

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune)**
- III. ROLL CALL**
- IV. PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL MEMBERS**
- V. CONDOLENCES**
- VI. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
- Daniel Auzenne Jr. or Persons to speak about Demolition of the structure on Napoleon Street.
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- Regular Meeting: November 15th, 2023
 - Special Meeting: November 21st, 2023
 - Special Meeting: December 6th, 2023
- VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
- Napoleon Street Demolition Update
 - Discuss the amendment that was on the ballot regarding tax exemption for first responders.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:**
- *Items passed through committee.
1. Vote to proceed with the demolition of the structure on Napoleon Street.
 2. Vote to appoint four appointments to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2024 - 01-01-2028) Applicants are: Ronald Milburn, Greg Lafleur, Willie Pickens Jr., Ryan Chachere, Wilfred Kinnerson Jr., and Dominic Vidrine.
 3. Vote to re-appoint Barney Johnson and Samuel Doucet for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2024- 01-01-2028).
 4. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2024 - 02-17-2026).
 5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for a four-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2028).
 6. Authorize Code Enforcement to reinstate the awarded and uncompleted Adjudicated Properties sales back on the Parish Bid List.
 7. Authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for the remaining of a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).
 8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for four appointments to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029) .
10. Authorize the ratification of Lieutenant Ryan Young to be re-appointed to the E-911 Board nominated by Chief of Police, Kyle LeBouef of Eunice Police Department.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-038 (Sponsored By: Councilman Alvin Stelly)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Henderson Drive in Arnaudville, 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. 2023-044

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 10-4, ADOPTION OF STATE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE, WHICH IS IN CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS AND HOUSING, OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-045

ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

An Ordinance authorizing participation in the Acadiana Watershed District, as codified by Louisiana Act 323. The Acadiana Watershed District shall be domiciled in Lafayette Parish as a central location within the boundaries of the Acadiana Watershed District. St. Landry Parish designates the Acadiana Planning Commission as the office of the Acadiana Watershed District’s business operations and as the public fiscal agent and administering body to conduct daily operations as stated in Louisiana Act 323. St. Landry Parish will assist in adopting the administrative steps to establish the Acadiana Watershed District Board of Commissioners and the bylaws of the District.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-046

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 28-16, LOUD, UNNECESSARY, ETC., NOISES.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-028 (Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 18-84 WHICH IS IN CHAPTER 18, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO HAVE ALL STRUCTURES BUILT ONE FOOT ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION LEVEL AS DETERMINED BY FEMA, AS PER THE ONE FOOT FREEBOARD RULE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 18-84 in Chapter 18 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

- **Sec. 18-84. - Specific standards.**

In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data has been provided as set forth in section 18-30, 18-60(a)(8), or 18-85(c), the following provisions are required:

(1) *Residential construction.* New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above one foot above the base flood

elevation. A registered professional engineer, architect, or land surveyor shall submit a certification to the floodplain administrator that the standard of this subsection as proposed in section 18-61(a)(1) is satisfied.

(2) *Nonresidential construction.* New construction and substantial improvements of any commercial, industrial, or other nonresidential structure shall either have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above one foot above the base flood level or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the base flood level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structural design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice as outlined in this subsection. A record of such certification which includes the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which such structures are floodproofed shall be maintained by the floodplain administrator.

(3) *Enclosures.* New construction and substantial improvements, with fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or storage in an area other than a basement and which are subject to flooding, shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following criteria:

- a. A minimum of two openings on separate walls having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided;
- b. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade;
- c. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

(4) *Manufactured homes.*

a. All manufactured homes to be placed within Zone A on a community's FHBM or FIRM shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage. For the purposes of this requirement, manufactured homes must be elevated and anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces;

b. Manufactured homes that are placed or substantially improved within Zones A1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM, on sites outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision, in a new manufactured home park or subdivision, in an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, or in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home has incurred substantial damage as a result of a flood, shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the bottom of the longitudinal structural I-beam of the manufactured home is elevated to or above one foot above the base flood elevation and shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement;

c. Manufactured homes placed or substantially improved on sites in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision within Zones A1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM that are not subject to the provisions of this subsection (4) shall be elevated so that either:

1. The bottom of the longitudinal structural I-beam of the manufactured home is at or above one foot above the base flood elevation; or
2. The manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are no less than 36 inches in height above grade and is securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement.

