**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.**

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 19th, day of April, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Chairman Jerry Red Jr. called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, 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**: None.

1. **CONDOLENCES:**

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere***: Dorothy Comeaux, Wilton Davis Sr., Morris Lavergne Sr., Julia Lavergene, Rosemary Manuel Davis, Jude Lastrapes, Derrick Kennerson, James Jimmie Williams, Anna Belle Kennerson, Barbara Rosette, Priscilla A. Charles, Peggy Wyble, Frank Guidroz Jr.,

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:*** Rosemary Manuel Davis, John E. Leger, Wilton Davis Sr., Hatley A. Fontenot, Morris Lavergne, Jude Lastrapes, Robert Lee Rubin, Sr., Julia Lavergne, Irma Doucet Durisseau, Dorothy Ann Comeaux, Wayne Anthony Nix, Jennifer Thomas,

Fannie Mae Rideaux Brown, Lisa Arclies Jacobs, Emeldia Melancon, Frank Joseph Guidroz Jr., Glenda Fay Cox Pitre, Nelwyn Gulino.

***Councilman Harold Taylor:*** Melba Helen Schexsnayder Leger

***Councilman Gil Savoy:*** Judie Schexneider

***Councilman Alvin Stelly:*** Michael Kidder Jr.,

***Councilwoman Vivian Olivier:*** James ‘Jimmie’ Bonvillain

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin:*** William **“**Couch Dup” Duplechain, Ralph Marks,

Geraldine ‘Gerry’ Rider Fletcher, Kenneth Austin Landry, Newton Janise, Jane Leger Gardner,

Suzanne Romero LeBlanc, Darlene Crites Trosclair, Frank Joseph Guidroz Jr.,

Jude “Bunny Lastrapes, Nelwyn Gulino, Dianne Cooke Tevault, James ‘Jimmy’ Bonvillain.

***Councilman Dexter Brown***: Julia Lavergne, Morris Lavergne Sr., Elvera Mae Brown

***Chairman Jerry Red called for a moment of silence for the families that lost their loved ones.***

1. **PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**
* *Mr. James Douget*, President of Preservationist of St. Landry addressed the council*.* He thanked the council for considering them for assistance with Grant Funds to help preserve and maintain the Historic Michel Prudhomme Home. The Michel Prudhomme Home is the oldest building in St. Landry Parish and it is located in Prudhomme Circle, next to Opelousas General Hospital.
* *Mr. David Richard* addressed the council regarding adjudicated property that he bought in Grand Coteau.
* *Mr. Michael Fontenot* addressed the council regarding drainage issues by the railroad track on Landreneau Road. Parish President Jessie Bellard stated Board Road will have to be placed. They are working on the project and this project will take some time to complete.
* *Ms. Stephanie Tompkins* addressed the council regarding her application for an appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission.
* *Ms. Tisha Narcisse* addressed the council regarding a Girl’s Group Home in her Residential Subdivision. She stated that she had neighboring residents to sign a partition against the Girl’s Group Home in their subdivision.
* *Ms. Tanya Chatman* addressed the council regarding an Ambulance Service Ordinance. She is concerned about the response time of ambulance service in the northern part of the parish. She presented the council with information.
* *Ms. Chelsey Sharplin* addressed the council regarding her application for an appointment to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission.
* *Mr. Paul Fuselier*, Business Development Director for Acadian Ambulance Service. He addressed the council regarding an Ambulance Service Ordinance for the Parish. He stated something needs to be in place to protect the people of St. Landry Parish.
* *Councilman Easton Shelvin* stated that he will introduced and sponsor the Ambulance Service Ordinance.
* *Chairman Jerry Red Jr*. suggested bringing the Ambulance Service Ordinance back to the next Committee meeting that is held on Wednesday May 3rd, 2023 to further discuss it and make any possible changes.
1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 15th, 2023** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Special Meeting Minutes from March 29th, 2023** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to approve **the Special Meeting Minutes from April 6th, 2023** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard* stated he place the Ambulance Ordinance in his Parish President’s Report and he is asking for a Sponsor.

