

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th, 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 16th, day of August, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Jerry Red Jr. called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilwoman Vivian Olivier led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. Ex Officio Jerry Red Jr. **ABSENT:** None.

IV. **CONDOLENCES:**

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Rita Calligan Murray, Delia Marie Charles, Isaac Martin, Ernest A. Robertson, Dr. Daniel Hayden Buller Sr.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Rosemary Jefferson, Isaac Martin, Delia Marie Charles, Ernest A. Robinson, Bess Myers Landry, Marshall Nick Fontenot, Anita Matt Vidrine, Betty A. Zackery, Dr. Daniel Buller Sr., Warren Earl Fontenot, Connis Joseph Leday, Rita Calligan Murray, Gerald Michael Savoy, Agnes Marie Frank, Charles Eaglin.

Councilman Gil Savoy: Howard Joseph Guidry, Jeanette Kennison Guillory, Lawrence Blanchard Leger Jr.

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier: Kenneth Joel LaVergne Sr., Ryan Jude Boudreau, Marshall Paul ‘Nick’ Fontenot.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin: Cecilia ‘Nanny’ Lawrence, James “Grady” Lacassin, Marshall Paul ‘Nick’ Fontenot, Rita Gail Murray Colligan, Dillon Stelly, Kitty Kartchner Barker, Carole Viviano, Dr. Daniel Hayden Buller Sr., Jeanette Kennerson Guillory.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Agnes Marie Frank.

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

V. **PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

Mr. Coby Clavier, Former Councilman, District 13 addressed the council. He stated that he is here to show his support for Ms. Lynn Lejeune. He stated that she would do a fantastic job as Councilwoman for District 13 in Eunice.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., and the council thanked former Councilman Coby Clavier for his service. Mr. Clavier was presented with a Plaque for his years of service and dedication to the Constituents of District 13.

Mr. Dirk Boudreaux addressed the council. He stated that he lives on Martinez Drive across the street from the Old Indian Hills Country Club. He presented the council with a pamphlet and stated that he is requesting assistance from the council and the Parish President concerning the use of the property at 1141 E. Prudhomme St., which is the old Indian Hills Country Club. He stated Pastor Kearney Thomas addressed the council last year and stated that the Old Indian Hills Country Club was going to be a Youth Facility. He stated there is no youth activity going on at any consistent basis there. The property was purchased for a Church. It is called The Opelousas Life Church and it conducts services on Sunday. Mr. Boudreaux stated there is a trucking company that is domicile at that location, a Zydeco Concert was held at that location and a Business Fair. He stated the most disturbing thing that happened recently was an event

that was put on a Sunday night that began at 10:00 p.m. and continued until 2:00 a.m. He questioned the functions at that location. He stated on page 9 of the pamphlet there was an event at the Indian Hills Country Club that was not presentable. He questioned the kind of events that take place at this Church. He says there are liquor bottles all over and there is no occupancy of a permit to operate a bar or a restaurant. It was withdrawn or it was not renewed but there is no liquor license that is active at the moment. He stated there are advertisement for a private pool party and a great place to have a trail ride. The property is in disrepair. The fence line along the property is falling, there are falling trees and parts of the fence is missing. There are signs on the property that indicates that they operate a Café and they operate a bar and grill called Bitter Sweet Bar and Grill. They don't have a liquor license nor do they have an occupational license. If this place is a church how can they operate a bar? Police are called out for fights and noise. Mr. Boudreaux emphasized a need for zoning in the parish. He asked the council to propose some kind of options to the residence of that neighborhood so that facility can work in the way that it was sold.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I had a meeting yesterday with the Police Department. We are in communication with the Sheriff's Office for this location and other locations in the parish. Recently in Palmetto they had a shooting at an event. We are in the process of drafting an ordinance that is going to dictate how someone can do a party or event so we can have better control and have law enforcement present. We are in the process of drafting something and hopefully we can get this done and passed soon. I am not sure if it will solve all of the problems but it will start the process. I did pull the liquor license from the Indian Hills Country Club a short time ago and I was criticized for it but it was a reason behind it. He did forfeit his license for the state of Louisiana. Right now he has no liquor license on that property but they can allow people to come on the property with liquor. They can bring liquor on the property. We are working all of those kinks out but as right now he can rent it out as a rental facility and they can bring alcohol, they just can't sell it. We are working on those issues and trying to get that resolved."

