very heavy and it was never intended to be moved. Can you give us an update?"

Opelousas Police Chief Graig LeBlanc addressed the council. He stated, "I come before you to night to request that a portion of the Racino Money that was dedicated previously to Opelousas Police Department for the services that we provide to the Racino independently of any Law Enforcement Agency in the parish be given back. In 2018 under the previous administration the Opelousas Police Department lost 6% of the Racino Funds that was dedicated to us for providing law enforcement service to the Racino. That money was place into the Parish General Fund. Since the Racino have been opened in December 2003 we have responded to 5,739 calls, averaging 300 calls per year. The money was taken because the St. Landry Parish Government was going to house city inmates. There are currently 3 city inmates in the St. Landry Parish Jail and those inmates are housed there for \$17.00 a day per inmate for a yearly cost of \$6,205.000 per inmate. If we were to house 8 inmates in the parish jail for an entire year it would cost us \$50,000.00. When they took the money they took an excess of \$150,000.00 from the Opelousas Police Department and allocated it to their General Fund. I am asking if you all would be so kind to allocate at least \$100,000.00 back to the Opelousas Police Department. I think that \$50,000.00 would be more than enough to suffice the parish for the inmates that they hold throughout the year."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Bellard, in our General Fund Budget, would it be a problem to rededicate that money back to Opelousas Police Department?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We would have to make some cuts for that to happen but it can be done."

Councilman Dexter Brown asked if the refund of the \$100,000.00 to the Opelousas Police Department could be brought up before the council.

Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier stated, "Yes."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I spoke to the Chief today, in fact I had him come to the meeting, we spoke about the different things. I spoke to the Parish President about this issue. The way that I see it is if the money was dedicated for Opelousas Police Department and we have not passed a budget yet and they are willing to work with us to work with our budget. I am talking about put it where \$100,000.00 could go back to Opelousas Police Department because they are the ones that are answering the calls. The money was already dedicated from the Racino for the Opelousas Police Department. The president just said that we could work it within the budget. I say that we look at the budget and whatever cuts that we have to make and try to fit this in the budget that we can help out Opelousas Police Department also. We can't take any action now but when we start working on the budget this is an issue that we need to look at."

Legal counsel Garrett Duplechain questioned if that would that be a motion to pass it to full council meeting?

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "No. when we work on our budget this would be a number that we would look into to add into the budget.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Once the percentage is agreed upon we can put that in the budget.

Mr. Jason Halphen addressed the council regarding his application to the Public Works Commission District 6 Board.

5. Parish President & Finance Report:

- Lease and Operating Agreement with Aerotech at our St. Landry Parish Airport

Parish President Jessie Bellard asked the council for their approval for him to sign the Lease and Operating agreement with Aerotech.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I noticed in the proposal that Article 6, the insurance provision for insurance have been deleted per St. Landry Parish Government. Is this consistent with all of the other leases that we have out there?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "This is nothing different than what we have with other Leases on the insurance."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Do we have any leases that require them have insurance?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I think some of the older ones do have them."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if we could check on that.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Some of the older ones have them. I have the older one so I can check on them."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "It would seem to me if we would have a business out there and someone gets hurt the parish owns the land so we will be a party to that particular lawsuit. I can't understand why we have some with insurance and some don't."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That is a decision that the council and the president will have to make. Some of the older leases, which I have copies of require insurance. I have reviewed Aerotech. I don't think that the requirement is in there. If a lawsuit is filed it will come to me, there is either insurance or there is not.

Councilman Harold Taylor, "This is not a Hanger, this is a business that we are talking about."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is a Hanger, not the actual business. That is just the company name that the lease will be under, we are just leasing the grounds."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "If you read the text of the lease. We are giving them the right to work on other planes, so that would be commercial."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are leasing the grounds."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Duplechain, you are saying the council can put in here that clause that they have to have insurance, is that correct?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That is a decision that the council and the president will have to make as far as whether or not we have a requirement that the party that is leasing have insurance. That is a policy decision."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We have other entities that is carrying insurance and we have a new one coming in I see no reason why they don't have to come in having insurance also."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If you want to treat all parties equal and not deviate from what was done in the past perhaps you would require insurance but that is a decision that the council and the president will have to make."

Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier stated, "Based on what was just discussed I suggest that we hold off on passing this to further discuss the insurance possibilities."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Mr. Bellard, could you pull the contacts and see who has and does not have insurance?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, we can. Please keep this in mind that this is the property. We are not leasing the building. We are just leasing the property."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I understand but it is on parish property. If you will take a look at that and share it with us for our meeting we can certainly make a decision on it."

- Preliminary and final approval for Mark Kopieck showing a partition/subdivision lots 1-13 located on LA Hwy 356 and Bearb Road, Sunset, LA

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, Mary 17th, 2023 to authorize the Preliminary and final approval for Mark Kopieck showing a partition/subdivision lots 1-13 located on La HWY 356 and Bearb Road, Sunset, LA.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to accept the Parish President and Finance Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion carried.

6. Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 017-2023.
A Resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023 to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to approve Resolution No. 017-2023.

A Resolution approving the holding of an election in St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, October 14, 2023 to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.

7. Discuss Adjudicated Property Sales. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting."

8. Update on increase of St. Landry Parish Council Clerks salary and Amending the current Ordinance for the Council Clerk Salary.

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I will ask that we amend our ordinance so that we can put the money into the budget so we can go ahead to give them a raise."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to amend the budget to increase the salary for the Council Clerks.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

9. A motion to have an Organizational Chart furnished to the St. Landry Parish Council before the 2023 Budget is approved and what fund they are being paid out of. (Salary - Vehicle Fund).

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I ask that this be placed on the agenda. I will ask Mr. Brown who is the sponsor of the budget that it be placed. Under the Home Rule Charter it states that we are in title to an Organizational Chart with the Salaries and Vehicle Number and what department they work in."

Councilman Dexter Brown questioned Finance Director Caryn Fulop and asked her if the Organizational Chart will be available for the next full council meeting.

Caryn Fulop, Finance Director stated, "We are putting it together for you all and it will be ready for the next Full Council Meeting."

Chairman Jerry Red stated, "I just want to make it clear to the council that no one have sponsored the new budget yet."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "With the new budget and the amendments and the adjustment I don't have any problem sponsoring the new budget."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If you all don't mind let me make the adjustments in it. Then I will bring it to the Full Council Meeting and we can introduce it then if you all want."

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to authorize the Parish President to present an Organization Chart to the Council that will include the salaries of the employees, Their Vehicle Numbers and the name of the Department they are working in before the 2023 Budget is approved.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion forwarded.

10. Update on Clifford Moore damage to property where Solar Panel Project is ongoing.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I placed this on the agenda. Mr. Moore had damages to his property by the people that are doing the Solar Panel. They still have not paid him for the damages to his property. Mr. Bellard, do you think that you can contact them."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I did contact them. They said they were in talks with Mr. Clifford Moore.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "That is on hold."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will call Brian tomorrow. We don't have any control. It is between those two but I will call them tomorrow."

11. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard, In November 2022 if we had to go out and cut a property owner’s property such as grass because it was overgrown, do we have to re-submit letters to them again if it is the same situation current?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “No, the property owners name will be in our Clerks list and my list of names of these property owners that were sent notices. Notices came back signed or un-signed and a certificate of mailing was recorded by our clerk in clerk of court records. One set is done and the next step is to go out and take care of the property. After that is done a cost to the parish will be a certain amount that is a lien that can be recorded against that property. If they have to continue cutting the grass or cutting a tree down or whatever work that needs to be done on the property at some point when the work is done there will be a final cost which will be recorded as a lien against that property by Parish Government. If this is not adjudicated property and we sent the notice to them we are going to have that property owners name in our list that we file a certificate of mailing and a notice. So no we don’t have to send the notice out again it was already sent. At some point when the work is done there will be a final bill and that can be put as a lien against the property.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, have we collected anything from those Blighted Properties?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes we are collecting some. We are collecting some on the tickets that we are issuing out. It is not a lot but they are coming to pay some of them.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The ones that we are tearing down, that is a lot of money. Did we collect anything?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard started, “Those that are torn down we just put a lien on the property.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Bellard, did you get any letters from any of the mandated expenses?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard, “Yes, we forwarded it to Sherell. It was from Chad.”

12. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3rd, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was said earlier in the meeting.
3. Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr.
4. Person to address the Committee:
 - Mr. David Richard addressed the council regarding an update on the status of the adjudicated property that he purchased in Grand Coteau. He stated it is a long

process to get the paperwork complete for the purchase of adjudicated property.

- Ms. Marshell Rosette addressed the council regarding the trash in her neighbor's yard, she resides at 1067 HWY 167. She stated that he repairs cars and trucks and there are bicycle parts and old trailers on the property. She also stated she had contacted Mr. Richard Lewis and he said that he had sent out a letter to her neighbor to clean up his property.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if Ms. Marshell Rosette's neighbor have a license to sell or repair cars. She also informed Ms. Rosette to go to the Clerk of Court's Office to check on her boundaries of her property.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No we did not check on that. We did send him a letter and we did start that process.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned the Junk Ordinance.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We still have to follow the same process. The ordinance does not give us the ability to expedite anything. We still have to give the notices to the owners."

- Mr. Jarod Meaux of Med Express addressed the council regarding the Ambulance Ordinance. Mr. Meaux stated that he covers the South the East the West and in Opelousas. He stated when we have something on the north end they come from Bunkie or shift over from Ville Platte.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated we have problems in the norther part of St. Landry Parish and nobody is reaching those parts. Our main concern is the time wise and for the life of our Citizens in St. Landry Parish. If you all would open a Substation for the Northern area that is close to north Central High would be a great location.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I live on the north end. There is no ambulance service north of HWY 190. We don't have an ordinance in place now but if you want us to get into the business of regulating you will have to serve the north end.

- Victoria Doucet (Speed Bump Procedure)
Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Ms. Victoria Doucet ask for a Speed Bump Packet for Ms. Victoria Doucet. She lives on Longwood Drive in District 9. She would like to start the process."
- Mr. Lionel Rubin addressed the council regarding his concerns about the parish workers attending the court hearing in support of the Parish President. He stated the employees asked the Parish President to attend and they were informed by the Parish President that they had to clock out before they could attend the hearing. He stated that the Parish President respect each of them and they respect him. He also stated that the Parish President treats them all on a professional level. He works alongside of them like an employee and not a boss and that is the reason why they were there for support for the Parish President and that is why they are here tonight.
- Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Rubin I did speak to the Parish President about the workers. I said if they are on the clock they should be working and not in the courtroom. We have workers also, our Council Clerk wanted to go and I said no. If you all clocked out more power to you."

5. Public Works Report:

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He gave the council updates On the progress in the parish. He stated, "The ditching on Mouton Road is 95% complete and we will start the ditching on Duck Road which is adjoining Mouton. We have completed shooting grade on Comfort Lane and Sunnydale Road. East Maple to Max Road is complete. Culvert repaired on Greenview Lane. Contractor will start this week on a flooding issue on Harmon Lane. A contractor is working on Lago Avenue and Jack Fox Lane Drainage. AOK Services is working on the issue with trees on Malveaux Road. Ditching work is being done on Rozas Road. Frank Brisco Dirt Service got the bid to do the ditching on Shawnee Farms Road. Zike Miller Road is complete, Tower Road is complete and Lenora Road is ongoing as we speak. We have 2 people that gave us bids to overlay Graham Street. So we are moving forward."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "In reference to Fluer Des Coteau we will have one contractor that will be able to help us with that 600' - 700' of Lateral. Mr. Soileau is in communications with them. We will have an answer for that specific one but not the road. Just for the record, it is not Parish Government that is doing it but we are trying to help the people to get it done by a local contractor. We are just helping them with it."

