

**AGENDA**  
**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**  
**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Alvin Stelly)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. CONDOLENCES**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - **Regular Meeting: June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
  - Approve Adjudicated Property Sales
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - \*Items passed through committee.
  - 1. Vote to appoint three applicants to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a four year term. (08-12-2023 – 08-12-2027). Applicants are: Johnny Timmons, Jennifer Cravins, Curley J. Allen and Larry J. Bernard Jr.
  - 2. Vote to re-appoint Steve Manuel and Stanley Loewer to Faquetiaque Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four year term. (08-19-2023 – 08-19-2027).
  - 3. Vote to appoint Ted J. Miller to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four year term set to expire 12-21-2024. Creighton Dugas has resigned.
  - 4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7. (09-19-2023 – 09-19-2024).
  - 5. Vote to appoint one applicant to Hospital District No. 2 for a six year term. (07-19-2023 – 07-19-2029). Applicants are: Hazel M. Sias, James P. Doherty Jr., and Quincy Richard Sr.
  - 6. Discuss the removal of the Statue.
  - 7. Authorize the Preliminary and final approval showing A & M Capitol Ventures LLC re-subdivision of 6.295 acre tract lots 1-26 on Edgar Drive. Located off LA Hwy 182, Opelousas.
  - 8. Authorize the Preliminary and Final Approval showing Marek Kopeizek Partition of a 12.918 acre tract lots 1-9 located on Marks Road, Opelousas, LA.
  - 9. Authorize a background check to be done on all applicants that apply for any Boards in St. Landry Parish.
  - 10. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the CEA for CAFA Down Payment Assistant Program.

11. Discuss hiring Attorney Ellen C. Rains, HR Specialist to represent the Council for the Injunction filed by the Parish President.

**IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-014**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE ST. LANDRY PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLES I, ST. LANDRY PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION, SECTION 32 – 1, SECTION 32 – 2, SECTION 32 – 3, SECTION 32 – 4, SECTION 32 – 5, AND SECTION 32 – 6, TO BE PLACED IN CHAPTER 32 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-015**

**(Sponsored by Councilman Harold Taylor)**

**An Ordinance to permanently close and abandon a portion of the WPA Road also known as Williamson Spur Road and Relinquish all claims by the St. Landry Parish Government of the listed portions of rights of way as being public rights of way and further that said Ordinance be recorded in the office of Clerk of Court in St. Landry Parish.**

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-016**

**(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

**An Ordinance to Amend St. Landry Parish Ordinance Section 36-132 which is in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinance. Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;**

**ORDINANCE No. 2023-017**

**(Sponsored by Councilman Alvin Stelly)**

**An Ordinance to Amend St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-14 so that Oscar Rivette Road will be removed on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated at “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes.**

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

**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.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-013**

**(Sponsored by: Councilman Coby Clavier)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE IX, THREE-WAY INTERSECTIONS, SECTION 36-200 so that the intersection of N. 8th Street and Murphy Richard Loop will be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as three-way intersections.**

**XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

**Resolution NO. 022-2023**

**A Resolution requesting the US Corp of Engineers, Teche-Vermilion Fresh Water District, St. Marin Parish Government to accommodate Drainage and Retention in Preparation for Excessive Rainfall in the Teche-Vermilion Watershed.**

**XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Councilwoman Nancy Carriere led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.**
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. **Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT:** None.
4. **Person to address the Committee:**

*Mr. Thomas Dejean addressed the council.* He gave the council an update on what is going on with the monument. He stated he found Mr. Mike Baskin to come and look at the monument. He is an expert and he is from Georgia. Mr. Baskin stated the statue is composed of forty-one pieces, it is hand carved and very delicate. It will have to be removed by layers. It will take Mr. Baskin a couple of days to dismantle it and reassemble it but he is awaiting his bid. Mr. Dejean stated payment discussions will have to be made because he has paid \$997.00 for Mr. Baskin to come down and he has paid \$1,000.00 in consulting fees. Mr. Dejean stated there have been three monuments that have been moved in the state of Louisiana and seven that have not been moved and every case where the monuments have been moved the governing body paid for the monuments to be moved. He stated this monument was put up in 1920. In 1909 the parish police jury selected the St. Landry Clarion to be the Official Journal for the Parish of St. Landry. In 1910 the local Confederate Veterans Association asked the police jury to donate the north east corner for the erection of that monument. On June 11, 1910 there was a motion by Mr. Durio who was a member of the board. The motion was that the petition of the R. E. Lee, United Confederate Veterans Camp No. 14 asking that a plot of ground 20 feet in diameter on the north east corner of the courthouse square be donated and set aside for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of General Mouton be received and granted, motion carried. In 1910 that corner was donated to put that monument up and it has not been undonated. Before we spend a lot of money to move that monument we need to find out who owns that corner. Maybe your attorney can research this. Maybe we can file a lawsuit or get a declaratory judgement on who owns that monument.