Mr. Dirk Boudreaux questioned if anything can be done when the ordinance is drafted concerning the time when these events can be held.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, that is one of the big things. There are other places that have the same problems where events go on until 2:00 a.m. in mostly residential areas."

Mr. James Donny Fontenot addressed the council to advise them that he is a candidate for the seat as Councilman of District 13 in Eunice.

Mr. Tommy Dejean addressed the council regarding the monument. He stated, "I gave everyone a printout as a solution to this monument. I think that it is clear in my mind if we try to move this monument it is going to get destroyed. How can we make accommodations to keep it here? I have to give you all a little bit of history about this group of black soldiers who served in Louisiana in 1863. The war lasted about four years. It did not come to Louisiana in this part of the country until 1863. All of the slaves that had been freed and all free people of color wanted to enlist in the union army but the union army would not let them fight. There was a myth that they could not let that happen. On May 27, 1863 hundreds of black soldiers, part of the first and third Louisiana Native Guard Infantry Regiment of the Union Army bravely stormed Port Hudson. Port Hudson is a few miles north of Baton Rouge, south of St. Francisville on the Mississippi River and Vicksburg is above it. It was the last piece of the Mississippi River that the Union did not control. They sent troops up that way, that is where Ulysses Grant were and General Banks were. This group of Black soldiers were never given any arms to fight. The first time that they fought was as Port Hudson. It was basically a suicide mission along with the rest of the soldiers that tried to storm Port Hudson. There were 600 Black Soldiers that were killed from the union. General Banks said they settled one matter effectively and that was the question if Negroes would stand up under fire and take their lost as well as white men it give me pleasure to report that they answered every expectation. In many respect their conduct was heroic, no troops could be more determined or daring. From that date the union started arming the free slaves to participate in the Civil War. General Banks continued this recruitment in the test recruiting freeman and fugitive slaves. Two regiments were organized at Opelousas with about 500 men each styled the first and third Louisiana Native Guards. One group was composed of free Negroes of means and intelligence and the second was made up of slaves. These are the two groups that stormed Fort Hudson. I am recommending that we leave that monument as it is and we place a plaque to recognize the

connection of the Louisiana Native Guard called the Core-di-Freak, the Africa Core and recognize them on the same monument under that same pelican that we have been talking about as a tribute to everyone from this area that have a connection in the civil war. It is not a tribute to the cause of the civil war but it is a tribute to soldiers on both sides that fought. I think that it is an equitable solution to this and we can move on.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Last meeting we voted that I would form a committee and we would come up with a solution then.”

Mr. Tommy Dejean stated, “Can that recommendation be amended when it comes up on the agenda?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “When it comes up on Item #4 of the agenda we will deal with it.”

Ms. Lena Charles Addressed the council regarding the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival. It will be held Friday, September 1st and Saturday, September 2, 2023. Folks from all over are planning to visit. She stated the Festival will begin Friday September 1st, 2023 at Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. On Saturday September 2nd, the Festival will begin with a Zydeco Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. under the oak trees on the Courthouse Square.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 19th, 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 and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “At this time I want to call Ms. Brenda Foulcard up. She has a presentation to make.”

Ms. Brenda Foulcard stated, “I want to say thank you to St. Landry Parish for giving us the opportunity and hope and being a pipe line. You all are the grand recipient and fiscal agent and you all host the CEO in this parish for the Workforce Development Grant which allows us to provide a Summer Academy. The Summer Academy worked with eight parishes and enrolled 365 recipients in the Acadiana area and. St. Landry Parish actually had the highest retain participant of an eight week program. They did 3 days of working with employers at the work sight and on Thursday and Friday they were on campus. On Friday we bussed everyone to the UL Campus. We gave them opportunity for Entrepreneurship, Career Development, Career Assessment and many more skills.”

Ms. Jeanette Harris, Youth Career Coach addressed the council. She stated after the participants completed the program they were offered permanent employment with the job sights. Some were college students and they were willing to work with their schedules. Some were High School students and they were offered opportunities to come and work again. It was a learning experience for them. Students were given a competition with the other eight parishes and they had to dress for success. Our participants were victorious because they decided to dress like the profession that they were interested in going into. St. Landry Parish had the highest participation rate.”

Mr. Xavier Matthews Youth Career Student addressed the council and stated he worked at Southwest Loan Company. A skilled that he learned is how to manage money, how to be smart with money, how to save money, when to spend it and when not to spend it.

Mr. Xavier Hebert, Youth Career Student addressed the council and stated he worked at Opelousas General Hospital. He learned how to multi task in various departments of the hospital.