The Council praised Mr. Soileau, Public Works Director for the work that he is doing for St. Landry parish.

Chairman Jerry Red questioned the Overlay on Jim Guillory Road and Pine Loop.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I forgot to check on the status on Jim Guillory Road but we did Pine Loop and we are getting the price on Hilton Road. We will check the portion off of Jim Guillory by Acadiana Road and present you with an update at the Full Council Meeting.

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

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

Motion carried.

6. Update on the removal of the statue. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)
 - Item was discussed earlier in the meeting.
7. Discuss status of Speed Bump surveys that were mailed out to constituents on Belmont Road and Plantation Road.

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "We give an update each time we send out the letters after the time frame of the ordinance which is 15 days after we mail out the letters. We mailed out 144 letters to the Constituents on Plantation Road and received 28 back approve and 3 declined so it did not pass. Belmont Road did not pass either, it has to be at least 75% of the Registered Voters."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I thought if a constituent wanted speed bumps you would give them the application and the constituent would go from house to house and submit that information back to the council and the council would further the process. When did it change? How did it change? Can we go back to giving the constituent the application for Speed Bumps?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain started, "If you amend the ordinance you can change up how it is done. The ordinance specifically says it is to be mailed to all of the registered voters on that street and they have 15 days to send it back with a yes or no vote and they have 15 days to do so. That is the language of the ordinance.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I would like to see if we can amend the ordinance."

Councilman Dexter Brown suggested that we leave the ordinance as it is. He stated constituents going from door to door can be dangerous."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to amend the Speed Bump Ordinance.

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

Motion forwarded.

8. Forward to full council to re-appoint Buddy Helton to serve on the Central St. Landry Economic Development District Board. Recommended by Vision of St. Landry.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to re-appoint Buddy Helton to serve on the Central St. Landry Economic Development District Board. Recommended by Vision of St. Landry.

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

Motion forwarded.

9. Forward to full council to appoint Jason Halphen to replace Rita Renee Aymond for the remainder of a four-year term to the Public Works Commission District Six. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to appoint Jason Halphen to the Public Works Commission District Six for the remainder of a four year term to replace Rita Renee Aymond. (05-17-2021 – 05-17-2025).

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

Motion forwarded.

10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointment for a six year term to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) (07-19-2023 – 07-19-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments for a six year term to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) (07-19-2023 – 07-19-2029).

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

Motion forwarded.

11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointment to Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 12 for a four year term. (07-15-2023 – 07-15-2028).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to the Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 12 for a four-year term. (07-15-2023 – 07-15-2028).

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

Motion forwarded.

12. Discuss future plans to address the flooding on roads that are always closed after heavy rains. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I would like to know the future plans that we are working on when a heavy rain comes and there are 9-10 roads that are closed due to flooding from a heavy rain.

Public Works Director Mr. Barry Soileau stated, "Bayou Carron is one of your culprits. We have the money in place. We are going through the bid process and the red tape to get it cleared. Once we do Bayou Carron that should eliminate a lot of the issues and we will continue to dig the ditches and try to make the water flow to the best of our ability."

13. Discuss Cleaning of Culverts. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned if the machine was fixed to do Culvert Cleaning."

Public Works Director Mr. Barry Soileau stated, "Yes and they are rolling. It is the worst job in the parish. It is a tedious job and it takes time. We are getting around the parish and we have you on the list, first come, first serve unless it is an emergency where there is sewerage back up."

14. Discuss the status of material for roads that are on hold. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned the status of 5 roads that have been on hold awaiting material.

Public Works Director Mr. Barry Soileau stated, "Yes we are getting material. They have been ordered. We get material and we take care of one road. One road in your district is not complete yet is Tower Road. It is a very long road so it takes a lot of material. We are doing one at a time until we get them all."