*Councilman Easton Shelvin* stated that he will Sponsor the Ambulance Ordinance. **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.**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard* ask the council to approve the CEA between the Parish Government and the SLED Board regarding The NextEra Solar Farm Permit. Funding and money will be going through SLED.

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin* asked Parish President Jessie Bellard to present the council with a report on when the funding will be received and the amount of the funding.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr.,* informed the Parish President that a constituent in his district is asking for a Culvert be placed on Summner Road. He informed the President that he will give him the Constituent’s phone number at the end of the meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier to accept the Parish President’s Report.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

1. **Vote to appoint one appointment for the remainder of a three-year term to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. Applicants are: Chelsey Sharplin and Stephanie Tompkins.**

**(02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).**

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to appoint Stephanie Tompkins to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for the remainder of a three year term. (02-19-2022 – 02-19-2025).

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

***The votes were as follows:***

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| *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere* | Chelsey Sharplin |
| *Councilman Easton Shelvin* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilwoman Mildred Thierry* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Harold Taylor* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Gil Savoy* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Alvin Stelly* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilwoman Vivian Olivier* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Wayne Ardoin* | Chelsey Sharplin |
| *Councilman Dexter Brown* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Timmy Lejeune* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Jimmie Edwards* | Stephanie Tompkins |
| *Councilman Coby Clavier* | Stephanie Tompkins |

1. **Vote to appoint Ricky Tardiff for one appointment to the St. Landry Waterworks District No. 3. (No Set Terms).**

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Ricky Tardiff for one appointment to the St. Landry Waterworks District

No. 3. (No Set Terms).

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **Vote to re-appoint Robert Duplechain and Barry Hardy for two appointments to Fire District No. 2 for a two-year term. (05-15-2023 – 05-15-2025).**

A motion was made by Councilman Coby Clavier, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Robert Duplechain and Barry Hardy for two appointment to Fire District No. 2 for a two year term. (05-15-2023 – 05-15-2025).

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to Preservationist of St. Landry, Inc. for $5,000.00.**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act for 2021 Funds to Preservationist of St. Landry, Inc. for $5,000.00.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **Authorize the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on Austin Road.**

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to approve the beginning process for the study of Speed Bumps on Austin Road.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **Update on neighboring parishes salaries for their Council Clerks.**

*Councilman Wayne Ardoin* requested to place this agenda item on hold until an update on the Ordinance that was passed for the salary for the Council Clerks is presented to the council. He is requesting that the ordinance be brought back the next committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 for further discussion.

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr.,* stated there is no ordinance but there is a rate that has the Council Clerk at $22.00 and the Assistant Council Clerk is $14.00. This item was placed on the Agenda due to the cost of living increase.

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan* informed the council that there is nothing that have been recorded in the Clerk of Court nor Municode to indicate an ordinance for the salary of a Council Clerk.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated time is needed to codify the budget. He stated that the salaries are codified at $22.00 for the Council Clerk and $14.00 for the Assistant Clerk. A 6% raise would be comparable to the Consumer Price Index for 2022 and that would place the Council Clerks over what is codified in the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Council Coby Clavier to forward to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023** the data of an old Ordinance regarding the Salary for the Council Clerks.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

1. **Update on Menard vs St. Landry Parish government Lawsuit and discuss in Executive Session**.

*Chairman Jerry Red* *Jr.,* informed the council that this agenda item will be discussed at the end of the meeting in Executive Session.

1. **Litigation Report Executive Session**.

*Chairman Jerry Red Jr.,* informed the council that this agenda item will be discussed at the end of the meeting in Executive Session.

1. **ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-005**

**Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune**

 **AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE NOTIFICATION SIGNS AT THE LOCATION OF NEW**

 **SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED AND DEVELOPED TO NOTIFY THE**

 **PUBLIC OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-006**

**Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry**

 **THE DIVISION OF PRECINCT 8 INTO PRECINCTS 8 AND 8A AND THE DIVISION**

 **OF PRECINCT 10A INTO PRECINCTS 10A AND 10B FOR VOTER CONVENIENCE**

 **AND THE SUBSEQUENT MERGER OF QUALIFYING PRECINCTS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-007**

**Sponsored by Councilman Dexter Brown**

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

 **SYSTEMS**

 Councilman Dexter Brown stated he has a Trailer Park in his district and the owner is not

 properly maintaining the sewer system for several trailers. Raw sewer is going in the yards

 of neighbors.