(5) *Recreational vehicles.* Recreational vehicles placed on sites within Zones A1-30, AH, and AE on the community's FIRM shall:

- a. Be on site for fewer than 180 consecutive days;

- b. Be fully licensed and ready for highway use; or
- c. Meet the permit requirements of section 18-61(a), and the elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes in subsection (4) of this section.

A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick-disconnect-type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-029 (Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 18-86 WHICH IS IN CHAPTER 18, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO HAVE ALL STRUCTURES BUILT ONE FOOT ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION LEVEL AS DETERMINED BY FEMA, AS PER THE ONE FOOT FREEBOARD RULE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 18-86 in Chapter 18 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

- **Sec. 18-86. - Standards for areas of shallow flooding (AO/AH zones).**

Located within the areas of special flood hazard established in section 18-30 are areas designated as shallow flooding. These areas have special flood hazards associated with flood depths of one to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable, and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow; therefore, the following provisions apply:

- (1) All new construction and substantial improvements of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above one foot above the base flood elevation or the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the community's FIRM (at least two feet if no depth number is specified);
- (2) All new construction and substantial improvements of nonresidential structures:
 - a. Have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above one foot above the base flood elevation or the highest adjacent grade at least as high as the depth number specified in feet on the community's FIRM (at least two feet if no depth number is specified); or
 - b. Together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the base specified flood depth in an AO zone or below the base flood elevation in an AH zone level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads of effects of buoyancy.
- (3) A registered professional engineer or architect shall submit a certification to the floodplain administrator that the standards of this section, as proposed in section 18-61, are satisfied;
- (4) Require within Zones AH or AO adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-030 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 32-6 IN CHAPTER 32, PLANNING, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE I, ST. LANDRY PARISH PLANNING COMMISSION, TO ELIMINATE THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 32-6 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 32-6. – Qualifications

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-031 (Sponsored By: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 2-289, SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BY PUBLIC SALE.

Whereas, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2201, et seq., provides for parish governments to sell property that has been adjudicated to the parish for non-payment of property taxes by public sale;
 Whereas, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2204 provides that the ordinance that allows for the public sale of adjudicated property by the parish governing authority may subject the public sales to terms and conditions imposed by the parish governing authority;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 2-289, Sale of Adjudicated Property by Public Sale, of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

SEC. 2-289 - SALE OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BY PUBLIC SALE.

- (a) Sale of adjudicated property may be made by public sale, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:2201 et seq.
- (b) Minimum bid; appraisal.
 - (1) In the event the parish government elects to set a dollar amount as a minimum bid for the sale of adjudicated property, the minimum bid for the sale of adjudicated property shall include the following:
 - a. The total amount of all statutory impositions of the parish government and of any other political subdivision of the state affecting the property;
 - b. The total amount of all governmental liens affecting the property;
 - c. The costs of adjudication of the property to the parish government at the tax sale of the property, if any; and
 - d. The costs of sale of the adjudicated property by public sale
 - (2) The parish government may, however, by special ordinance provide that the sale of adjudicated property by public sales shall occur after appraisal of the property, rather than as set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section, in accordance with R.S. 47:2202, in which case the parish government shall appoint a licensed appraiser to appraise and value the property. In such case, the minimum bid at the first public sale of the property shall be at least two-thirds of the appraised value of the property. If the property fails to sell at the first public sale, the minimum bid at the second public sale of the property shall be one-third of the appraised value of the property. If the property fails to sell at the second public sale, the parish government may, by subsequent ordinance, sell the property at the minimum bid set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this section.
 - (3) In addition, the parish government may, by special ordinance, provide for the sale of adjudicated property at public sale to the highest bidder without setting a minimum bid or requiring an appraisal, in accordance with R.S. 47:2202(A), as amended.
- (c) The sale of adjudicated property by public sale may be initiated either by the parish government or by any person, in accordance with the following procedures:
 - (1) Initiation of public sale by parish government. The parish government may provide by special ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property at a public sale, which ordinance shall contain the following:
 - a. The legal description of the adjudicated property to be sold at public sale (including the lot, square and subdivision name, if applicable);
 - b. The municipal address of the adjudicated property to be sold at public sale;
 - c. The name and address of the owner of record of the property, as reflected in the records of the assessor's office, as of the date of the tax sale by which the property was adjudicated to the parish government or its predecessors.
 - d. In the event the parish government elects to set a dollar amount as a minimum bid for the sale of adjudicated property, the ordinance shall state the minimum bid for which the property shall be sold. In the event the parish government provides that the sale of adjudicated property shall occur after appraisal, as

