

PUBLIC NOTICE

ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT *PUBLIC HEARING*

THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st, 2023**, AT OLD CITY MARKET LOCATED AT 131 W. BELLEVUE STREET, OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA.

THE HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING ANY AND ALL OBJECTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

5:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-008– (Sponsored by: Councilwoman Vivian Olivier)

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.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-14 lists the roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic“ routes.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance amends St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-14 so that Iseringhausen Road in Opelousas can be included on the list of roads that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic“ routes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Chapter 44, Section 44-14 is hereby amended as follows:

The following roads are hereby restricted and designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes:

Andrepoint Road (Parish Road 6-10); (1)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340); (2)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340-1); (3)
Begnaud Road (4)
Belmont Drive; (5)
Country Ridge; (6)
Darjean Road; (7)
Dresser Loop; (8)
Federal Road (Council District No. 1); (9)
Fisher Road (Parish Road 4-110); (10)
Fort Hamilton Drive (Parish Road 1-319); (11)

Frank Road (12)
Frilot Cove Road; (13)
Gordon Street (Parish Road 6-45); (14)
Government Road (Council District No. 3); (15)
Greg Drive; (16)
Harmon Lane in Opelousas (17)
Hidalgo Road (Council District No. 3); (18)
Highway 1244; (19)
Iseringhausen Road; (20)
Jacob Road (Parish Road 6-345); (21)
Jeff Thibodeaux (Parish Road 6-345); (22)
Judson Walsh; (23)
Lawyer Road; (24)
Littell Street (Parish Road 6-40); (25)
McClelland Road (Parish Road 6-35); (26)
National Road (Council District No. 3); (27)
North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104; (28)
Oscar Rivette Road; (29)
Perry Drive (Parish Road 6-40-1); (30)
Plantation Road; (31)
Rainbow Drive; (32)
Rolling Oaks Drive (Parish Road 1-397); (33)
Sir Thomas Henry Drive; (34)
Smith Lane (Parish Road 5-30); (35)
Soileau Road (Parish Road 6-275); (36)
Soileau Road from Hwy. 13 to Hwy. 757; (37)
Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2); (38)
West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection. (39)

5:15 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-010- (Sponsored by: Councilman Dexter Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2023 OPERATING BUDGET

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-011- (Sponsored by: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

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.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 2-09 C. states that the council shall fix the salaries of it's employees.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the amount of NINTY THOUSAND DOLLARS shall be annually appropriated each year to pay the salaries of the Clerk for the St. Landry Parish Council and the Assistant Clerk for the St. Landry Parish Council, beginning with the year 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the Council shall decide by majority vote how the annual appropriation of NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS shall be apportioned between the Clerk for the St. Landry Parish Council and the Assistant Clerk for the St. Landry Parish Council.

5:45 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 012- (Sponsored by: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

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

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter ("Charter") provides the following with regard to the powers and duties of the Parish President in Section 3-10:

(1) Insure that all laws, provisions of this Charter, and acts of the council, subject to enforcement by the president or by officers subject to the president's direction and supervision, are faithfully executed.

(4) Make any other reports as the council may reasonably request to enable the council to function.

(6) Attend council meetings personally or through a designee and furnish any information regarding parish government requested by any member of the council.

(7) Perform any other duties that are specified in this Charter or may be required by the council, not inconsistent with this Charter, the constitution, or state law.

(11) Appoint, suspend, or remove all parish government employees and appointive administrative officers in accordance with parish personnel policies and applicable law except as otherwise provided by this Charter.

WHEREAS, the Charter in Section 4-08 provides the following with regard to Personnel Policies and Procedures:

A. The president shall prepare a manual, within six months after assuming office, that sets out the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations regarding the classification and pay plans of parish government employees. The manual shall conform to the parish government's policy and objective to employ those persons best qualified to perform the functions of the parish government, to foster career service, and insure that all appointments and promotions made in the parish government and its various departments shall be made on the basis of merit and fitness. The manual shall be submitted to the council which may approve it by adopting an ordinance to that effect, and all changes to the manual thereafter be by ordinance.

B. The personnel policies, rules, and position descriptions in effect in parish government when this Charter becomes effective shall continue in effect, except as is provided above, until replaced by an ordinance of the council, and if they conflict with the Charter, the Charter shall prevail.

WHEREAS, the President has declined to respond to inquiries by the St. Landry Parish Council ("Council"), or its various members, regarding his removal of Parish employees in conformance with the Parish policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the President has declined to produce a copy of the policies and procedures manual that was relied upon by the President in termination or removal of Parish employees: and

WHEREAS, the Charter in Section 2-07 provides the following authority to the Council to conduct investigations:

The council may order investigations into the affairs of the parish government and related conduct of any parish government official, officer, employee, department, office, or agency. Investigations shall be for specified purposes which must be

reduced to writing before beginning the investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Charter in Section 2-12(E) limits the President's veto authority over actions of the Council pursuant to the provisions of the Charter at Section 2-07:

The right of the parish president to veto as provided in this section shall apply to all ordinances adopted by the council except ordinances providing for reapportionment, amendments to this Charter, establishing, altering or modifying council procedure, appropriating funds for auditing or investigating any part of the executive branch, or as provided elsewhere in this Charter.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council enact this ordinance ordering an investigation and the appropriation of funds sufficient to conduct the investigation of the termination of all parish employees removed from their employment from August 24, 2020 to the present; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the investigation shall be conducted by an independent Human Resources attorney and/or consultant ("Consultant") hired by the Council which investigation shall determine whether or not the employee terminations from August 24, 2020 to the present have been conducted in accordance with the Parish policies and procedures; that the report of the Consultant be delivered to the Council President; that the Consultant be directed to prepare the report in such format as to assure that the personally identifiable information for each of the terminated employees remain confidential in the report; and, that the Consultant meet with the Council in executive session to discuss the findings of the report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is ordered to cooperate fully with the investigation including the production of personnel files for the employees terminated from August 24, 2020 to present, if and as requested by the Consultant.

BY ORDER OF ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
/s/ Jerry Red Jr., Chairman

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