Ms. Brenda Foulcard stated the students worked hard to be innovative and creative. The students were presented with a trophy. They present the trophy to the Parish Government and expressed their thanks for all that the parish does.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he spoke to Attorney Paul Gibson. Mr. Gibson is an attorney that will represent us in the previous lawsuit. Mr. Gibson was recommended by Judge Ellis Daigle. Mr. Gibson put a package together for your review and he is willing to represent the government.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned if action is needed to be taken on this item to have Attorney Gibson represent the Parish Government.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he would like to take action. He did e-mail the Plaintiff's Attorney and he granted us time. The Plaintiff's Attorney ask me to ask our attorney to contact him whenever we hire someone.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned the time limit that we have to contact the Plaintiff's Attorney.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated no set time was not given. I e-mailed him last week and told him that we had a meeting tonight.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned the 30 day extension.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated he did not give us an extension. He was very careful in his words. He said he was not going to go against us until we hire an attorney. I did e-mail you all the questions and his reply.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Since we have not met the gentleman would it be appropriate to call a special meeting next Wednesday?"

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to approve calling a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to meet with Attorney Paul Gibson. Mr. Gibson will represent the Parish Government in a previous 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 and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards 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 and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Vote to appoint an interim council member for District 13 seat on the St. Landry Parish Council. Applicants are: Darrell Huckaby and Lynn Lejeune.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint Ms. Lynn Lejeune as Councilwoman for District 13 for the St. Landry Parish Council for the remainder of a four year term expiring 01-01-2024.

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 and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

The votes were as follows:

<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilman Easton Shelvin</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	Darrell Huckaby

<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilman Gil Savoy</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	Darrell Huckaby
<i>Councilman Wayne Ardoin</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	Lynn Lejeune
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	Darrell Huckaby
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	Darrell Huckaby

Judge Meche appoint Ms. Lynn Lejeune as Councilwoman for District 13.

- 2. Vote to re-appoint Leroy Randall Jr. 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 Harold Taylor to re-appoint Leroy Randall Jr. for a one year term to Fire District No. 7. (09-19-2023 – 09-19-2024).

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

- 3. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a five year term to St. Landry Parish Housing Authority. (10-17-2023 – 10-17-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment for a five-year term to St. Landry Parish Housing Authority. (10-17-2023 – 10-17-2028).

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

- 4. Authorize the council to form a committee consisting of three members from Public Works and three members from Administrative Finance to further discuss the removal of the Statue. (Councilwoman Nancy Carriere will lead the committee.)**

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I will get back with the council on the members that I will select to be on the committee.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask that the word ‘removal’ of the monument be struck and replaced with the word ‘faith’ of the monument.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned if the council whole council will make the decision to replace the wording. We should not allow just one person to make that decision.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I will form a committee which would be balanced.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “What I remember and it was stated that you would get three from the sons and daughters of the Confederacy to be included in the committee. It was three people from the Son/Daughters of the Confederacy and three people from the council and Ms. Carriere would organize the committee. Mr. Ardoin would like to change the wording.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am asking that they remove the word ‘removal’ of the statue and replace it with the word the ‘faith’ of the statue.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Are you okay with that motion Ms. Nancy?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am fine with his motion.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Can you read your motion Mr. Ardoin.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Authorize the council to form a committee consisting of three members from Public Works. I think that we need to get our wording together so we can

pass it and move on. It has been on our agenda every month. It is time to move on. Mr. Duplechain, how do you want us to word it?"

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Let's say this: The faith of the statue that the council should pick three members or Ms. Nancy picks three members and you get three members from the Daughter/Sons of the Confederacy."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Are we going to give them a time to submit their names from the Sons/Daughters of the Confederacy? Mr. Dejean is still in the audience. Mr. Dejean could you speak and tell us who you would like to have on your committee to represent your group?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Authorize Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to form a committee of six people consisting of three members from the Daughters/Sons of the Confederacy and three members from the Parish to discuss and submit a recommendation to the Parish Council on the Faith of the Monument on the Courthouse Square."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "With what you just read you said that Ms. Nancy will pick the three people from the Sons/Daughters of the Confederacy and three people from the parish?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes. To make a six member committee to discuss and submit a recommendation to the parish council on what the faith of the confederate monument should be."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Are you all fine with that motion?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Yes Sir."