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,* “How long has it been since those people were suppose to come?”

*Mr. Thomas Dejean stated,* “It has been since the last meeting. After mother’s day he was suppose to come but his daughter was hospitalized so he had to postpone. I need your cell number so I can keep you updated. I have been updating Jessie on what is going on.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,* “You could have gotten my number from the council clerk but we as the council in 2022 made a decision. I am asking the council what we need to do about this. We did have someone that wanted to take the statue.”

*Mr. Thomas Dejean stated,* “The Sons of the Confederate Veterans will take it if it has to be moved. I am here representing them. We are the ones doing the research and looking for someone to move it.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,* “For the last year and one half it has been the same thing. We made a decision and it has not been moved. Can Mr. Bellard respond to this?”

*Councilman Alvin Stelly stated*, “If it was donated it is not ours to give away. That is my concern. If it is ours then we will have to see. If it was donated like I hope it was it is not ours to give.”

*Mr. Thomas Dejean stated*, “The only evidence that we have is the minutes that are reflected.”  
*Councilman Coby Clavier stated*, “I remember that Mr. Charles Cravins had mentioned that he would pay for the removal.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “It was Mr. Cobb Bellard.”

*Mr. Earlest Savoy addressed the council*. He stated, “I wanted updates on the Subdivision on Marks Road and the drainage system. He stated the ditches needs to be dug on Marks Road. When it rains it floods.”

*Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated*, “I will go and look at it tomorrow and I will send my drainage guy. I will take care of it.”

## **5. Public Works Report:**

*Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated*, “We have graded 84 roads in June, shredded 32 roads, patched 36 roads and installed 17 driveways. We have ditched 14 roads and removed piles of debris. We placed material on 16 roads and boom-axed 17 roads. We put up 6 signs and cleaned out culverts and repaired 3 washouts.”

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. Forward to Regular Meeting all applications received for three appointments for a four-year term to Lawtell Water District No. 1. (08-12-2023 – 08-12-2027).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** all applications received for three appointments to Lawtell Water District No. 1. (08-12-2023 - 08-12-2027).

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

**Motion forwarded.**

## **7. Forward to Regular Meeting all applications received for two appointments for a four-year term to Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (08-19-2023 – 08-19-2027).**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** all applications received for two appointments for a four-year term to Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (08-19-2023 – 08-19-2027).

**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 Regular Meeting all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (12-21-2020 – 12-21-2024).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 all applications received for one appointment for the remainder of a four-year term to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1. (12-21-2020 – 12-21-2024).

**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 Regular Meeting Resolution No. 022-2023**

A Resolution requesting the US Corp of Engineers, Teche-Vermilion fresh Water District,  
St. Martin Parish Government to accommodate Drainage and Retention in Preparation for Excessive Rainfall in the Teche-Vermilion Watershed.

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to Adopt **Resolution No. 022-2023**.

A Resolution requesting the US Corp of Engineers, Teche-Vermilion fresh Water District,  
St. Martin Parish Government to accommodate Drainage and Retention in Preparation for Excessive Rainfall in the Teche-Vermilion Watershed.

**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 one appointment to Fire District No. 7 for a one year term. (09-19-2023 – 09-19-2024).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a one-year term to Fire District No. 7.

(09-19-2023 – 09-19-2024).

**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. Update on the removal of the Statue. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere).**

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere* questioned the wishes of the council for the removal of the statue. She ask that the council move forward for what they voted on.

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned* “If we move forward for what we voted on is that saying that we are responsible for paying for it to be removed?”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “The daughters of the confederate stated they would pay for it because they have built a platform for it.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “You all donated it to the Sons of the Confederacy. It is not your statue anymore. According to Mr. Dejean the land was donated. Right now you all donated it back to them and we should not be touching it because it is not ours anymore. We will move it and we will do it peacefully and we will do it right but we can’t pay for it unless you all change the resolution. The liability rest upon me as the Parish President. You all did a Resolution instead of an Ordinance. I will not destroy property that has been there unless I get a clear answer from the attorney or get a judge to do a declaratory judgement.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to discuss the removal of the statue.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Mildred Thierry.

