

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 warranty 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 use 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 it 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, May 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