

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 stated, "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. Marshall 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. Marshall 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**