**Votes Tied.**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “Can you all make a motion to authorize Mr. Duplechain to do research on who owns the monument and present the findings to the council.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “I began research on this item this morning. I went to the Clerk of Court Conveyance Records to look for any kind of a transfer or donation of ownership of that plot of land on the courthouse square to the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the United Daughters of the Confederacy and I did not find any Conveyance conveying any land to them on the courthouse square or anywhere else. I did not find any Conveyance transferring ownership to them by Parish Government. I went to the Tax Assessor’s Office and the Tax Assessor’s Office does not have any Assessment of any land or plot of land owned by Sons of Confederate Veterans or United Daughters of the Confederacy. Every parcel of land in St. Landry Parish is listed with an owner in the Tax Assessor’s Office, local government or non-profit corporation or an individual and they don’t have any listing of land owned by Sons of Confederate Veterans or the United Daughters of the Confederacy, so there is no conveyance. Let’s say I was going to convey ownership of a piece of land to you, you and I have to sign a conveyance and it has to be recorded at the courthouse. I can decide to convey ownership of a piece of land to you all I want but until you and I sign a conveyance and record it I will remain the owner and I will get the property taxes every year and I am the only one that can place insurance on it. That is what I found this morning when I researched that plot of land on the courthouse square. I also researched it everywhere else in the parish and I found no conveyance in the Clerk of Courts or the Tax Assessor’s office showing a conveyance of ownership to the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the United Daughters of the Confederacy.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “So that means it was never donated.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Right it was not donated. If it was donated you would have a private piece of property on the District Courthouse square and that is nothing wrong with that, you can have that but it would be very unusual. It is important information for the council and the government to know that they owned all of the courthouse square. If there was a piece of it that you did not own you would need to know that and it would have to be recorded in the courthouse. I looked at it this morning and it goes back to the 1800. Those records goes back to the 1800 and they come up to today and I did not find any conveyance of ownership to either of the organizations. The Tax Assessor’s Office does not have it either and the Tax Assessor’s Office maintain ownership records of every piece of property in the parish because you have to in order to access property. I will continue to look but there is really no other place to look unless you have the conveyance which would be about 100 years old. It does not appear that there is any conveyance conveying ownership of a piece of the courthouse square to someone.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “I stand at my motion. Let’s forward it to the full council.”

**12. Review plans on Crimpson Cove Subdivision-Hwy 182. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).**

**Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I ask that this be brought up. It is a subdivision that this council let get started some years back on HWY 182. It would be about two miles pass Megan Drive. I was contacted by Mr. Jarrell. He has talked to the parties involved with this subdivision.”

**Mr. William Jarrell stated,** “Basically the subdivision was created in 2007. It was built and constructed with an asphalt roadway, water and electric. It was developed as private. It was developed before our subdivision ordinance that we have now and before you all passed the ‘*No Private*’ Subdivision. The developer was requesting to re-develop the lots into 60 feet frontage and 6000 square feet with a Community Sewer System in it, not individual plans and to keep the subdivision as private. We can provide the parish with asphalt and we would discuss a HOA and a private maintenance agreement for the parish. It would be noted on the plat if he did sell the lots that St. Landry Parish is not responsible for the roadway. We would still need to go through DHH approval to put our sewer plan in if we went with these size lots which is an approved lot in our ordinance to this date.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “I know we need to change the size of the lots. In the future we need to start looking at that.”

*Mr. William Jarrell stated*, I think the lot sizes are hooked up to a community sewer and that is what we are asking for approval for. We are asking to change it to those lots and keep the subdivision private since we do have the ordinance in place now for no private subdivision.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to authorize the approval of the plans for the Crimpson Cove Subdivision – Hwy 182.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

### **13. Check Audio System. (Councilwoman Wayne Ardoin).**

*Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Mr. Tom stated that he has checked out the system and we did have a little difficulty last meeting. The audio system was not working correctly and people could not hear the meeting.”

*Tom Nicholson, IT Director stated*, “There was one setting that I needed to correct for Facebook. That is fixed up and there should not be any problems. Just make sure that everyone speaks in their microphones. That is all that we are asking.”

### **14. Discuss changing the Speed Bump Ordinance.**

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “Last meeting I had evidence that the ordinance that we have in place presently is not very effective. I brought up the number of letters that had been mailed out and we did not receive 75% on none of the cases and that is like a waste of time. I am hoping that we could look at some other ordinances that would be more effective than the one that we have in place now and possibly come together as a council and make those necessary changes with the guidance of our legal advisor. I think that it was agreed upon at the last meeting that he would go and look at different ordinances and present them to the council so we could decide on which one we wanted to utilize.”

*Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated*, “I could do that but I am going to assume that the change that the council would make would be: Instead of mailing the survey to the registered voters on that road it would have an option of mailing it or going house to house to do the survey. Is that the change the council would make? If that is it we could make that change to that ordinance. It could be introduced two weeks from now if that is what the council wants.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned*, “Who will go from house to house?”

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, “In the past the old ordinance, whoever made that request they took that document and they went door to door in their neighborhood and they were the person responsible for getting the signatures. Once they got the signatures they would return it to their councilmember and their councilmember presented that document to public works and it was forwarded on with the procedures. That is the way it was done in the past.”