Mr. Tommy Dejean questioned how will the three member be picked from the Son/Daughters of the Confederacy? Will Ms. Carriere get to pick all six members?

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "She is picking three people from the parish and three people from the Son/Daughters of the Confederacy. That is what the motion read."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "If I have to offer a motion I will say if Mr. Dejean and his group of people come up with three names to represent the monument?"

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "Are you okay with that Ms. Nancy?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I will speak to him on the three. I will pick the three people on both sides."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Let's come to a common ground. You will pick and you will review the three that they give you and we will go with that. Do you want to change your motion Mr. Ardoin?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I will offer a motion to whereas Mr. Dejean and his group have three people. He will submit the three people to the group and Ms. Nancy will select three people from the council."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize a committee be formed consisting of six members. Mr. Tommy Dejean will submit three members from the Sons/Daughters of the Confederacy and Ms. Carriere will select three members from the council to determine the Faith of the statue.

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

5. Authorize a background check to be done on all applicants that apply for any Boards in St. Landry Parish.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to authorize a background check to be done on all applicants that apply for any board in St. Landry Parish.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Lynn Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere and Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

6. Authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to contact Attorney Clay Jenkins of Loncar Lyon Jenkins, Attorney at Law to get more information regarding the Class Action Lawsuit for Billing for Insulin.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “While at NACO I was in a meeting and this law firm presented us with a booklet. It basically states that big companies like Eli Lilly were basically over charging Medicaid for the price of insulin. It is an insulin pricing scheme. Eli Lilly spent \$395,000,000.00 on research and development between 2014 and 2018. He also spent \$1.5 billion dollars on sales and marketing for insulin. The money that they spent on marketing and research and development generated \$22 billion dollars in revenue from the Insulin line. The Santifi Company reported net sales of \$37 Billion for Insulin products while only vesting \$902 million for insulin. There is a class action lawsuit that states that different counties and parishes are joining. I would like Mr. Duplechain to look into this and join this class action lawsuit.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It is a class action lawsuit similar to our Opioid Lawsuit that we may be able to join. It is a good avenue for us to look into.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “On the Opioid Lawsuit we had a local firm, Morrow & Morrow to handle that case. Can we get a local firm to look into this Insulin Case?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I will begin with Clay Jenkins and his law firm. Then I will see where it goes. I don’t know if there are any local law firms that handle this. Only certain law firms specialize in this. I will look at all of those possibilities to see if we can join this class action lawsuit and what it will entail. I don’t believe it will cost the parish anything. It could mean the parish will recover some proceeds. I will look into it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to contact Attorney Clay Jenkins of Loncar Lyon Jenkins, Attorney at Law to get more information regarding the Class Action Lawsuit for Billing for Insulin.

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

7. Discuss Private Roads and Private Subdivisions

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask that this be moved back to the next Public Works Committee Meeting dated **Wednesday September 6th, 2023** for further discussion.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward the further discussion of Private Road and Private Subdivision back to the next Committee Meeting date **Wednesday, September 6th, 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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

8. Vote to hire Becky Rogers to do an Internal Investigation.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I am still a bit confused. When she was here I got the vibe that she realized that they did not have that many employees. I felt that she was uncomfortable with that. When that was brought up that there was an abundance of employees it looked like she was shocked. Have anyone spoke to her lately?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “She did say that she thought that it was only five people. She did not realize that it was 21 employees.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Actually she thought it was about ten people. She was a bit surprised. The question is does she still want to work for us? She did not leave saying no she did not want to work for us.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “It was a tie vote. Mr. Red made the recommendation to forward it to the full council because it did not come out of the committee. That is where it is confusing on my part.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to hire Becky Rogers, Human Resource Specialist to do an Internal Investigation on the St. Landry Parish Human Resource Department.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Alvin Stelly and Wayne Ardoin. **NAYS:** Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Lynn Lejeune. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion **FAILED** on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

Motion failed.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

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.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am going to sponsor this ordinance. I will ask that it be in the \$35,000.00 - \$40,000.00 range. I don’t know where the \$90,000.00 came from that is in the budget.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “If Mr. Ardoin is the author of the ordinance we can make it whatever we want to make it and then we can amend it if we don’t like it.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “After seeing it I don’t know where the \$90,000.00 came from.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Is that a total between the two clerks? Is that the new raise that we plan on giving them?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I believe that the \$90,000.00 would be a combination of both of them together combined.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I don’t want to discuss their salaries in here right now but yet at the same time I want to make sure that the numbers are correct.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-018

Sponsored by Councilman Dexter Brown

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-019

Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Who will incur the cost for these lights?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask that this ordinance be delayed at this time until we come up with some different wording. It has to do with safety situations and some rural neighborhoods.