 Councilman Harold Taylor start we have an Ordinance in place for Public Health Code.

 Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We don’t have that part in there. It leaves it up to the

 state to do their investigation. We had issues in Mr. Shelvin’s District and Mr. Brown’s District.

 If the neighbor have a complaint they will have to go and file a complaint form. It is taking so

 long for that to take place and it is just not working. If they place this in our nuisance ordinance

 we can have Code Enforcement to go out there and enforce it. Garret have drafted a copy of

 the ordinance and it is placed in your packet.”

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-009**

**Sponsored by Councilman Easton Shelvin**

 **An Ordinance to establish an Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board and Terms and Conditions for a Permit for Ambulance Service Providers in St. Landry Parish.**

1. **ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

**Table until next Tuesday April 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-003**

 **(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.

 A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry

 To **Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-004**

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004**

**(Sponsored by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Harmon Lane in Opelousas 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 Harmon Lane 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:

 Andrepont 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)

 Jacob Road (Parish Road 6-345); (20)

 Jeff Thibodeaux (Parish Road 6-345); (21)

 Judson Walsh; (22)

 Lawyer Road; (23)

 Littell Street (Parish Road 6-40); (24)

 McClelland Road (Parish Road 6-35); (25)

 National Road (Council District No. 3); (26)

 North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104; (27)

 Oscar Rivette Road; (28)

 Perry Drive (Parish Road 6-40-1); (29)

 Plantation Road; (30)

 Rainbow Drive; (31)

 Rolling Oaks Drive (Parish Road 1-397); (32)

 Sir Thomas Henry Drive; (33)

 Smith Lane (Parish Road 5-30); (34)

 Soileau Road (Parish Road 6-275); (35)

 Soileau Road from Hwy. 13 to Hwy. 757; (36)

 Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2); (37)

 West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection. (38)

 **XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

 A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mildred Thierry

 To adopt **Resolution 016 of 2023**.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 016-2023**

 BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on

 all property Subject to taxation by St. Landry Parish Council:

**MILLAGES**

**General Alimony 3.780 mills**

**Exempted Municipalities 1.890 mills**

 **Health Units 2.170 mills**

**Road Dist No 1 Ward 3 10.260 mills**

 **Road Dist No 3 Wd 1 Sub 1 9.650 mills**

**Road Dist No 12 Ward 2 4.800 mills**

**Jail Parish Wide 1.000 mills**

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of

 St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed

 to spread said taxes, as here in above set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the

 year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing

 authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien

 and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof

 shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

1. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday,**

**April 5th, 2023** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

 **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards

to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday**, April 5th**, **2023** as transcribed.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards

To enter into Executive Session, turn off the recording system and have the public excused from this meeting to discuss item 7 and item 8 on the agenda.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor

To enter back into Regular Session and turn on the recording.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier

to reject with no counter offer on the Menard vs St. Landry Parish Government Lawsuit

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to

Enter into Executive Session and turn off the recording system and have the public excused from this meeting to discuss item No. 8 on the agenda, The Litigation Report.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Coby Clavier

to enter back into Regular Session and turn on the recording and allow the public to come back into the meeting.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune,

Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

Councilman Coby Clavier made a motion to take no action on Item No. 8 of the Agenda.

Attorney Gary McGoffin stated, “It is not necessary to have a motion or a decision not to take action. My suggestion to you is after considering what we had discussed in the executive session I advised you just as I would anyone else that is here, that tomorrow I will file the pleadings and memorandum in the lawsuit to defend the council and that lawsuit. The only reason there will be no action that this council will have to take now would be if you wanted me to do something other than that.”

Councilman Coby Clavier stated, “I withdraw my motion.”

1. **ADJOURN:**

 A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Coby Claiver to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Coby Clavier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

**WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 19th, day of April, 2023.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE**

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**