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “I would love it we did not place any speed bumps, especially on our new roads. All that does is put a whole in the road and the water get in it and it messes up our brand new roads. A speed bump study was done and it indicates that in between speed bumps they go faster than they would without the speed bumps.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “The way we normally do the speed bump ordinance, the councilmember normally goes and knock on the doors. The reason is because you want to make sure that you are getting everyone if they are for it or against it and not let the other person right down a person name. You want to make sure that you are getting everyone covered. I think that it is really important that every councilmember of that district for those people that want to have speed bumps that you and go and make sure that you cover every one on that road. It is really that councilmember responsibility and not the person that really want it.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune** questioned if the list of signatures could be notarized before it is presented to the council?

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “You would have to have a notary going door to door. Some charge.”

**Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “I had an incident. I had a young lady and she has some young children that lives on Longwood Drive. She have already received 85% of the signatures. She will bring them to the Council Clerk. I think that would be better than sending out 200 letters and getting 40 of the letters back. So Ms. Thierry you will be the sponsor and you are asking that he make those changes.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to introduce an ordinance regarding changing the Speed Bump Ordinance to have the councilmember or the person requesting speed bumps to go door to door requesting signatures to have speed bumps placed on the road.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

**15. Update on the cleaning of Bayou Carron and Bayou Mallet.  
(Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry** asked Parish President Jessie Bellard for an update on the cleaning of Bayou Carron and Bayou Mallet.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I cannot tell you a time line. It is in the hands of the Core of Engineers right now. It is dealing with the wetlands. We handed it to them six weeks ago for their permission to give us the next phase and we are waiting on them to do their part. The funds are in, it is not an issue about the funding it is the Core approving the project. We will mulch the banks and mulch all of the debris. They don’t want us to do that, they don’t want us to cover the banks so they are giving us some options and we are working with them now.”

**16. Update on Broad Band. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry** asked Parish President Jessie Bellard for an update on the Broad Band.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Same as last time, money is coming into the state through the GUMBO Program. We have our NTIA Grants and everything is moving along. It is working now and you will see people putting lines down. It will be up to Charter and Allen Cable and the providers to do their work at this point. The funds are available so it is just doing the work now. They have been working on this out of their own pocket for a while now but they will really focus on the area where they bided.”

**17. Update on the status of material to complete gravel roads especially in District 4.  
(Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “I remember when we were told that we were having problem receiving material. I had some roads that had been on hold since October. Periodically I would check to see if it had been done. Some of these roads have



been done since but I would like to know if we are getting more material to take care some of these roads in the parish.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “The material is available now. It is all done on a priority basis. We look at it to see if it is really needed at this time. Whenever a road needs to be done Mr. Soileau takes care of that. Not every road gets done immediately because the funds comes in monthly. We are two months behind from getting the state funds from the Racino and from the State. We are always working on two months of money that we did not receive. As the money becomes available we start buying more material to put on roads but if it is an emergency we take care of it sooner.”

**18. Preliminary and Final approval showing Marek Kopeiczek partition of a 12.918 acre tract lots 1-9 located on Marks Road, Opelousas, LA.**

**Mr. William Jarrell stated**, “This is what the gentleman brought up earlier about the roadside ditch needing to be cleaned. I got with Mr. Barry on that and we will take a look at it. That is the complaint that we received with the roadside drainage. We are trying to get that done or have a plan of action before the full council meeting.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to authorize the

Preliminary and Final approval showing Marek Kopeiczek partition of a 12.918 acre tract lots 1-9 located on Marks Road, Opelousas, LA.

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

**Motion forwarded.**

**19. Preliminary approval showing A & M Capital Ventures LLC re-subdivision of 6.295 acre tract lots 1-26 on Edgar Dr., located off LA HWY 182, Opelousas, LA**

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**20. Discuss any other business property brought before this committee**

**Councilman Dexter Brown stated**, “Mr. Soileau, did we cut the branches and the low hanging limbs on Richard Road off of HWY 357?”

**Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated**, “I will check on it and get back to you in the morning.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, “A few months ago there was a complaint about debris being thrown throughout the parish. Brandon Latchlois at 203 Cushman Road, Opelousas called in a complaint because there was a truck load of debris that was thrown such as furniture and a stove. Last night they unloaded another truck load of debris down there. We spoke about getting some type of camera system that can be temporarily installed in certain areas to try to catch some of this activity. Can you tell me, what is the status on the cameras?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, “We have cameras out at locations that we are not going to disclose. I can look at that area because we have a lot of repeat offenders that goes to these places and our investigators arrest them or cite them, whatever is needed to be done.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, “I will forward the address to you and Mr. Soileau.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated**, “Mr. Soileau, on Patty Street and Acadiana Road they have a guy with a camper and they have some low branches when he is traveling with his camper the low branches are rubbing against his camper can we cut those branches back in that area?”

*Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Not a problem.”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “What is the status on Graham Road? I will call you tomorrow about Jennings Road. It was holding water.*

*Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Graham Road is on the list for repairs, we just have not gotten to that point yet.”*

## **21. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry 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: ABSTAINED:** None.