There are a lot of things that needs to be looked at. I ask that the lighting be placed because of the situation on HWY 31 and Tom Schexnayder Road. You have cane fields on both sides. If you are not looking for that parish road you will pass it up.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Who is responsible for the cost. I know everyone may have issues in their district with lighting. I am wondering how the wording will be written as to who will pay for the cost of the lighting.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated he will withdraw his sponsorship for Ordinance No. 2023-019.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated he will Sponsor Ordinance No. 2023-019.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated Mr. Bellard was going to check on who will be responsible for the payment. She ask him to update the council.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The issue in Mr. Ardoin’s district was resolved without Government interference. We don’t have an issue at this time. The Electric Company cannot do Pro Bono. It has to be paid by the parish or the person that is requesting it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Maybe we should take them as they come. Maybe the ordinance should read lighting as needed per district. Maybe it should read if it meets the qualifications then the parish can look into the situation.”

AN ORDINANCE TO INSTALL LIGHTING ON PARISH ROADS THAT ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTING AT NIGHT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-020
Sponsored by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If I am not mistaken this is specific to one piece of property. It is one piece of property that the land owner wants to buy the adjoining property. It has to be done by an ordinance. That is why it is being introduced.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-021
Sponsored by Councilman Harold Taylor

AN ORDINANCE TO MAINTAIN THE UNDER 300 ACTIVE VOTERS PRECINCTS AS THEY CURRENTLY ARE FOR 2023 ELECTION YEAR.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-014.

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-014
(Sponsored by: Councilman Harold Taylor)

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.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government will create a planning commission to regulate, oversee, and facilitate planning, zoning, and development in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission is hereby created in Chapter 32 – Planning, Zoning, and Development, in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, with the enactment of Article 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, which shall read in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances as follows:

ARTICLE I. – ST. LANDRY PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION

Sec. 32-1. - Created.

There is hereby created the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission, herein referred to as “the Commission.”

Sec. 32-2. - Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective ten days after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with the laws governing St. Landry Parish. The provisions and requirements outlined within this ordinance shall be enforceable as of the effective date, establishing the Commission in St. Landry Parish.

Sec. 32-3. - Members.

(a)The Commission shall consist of five (5) members approved by the Parish Council, who may remove any member of the commission, after public hearing, for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.

(b) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, shall be qualified as set forth herein, and shall hold no public elected office. Members of the Commission shall be qualified electors required to reside within St. Landry Parish.

(c)The members of the Commission first appointed shall hold office for staggered terms in accordance with the Commission’s bylaws, respectively; their successors shall be appointed for a term of five (5) years from and after expiration of the term of their predecessors in office. If a vacancy occurs otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by approval of the Parish Council for the unexpired term.

(d) St. Landry Economic Development (SLED) shall make a recommendation for the selection of one of the five members of the Commission.

Sec. 32-4. - Powers and Duties of the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission.

The Commission, as hereby created, shall have and exercise all of the powers and duties as provided for in R.S. 33:101 through 33:120, as now or hereafter amended, and any other authority, which may be contained in the constitution and laws of the state relating to the work of parish planning commissions. The decision of the Commission shall be final, subject to appeal to the appropriate court.

Sec. 32-5. - Organization, Meetings, and Procedures

(a) The St. Landry Parish Government shall call the first meeting of the Commission within 30 days of the approval of a majority of the members of the Parish Council. The first meeting of the Commission will be to establish organizational, administrative procedures, and a regular meeting schedule.

(b)The Commission shall elect a chairperson from among its own membership, create, and fill each other of its offices as it may determine.

(c)The Commission shall meet at least once per month.

(d)The Commission shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations.

(e)The St. Landry Parish Government staff shall serve as the staff of the Commission, providing administrative, technical, and operational support to ensure the effective functioning of the Commission in accordance with its duties and responsibilities.

Sec. 36-6. - Minimum Qualifications

(a)The Commission members shall have minimum qualifications to serve as members of the Commission. Qualifications shall include a minimum of 3 years of professional experience in any of the following fields: planning, architecture, engineering, real estate, economic or community development, or other professions related to land development.