15. Update on Broadband (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated she received a lot of calls regarding an update on Broadband.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The funding is coming in by June 30th, 2023. The Federal Government will release the money for that NTIA Grant. That is what we were told. The GUMBO Fund goes directly to the contractors. The NTIA Grant is funneled through the Acadiana Planning Commission and June 30th, 2023 is the deadline."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned the Broadband that was not connected to four homes on Half Way House Road.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Charters Communications is running on the main road, on the State Highway. Down Half Way House that was supposed to be for Allen's Cable. Charters is going out of their territory as I was told yesterday. It is an issue between Charters and Allen as to who will take care of Half Way House but it will be taken care of and the private roads will not be an issue for the cable companies."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned a Culvert on Zeno Road.

Public Works Director Barry Soileau stated Zeno Road have been taken care of."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned if the Parish is still getting Black Gold Material.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We are. We are getting some this week. We are using that to dress the sides of the road. We are having an issue with the black gold so we will use the Black Gold to do other things and use the 610 Lime Stone to dress the sides of the roads."

16. Authorize the concrete barrier to be repainted yellow at N 8th Street Intersection with Hwy 13. (Councilman Coby Clavier).

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, "Mr. Bellard acknowledge that he will get it repainted. I got with him a little while ago and they will repaint it. The paint is all faded and it cannot be seen at night. It once was bright yellow and we will repaint it again and we will repaint it a bright yellow to be seen."

17. Discuss Rolton Road. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "There are no homes on Rolton Road other than one. That one home is on the corner of Rolton and Canal. Canal could be utilized to get off until we can properly deal with the issue on Rolton Road. There are large holes that are 5 – 6 feet deep in some places. Is there anything that we can do to limit the cut through traffic until we properly fix that? It was requested to install concrete barriers on that road."

Public Works Chairman Barry Soileau stated, "In my opinion it would not be feasible. It is a safety issue if barriers were installed. Rolton Road is a mess. It is a constant battle and it would cost a fortune to fix it. We are constantly trying to maintain it as best as we can. I don't anything that we can do legally to stop it."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned Permanent drop downs for high water signs on roads that normally flood or prone to flood and Rolton could be included in that.

Public Woks Chairman Barry Soileau stated that was a good idea.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Actually any road that have the problem. We talked about that. That is a good idea and we can make that happen."

18. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated that someone ask her about the process to start to get a caution light by Westminster which is in Mr. Ardoin's District. Would the state have to consider that?

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If I am not mistaken a few years back the state did a study on that. I will contact Nick to see if we can do another study.

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I will ask that our part of the road be widened right there and the light situation.

19. Adjourn

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to adjourn the Public Works Committee Meeting.

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

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 3rd, 2023
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Red Jr.
- II. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. Ex Officio: Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: Easton Shelvin.
- IV. Item for Discussion:
 - Update on Menard vs St. Landry Parish Government Lawsuit in Executive Session.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Mr. Chairman I might be able to take care of this one and we don't have to go into Executive Session. Menard vs St. Landry Parish Government where St. Landry Parish Government is a definitive going to trial on May 22, 2023. If a settlement offer had come in today or yesterday or any day before I would have had to notify the council of the settlement offer in Executive Session but none came in. There have been no update or change in the case. We are going to Trial on May 22, 2023."

- Update on Jessie Bellard vs St. Landry Parish Council in Executive Session.
(Legal Counsel Gary McGoffin)

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to go into Executive Session, Turn off the recording and all the parties leave the Council Chambers except the Council and the Council Clerk and the Council Legal Attorney Mr. Gary McGoffin.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, 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 3rd, day of May, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to return back to Regular Session. Turn on the recording and invite the Parish President, Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain and the Public to return to the Council Chambers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, 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 3rd, day of May, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday May 17th, 2023 the introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-012. An Ordinance to authorize the investigation of the termination of St. Landry Parish Employees from August 24, 2020 to the present.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, 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 3rd, day of May, 2023.

V. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, 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 3rd, day of May, 2023.

XIII. ADJOURN

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