**Motion carried.**

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Roll Call:** Easton Shelvin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Coby Clavier. **Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier.
3. **Person to address the Committee:**
  - **Gary McGoffin** – *Attorney for Investigation of Employees Termination.*  
*“I was asked to discuss with you the status of the Ordinance which you have passed regarding the investigation concerning Human Resource practices. I have copies of the judgement which we received from Judge Conque and I will circulate that to you all. There are a lot of legals in the early part of the judgement but the important part is in the last paragraph. Just to brief you again, we had a hearing with Judge Conque for a couple of hours, Judge Conque had several questions about the fire Ordinance which had been passed and reaching the ruling that he did. The Judge wrote down his motions on the various motions that we filed on behalf of the Council and were filed on behalf of Parish President. Those aren’t really relevant to the questions I been asked to address on tonight. Which is what can do you if anything with the Ordinance that was passed most recently. If you go to the last paragraph, the first sentence states, that the Petitioners application for Preliminary Injunction is hereby GRANTED, and the Defendant is ENJOINED from acting in furtherance of St. Landry Council Resolution No. 013 of 2023, which grants the authority to retain an Independent Resource Specialist to investigate the Human Resource Department, and any other St. Landry Parish Government departments, to determine that proper protocol was followed and that the terminations were justifiable, until a trial on the merits can be had. This Preliminary Injunction does not prohibit Defendant from acting in furtherance of any other resolution or ordinance. You have since adopted a new Ordinance and it was intended to address the concerns that Judge Conque had expressed and some of the issues we had discussed with him. So we have a new Ordinance that was passed and you are free to pursue that Ordinance and to implement it.”*

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ok so this Council can proceed and go ahead and hire a HR person to continue with this process.”*

*Legal Counsel Gary McGoffin stated, "That is correct, you implement the last Ordinance passed and proceed with an investigation on those finds."*

- **Judge James Doherty addressed the Council,** *"Good evening Council, I am here this evening to let you know I have considered and put in an application for the position you will be discussing on item #7 this evening for the position as a member of the board for Hospital Service District No. 2 of St. Landry Parish. I put in an application last year, it didn't work out so well for me. When I saw it came up again this year I decided to reapply. I'm offering myself from the experience that I have, before I took the bench in 2005, I served as the General Council for 25 years for the Board of Directors of Opelousas General. I'm very familiar with the laws that deal with Hospital Service District as well as with Public Trust which is actually the Operating Entity of Opelousas General Hospital. I took the bench in 2005 and the Judicial Cannons did not allow me to continue in any involvement with the Hospital. When I retired in 2021 those provisions were removed and I am now eligible. I do serve on the Board of the Hospital Trust. I want to do this because Opelousas General is an interval part of our Community and our Parish. It is very important that we have a facility that can communicate and deliver excellent health care at prices that are reasonable that we can afford. There are a lot of challenges facing the Hospital in this State. We have a lot of challenges primarily with reimbursements, we serve a poor area compared to some of the other areas of the state. Those are the things we are focusing on now at the Hospital. Improving our delivery of healthcare to all of the population in this parish. I'm here this evening to first of all Thank You for giving me this opportunity and also asking for your consideration for a vote when this comes up in two weeks before the entire Council.*
- **Quincy Richard Sr. addressed the council,** *"Good evening to the members of the audience, Parish President Mr. Jessie Bellard, Chairman Mr. Jerry Red Jr., Chair Mr. Coby Clavier, and other members of the Council. If there's some type of exchange I ask that it goes through the Chairman or the board or some type of committee. At this time I would like to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand before you to express my reservations about the agenda on June 21, 2023. My reservations are simple and I'm 100% sure that you all violated the Louisiana Statue RS 42:16 and I would like to read it as follows: I'm 100% sure that you all violated the acceptance to the Open's Meetings Law. A public body may hold an executive pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons. I am charging you with three counts of the Open Meeting Law. The first one is discussions of the character, professional competence, physical or mental health of a person provided such a person is notified within at least 24 hours and that didn't happen to me. That's my first violation of the Opening Meeting Law. Before the schedule time contained in the notice of the meeting that which such Executive Session is to take place and that such a person may require that such a discussion be held in an open meeting. I tried to talk to you all but I wasn't given the choice. It simply says that if you will have an Executive Session it's up to the subject to say whether they want it in open session or closed session. I didn't get that right. The third offense that I will charge you with is however nothing in this paragraph shall permit executive session for a discussion of an appointment of a person to a public body. This is simply for an update. On June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I went to the District Attorney office to file a complaint. The District Attorney wasn't available, they said he was going to return today and he did return today, I'm waiting on a phone call. Furthermore I went to the Attorney General cause that's the two people that says whether you all were in violation or not in violation. I'm waiting on a response. I'm more than sure, I'm 100% sure you all are in violation and you all took action, I wish you would wait until the District Attorney or the Attorney General say whether it was a nay or yea. I wish you all would have granted me the opportunity to make a small presentation but it is what it is. Judge Doherty and I have been knowing one another for years, he's a fine candidate and I just want to say I deserve that right as a candidate to serve on that board too but he is a fine candidate. It's nothing against him, he and I go back to the 80s but I know you are 100% wrong on the Opening Meeting Law. Before you all take any kind of action I wish you would wait until the District Attorney to make his*

ruling and then we just go from there. We still remain friends or whatever but I am 100% sure you all are in violation.