(b) In accordance with the minimum qualifications outlined in this section, individuals applying to serve as members of the Commission shall be required to submit an application utilizing St. Landry Parish Government’s application form and a comprehensive curriculum vitae (CV) or resume, providing a detailed account of their relevant experience, qualifications, and background.

(c) The St. Landry Parish President is hereby authorized to verify the minimum qualifications of applicants prior to nomination to the St. Landry Parish Council.

Sec. 32-7 – 32-18. Reserved.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mildred Thierry to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-015.

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

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.

WHEREAS, as per Notice of Intention, duly published, it is the intention of the St. Landry Parish Council to permanently close, abandon and quit claim a portion of the WPA Road (aka) Williamson Spur Road located at the Westernmost point of the concrete apron or guardrail on the West side of the Williamson Spur Road bridge traversing Swayze Lake and extending in a Northeasterly direction through the North East Quadrant of Section T5S/R6E Sec. 11, thence North East through T5S/R6E Section. 4, thence through the North West Quadrant of T5S/R7E Section 4 to the termination of the Williamson Spur Road near Half Moon Bayou for a total of 1.93 miles from the point of beginning, the westernmost point of the Williamson Spur Bridge to a point ending at the termination of the Williamson Spur Road, and

WHEREAS, herein attached are sworn statements from each of the partitioners who are requesting abandon of said road, all of whom declared that they are the sole and only owners of various tracts of land situated on both sides of Williamson Spur Road in St. Landry Parish, LA of that portion described above, and

WHEREAS, no public comments or protests were received or recorded at a Public Hearing held on August 16, 2023, now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED That the St. Landry Parish Council does here by permanently close and abandon and quit claim, thus relinquishing any and all claims by the Parish Council of the above listed portions of rights of way and being public rights of way and further that said Ordinance No. 2023-015 be recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry **Pulled Ordinance No. 2023-016.** (Reintroduce 09-20-2023).

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 ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 36-132 in Article VI of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

SEC. 36-132. - HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS.

Upon request of the parish government to install speed bumps on a specific parish roadway, a survey will be conducted by parish officials, or a member of the parish council, going to the household of each voter registered with the registrar of voters on that specific roadway, or by mailing such survey to each household voter registered with the registrar of voters on that specific parish roadway. The survey shall request that each household voter state if they are "for" or "against" the installation of the speed bumps on that specific roadway. If the survey is mailed, the survey is to be returned to the council clerk of the parish government in the provided self-addressed stamped envelope within ten days upon receipt. If the surveys were mailed, after 15 days have lapsed from the time the

surveys were forwarded to the households, the clerk will tally the returned surveys. The clerk will refer the installation of the speed bumps to the public works director for a feasibility study in accordance with section 36-133 only if 75 percent of the households surveyed are in favor of installing the speed bumps.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT this ordinance shall become effective on the date of the full council meeting that this ordinance is passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-017.

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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

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.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Oscar Rivette Road will be removed from 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 Oscar Rivette Road will be removed 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 Road	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 6 th Street between Hwy 190 and Hwy 104	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 Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adopt Resolution No. 023-2023.**
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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 023-2023

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on August 10, 2023, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a 21.95 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,797,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities (including emergency rescue equipment), and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

- A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to adopt Resolution No. 024-2023.**
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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 024-2023

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the St. Landry Parish Airport; and, the sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the St. Landry Parish Government, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor" does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the St. Landry Parish Airport specifically as described in the Six (6) year Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance which is dated August 1, 2023 and which commences in the year 2024.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the DOTD Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the President of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adopt Resolution No. 025-2023.**
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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., asked Parish President Jessie Bellard to send a letter and inform all municipalities.

RESOLUTION NO. 025-2023

WHEREAS, in the course of service to the public and the community, elected and appointed public officials may draw wisdom and strength from faith in a higher power that inspires unyielding commitment to service and compassion for all people;

WHEREAS, as an inspiration that the needs and safety of the public must be addressed and tended to above all else, the St. Landry Parish Council stands in full support of all twelve incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish putting the words

“**IN GOD WE TRUST**” in their Council chambers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish Government stands in full support of all twelve incorporated municipalities, Opelousas, Eunice, Sunset, Grand Coteau, Cankton, Leonville, Arnaudville, Port Barre, Krotz Springs, Melville, Washington, and Palmetto, putting the words “**IN GOD WE TRUST**” in their Council chambers.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, August 2nd, 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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman, Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, August 2nd, 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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor 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 Lynn Lejeune. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 16th, day of August, 2023.

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