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “Mr. Chairman, I just want to elaborate a little bit on what happened. At our full council meeting a couple of council members along with our Legal Counsel to my understanding presented our Parish President with a paper and he then handed it to Mr. Richard. And to my understanding we are 13 council members and if a council member do something it should still come to the chairperson and we should know what is going on in a meeting before getting into the meeting and find out something else is taking place and you don't know about it. Do anybody else know anything that was going on with this, that's not right? I still feel that number 1 if a person do not want to go into Executive Session they do not have to go into Executive Session. Is that correct Legal Counsel?”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The person can decide and the Council can decide too but the Council does not have to go into Executive Session that is an option that they can use in certain circumstances and they would take into consideration what the subject matter in the Executive Session wants them to do.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “At the same time in an open meeting you have 24 hours to present to a person.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “The person has to be notified 24 hours before the meeting that he is coming up. I think Mr. Richard knew more than 24 hours ahead of time that his appointment was coming up at the meeting.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “To my understanding, he received that letter about 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting so that is not 24 hours. That is 4 hours before 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bellard can you elaborate on when did he receive that letter.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “I am not sure on when he received it but I got it that morning. He did come to the office so I would say about 1:00 or 2:00p.m. right after lunch.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “So he got it that same day of the meeting, is that correct?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “That's correct.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “So that is not 24 hours.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “So he has to have 24 hours notice that his appointment is going to be addressed at the meeting. Mr. Richard did not receive a letter but he received a copy of the section of the Constitution State of Louisiana that states the qualifications for an appointment to a commission. I know that is what Mr. Richard received as information to him. The information on this particular appointment that was arrived that day perhaps I should have called every individual councilman before we knew there was an obstacle to let them know that this information had come up as I have done in the past. This is not something involving State Court in that courthouse, this is involving Federal Court so it took a while to get the information on the computer. We only have so much time to gather information before a meeting.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “But still with time if everyone needs to know.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Well everyone has to be in the loop and I called each individual councilman in the past on certain issues that I thought I had to talk to individually and I guess I should have done it here I will do that in the future.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “I just want to know the three charges that he is charging the Council with, how do you feel as far as the Council standing up against those three charges.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Mr. Chairman I really do not think Mr. Duplechain should be answering those questions in an open meeting like this which might lead to litigation. I’m just thinking and make sure we do not get ourselves in a bag here on this issue.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated,** “Look I just want to know because we did not know number 1 because of what was being done by you and the other two councilmembers. You all put us in a loop but I am fine with it all I am asking is do not let it happen again. We stand before the people and I want to be represented as the person doing what is right, not second hand.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “I do not want the council to misunderstand. Every single thing the council does in regards to this and everything else is civil. Everything I do for you all is civil law no of it bleeds into the criminal side of the law including making appointments to commissions.

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Mr. Bellard, Mr. Richard is an employee of Parish Government and you had a meeting with him before that meeting that day?”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Yes he is and we had a meeting in the afternoon.”

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** “I have a concern. I think when we made the decision, I do not know if it’s the information Mr. Red is referring to or not but we had some information presented to us at the council meeting by our legal advisor and I voted based on the information that was presented to us. We did not have the opportunity to look into anything it was just presented to us during the meeting. I just want this to be clear, I do not know about the others but I voted based on the information that was presented at that time by our legal advisor.

**Ms. Lena Charles addressed the council stating,** “Goodevening Chairperson, Parish Government and Council men and women thank you for allowing me a few minutes to come before you today. The reason that I am coming before you is because I am over the Opelousas Downtown Development as the Chairperson as I serve as the result as this council appointing me to the SLED board and re-appointing to the SLED board I serve in that capacity and I thank you all. I am committed to you all on a regular basis and come before periodically on the things that is going on with that appointment. What we have accomplished with Opelousas Downtown Development since 2018 when it was put together. We passed a heavy Ordinance with the City of Opelousas addressing non-residential vacant properties. The downtown has basically been closed over 35 years and we felt that we had Ordinance on the books and things that would have caused controversy so it was not to go back to where we were or why this or that but to pass something that had momentum to move our city forward. When you move the city, which is the seed of the parish, you move the parish forward so it is all connected. We employed an agency of CPEX (Center of Planning Excellence) to come up with best practices and from those best practices we drafted an Ordinance. The city attorney sat in on it. This was a request from the city itself that we get involved due to some complaints and misuse. I am trying to dismiss all the misinformation that goes around. It really sent a message about Opelousas and the people that are working for Opelousas that we are now open for business again. The seed of the parish is ready to do business and have business come back into the heart of our city. I am excited about that because we did what we were in charge to do and the results were such a positive momentum. We had a business forum for the businesses. Bring in the USDA, local business banks, and other institutions of lending as well as financial people to the table. People that want to

*start a business or people that is in business and struggling they can have an opportunity. It is not only for the city of Opelousas but anyone could have attended on last Wednesday and it was very successful. We sponsored a student expo bringing all the students to schools in St. Landry Parish and the students that were engaged in the arts from the choir, singing, the arts everything on the courthouse square. It was good to let the people know I have a beautiful courthouse and should be a destination point in having activities on the weekend. We participated with Parish Government, the Walking Ladies, ODD, and the permanent lighting of our trees. We can preserve the oaks they can stay the way they are and the courthouse the refurbishing Parish Government has undertaken will make a big change for years and years to come. We want this to be the destination point on weekends. We also engaged on the additional turning lane on Wallior Street, that was a requirement from DOTD. We found out also they did not have waste water and water on the East side of the Boagni property where Chick-Fil-A wanted to locate so that was one of our projects that we completed as well at no cost to the city or no cost to the parish. It was close to \$800,000.00 to make those initiatives so we could get that Chick-Fil-A and it is in the process. The ground is broken and they have a date of August 2023 but looks like it will be before August. Last thing I want to say between Court and Market street on the southside that sidewalk is another project we have now. We picked up this initiative which was a tax grant the city of Opelousas had since 2014 and 2018 we picked it up and thought we would be able to execute it right away but it had a lot of red tape and things does not move fast with DOTD and the grant only paid for these years later for that portion that we are doing now. Originally is was granted for all around the courthouse and we will apply for some more funds to eventually do that as well. I thank you for having confident in me as your chairperson to Downtown Development.”*

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated,** *“I wanted to personally thank you Ms. Charles for all that you do cause I follow you a lot on social media and just thank you for all that you do for the community. We appreciate you.”*

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** *“Thank you very much Ms. Lena for being here and I appreciate everything you trying to do. Are you all just responsible for the downtown area.”*

**Ms. Lena Charles stated,** *“Our corridor is 600ft off the corridor. Which is Main and Union street, Landry and Vine, we go to Super One and Martin Luther King, where the Yambilee split and Bullard to the entrance on 190 Lowes.”*

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** *“So you are saying that you all are responsible for some of the signage by Super One that’s on the south end of town. I represent the area of Park Vista and wanted to know if you all would do some markings on the road where people would know you get in the left lane you make a left on south Union headed south. If you get in right lane make a right on Union. Same thing on Creswell off of Jasmine and by the school board office you have only two lanes but where there are three lanes and there is a turning lane it causes some problems.”*

**Ms. Lena Charles stated,** *“Ok you are speaking of Union and Creswell.”*

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** *“Yes on Union and Creswell you have the light there and some markings there but I am also talking on Abdalla Blvd. where they turn left to go south and right to go north. There is no kind of lines where people can see which lane they have to get in.”*

**Ms. Lena Charles stated,** *“They have a turning lane on Creswell.”*

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** *“Yes that is true that’s a state highway but I am talking about subdivision itself.”*

*Ms. Lena Charles stated, "We do not go into subdivisions. First of all the city does roads and bridges. The reason we spent funds on Waillor was because it was for infrastructure. If we had extra money we could not provide infrastructure for the city because that is in our act that we cannot do that. The Wallior situation we made a turning lane to bring in the infrastructure."*

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Thank you, you answered my question."*

#### 4. **Parish President & Finance Report:**

- ***Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program***

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That will be some sewer improvements to the Royal Garden subdivision. That is the letter we received in the mail June 13, 2023. It is a 2.3 million dollar project and 1.75 million will be forgiven and the other 600 thousand we working with the sewer company for them to absorb that cost. They will be some details that will have to be worked out. It will not cost the parish any money and that program will go in place with Royal Gardens, that's the old section of Royal Garden that was built in the 60s or 70s. The system that they had in place just not working anymore. This grant or program that we have will fix that problem. I will come back in near future with some more information.*

- ***CAFA's Down Payment Assistance Program***

*This helps with assistance with people in our parish and we have to have the CEA with them to apply for it.*

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19th, 2023** authorizing Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the CEA for CAFA's Down Payment Assistant Program.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Easton Shelvin, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

**NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**Motion forwarded.**

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "The next thing is the finance report which is out of the new system so I am sure you all will have some questions when it comes around. Let us know we can sit down and show everyone how the new system operate to have a better understanding what the report will look like.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Easton Shelvin, Dexter Brown, and Timmy Lejeune.

**NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**Motion carried.**

#### 5. **Deal with issues with applicants applying for Hospital Board.**

**Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier stated,** "We discussed previously no action needs to be taken on this item."

#### 6. **Forward to Regular Meeting all applications received for one appointment for a six-year term to Hospital District No. 2. (Opelousas General). All applicants must live in Ward 1. (District 1, 2, 3, 9, 10). (07-19-2023 – 07-19-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19th, 2023** all applications received for one appointment for a six year term to Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General) All applicants must live in Ward 1 District 1, 2, 3, 9 10). (07-19-2023 – 07-19-2029)

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Easton Shelvin, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

**NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**Motion forwarded.**

7. **Discuss updates and changing the verbiage to Ordinance No. 2023 – 009.**  
**(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.*

**Councilman Easton Shelvin stated,** “It is still in discussion. Parish President Jessie Bellard has more updates.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “We are in the process of drafting the new information that we met about a couple of weeks back. It is not complete yet but we have some ground to cover, it is just about done. Hopefully for the next committee meeting we will have more information.”

8. **Discuss removing Oscar Rivette Road off No Truck or 18-Wheeler thru Traffic Ordinance.**

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “We have discussed this and I think that Mr. Stelly agreed that Oscar Rivette Road has some heavy traffic on it. We would like to take it off the list for No Truck or 18 Wheeler thru traffic ordinance.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “On this item, this was an ordinance that we adopted at our last full council meeting. We wanted to make some changes to that ordinance and I don’t think that it was properly done. They were talking about this road, Oscar Rivette.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “That is correct, we will have that ordinance ready to be introduced two weeks from now.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “So that passage of that ordinance was not correct.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “Correct, once you have that ordinance and final form you will have to have a public meeting before it is passed and everything that is in the ordinance have to be ready for public comment. It will be ready to be introduced two weeks from now.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned,** “Is that Iseringhausen Road?”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “No that was done. We will amend the ordinance to take Oscar Rivette Road off of the No Truck or 18 Wheeler Ordinance. It will be ready for introduction in two weeks from now.”

**Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated,** “Last meeting it was passed but it was passed with the amendment to remove Oscar Rivette. We can’t pass it that way. We will have to bring both roads back up. Iseringhausen Road and Oscar Rivette.”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “In two weeks from today an ordinance to amend Oscar Rivette road will be ready for introduction and the amendment for Iseringhausen road will be brought back for a vote to pass it.”

9. **Discuss doing a background check for all Boards and Appointments by St. Landry Parish Council.**

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,** “I brought this up because we had issues with the Hospital Board Appointments. They want to do background checks so I think that we need to do a back ground checks on everyone. I believe that we had already set that up before to do a background check.”

**Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier questioned,** “Do you want to forward that to the Full Council?”



**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Yes.”**

A motion was made by Councilman Easton Shelvin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, July 19th, 2023** authorizing a background check on every applicant that applies for any board.

**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Easton Shelvin, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

**NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**Motion forwarded.**

**10. Discuss Racino Funding. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).**

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Ms. Fulop, what is the total that we have received from the Racino at this time. I am talking about Parish Government after everybody gets their take.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Roughly about \$1,400,000.00 per year that goes into the Road Division.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Mr. Soileau just iterated a while ago that everything is going up, the cost of material, labor and everything. I would like for this council to look at the situation whereas we can go back to this casino and we could collect more money for Parish Government so we can place the additional funds in the Road and Bridge fund.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “Can I ask that we form a little committee of some council members and we go and sit with Evangeline Downs first before we do anything.”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Whatever it will take. I see where the ones that have road district is costing a lot of money to get some roads done. Material and labor is costing money. I also see where this casino is taking in more money now. This was set on what they had projected at that time. Leave it where it will come just to parish government to be used in the Roads and Bridges Fund.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “If you all don’t mind putting a little committee together where we can set up a meeting with Ms. Carol. We can sit with her and discuss the issue before we bring it to the council.”

**Administrative Finance Chairman Coby Clavier stated,** “We can do that.”

**11. Discuss Enforcing Restrictions in an Ordinance for Shawnee Farms Subdivision.**

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Ms. Jordan, did they bring you anything else. This is the same copy that we had before.”

**Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated,** “No, it is the same copy.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I would like to table this item. Ms. Jordan, I will ask that you do not place this item back on the agenda until I request it. Thanks.”

**12. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.**

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Mr. Bellard, I see where St. Martin Parish or Iberia Parish had received a grant for Blighted Property. It assisted homeowners in repairing. Have you heard anything? They received \$500,000.00 to assist with Blighted Property.”

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** “No but I can check with the Parish President’s over there.”

**13. 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, Dexter Brown and Timmy Lejeune.

**NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**Motion carried.**

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

**XIII. ADJOURN**