provided for by subsection (b)(2) of this section, the ordinance shall state that the sale shall be subject to appraisal. In the event the parish government provides that the sale of adjudicated property shall be without a minimum bid or appraisal, as provided in subsection (b)(3) of this section, the ordinance shall state that the sale shall be to the highest bidder with no minimum bid or appraisal.

(2) Initiation by persons. Whenever a person desires to initiate the sale of adjudicated property by public sale and the parish government, in turn, is willing to sell the property, the person so desiring shall submit an application to the administrative department of the parish government, requesting the sale of such property, which application shall contain the following:

- a. A legal description of property (lot, square and subdivision name, if applicable);
- b. Municipal address of property;
- c. Name of the owner of record of the property at the time of adjudication and the year of the tax sale;
- d. Affidavit certifying the prospective purchaser is not a member of immediate family of property owner or entity in which owner has a substantial economic interest;
- e. A copy of tax sale deed evidencing the recordation in excess of three years;
- f. A copy of current tax bill;
- g. An executed offer letter to purchase the property;
- h. Deposits.

1. A deposit, by cash, certified cashier's check, or money order, in an amount as established by the parish council from time to time, to cover the expenses of the public sale, including advertising, appraisals (if applicable), legal fees of the parish government in connection with the sale, title abstract and mortgage certificate costs and all other costs associated with the public sale.

2. In the event the applicant is the highest bidder at the public sale of the adjudicated property, any unused funds on deposit shall be applied to the purchase price of the property sold at the public sale. If there are remaining funds on deposit after the payment of the purchase price of the property sold at the public sale, said remaining funds shall, upon authentication of the sale as described hereinbelow, be refunded to the applicant.

3. In the event the applicant fails to be the highest bidder at the public sale of the adjudicated property, this deposit shall be refunded to the applicant. In the event, however, that no one at the public sale bids up to the minimum amount, if any, required for the sale of the property, then the deposit shall be retained by the parish government to pay the costs and expenses of the public sale; provided, however, that any monies remaining on deposit after the payment of said costs and expenses shall be refunded to the applicant.

(d) Advertising.

(1) In the event of initiation of sale of adjudicated property by public sale by the parish government or any person, the public sale shall be advertised twice in the official journal of the parish government, the first advertisement being at least 30 days prior to the date of the public sale, and the second advertisement being no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale. Each advertisement shall be on a form prescribed by the parish government, and shall contain the following information:

- a. Notice of the sale;
- b. The amount of the minimum bid, if any. If the sale is subject to appraisal, the advertisement shall so state. If the sale is without minimum bid or appraisal, the advertisement shall so state;
- c. The name and address of the department within the parish government to which bids shall be submitted;
- d. The date, time and physical and/or electronic addresses of in-person bidding on the property;
- e. A description of the property to be sold at public sale (including the lot, square and subdivision name, if applicable), as well as the municipal address of the property (if applicable);
- f. Any other terms which the parish government may require.

(2) All bids shall be on a form, either written or electronic, prescribed by the parish government.

(e) All bids received shall be submitted by the administrative department to the full parish council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time the parish council may adopt an ordinance approving the sale of the property to the highest bidder, as provided by R.S. 47:2204. The ordinance, if adopted, shall include the following requirements:

(1) A requirement that the purchaser certify in writing to the administrative department of the parish government that he or his agent has examined the mortgage and conveyance records of the parish to determine the names and last known addresses of:

- a. The tax debtor at the time of the tax sale of the property;
- b. Any person requesting notice pursuant to R.S. 47:2159;
- c. The owner of the property, including the owner of record at the time of the tax sale of the property;
- d. Any other person holding an interest in the property, including a mortgage, privilege, lien or other encumbrance on the property, and including a tax sale purchaser.

Attached to this certification shall be a written list of all names and last known addresses of the persons listed hereinabove;

(2) A requirement that the purchaser of the adjudicated property shall send the written notice to any person described in subsection (e)(1) of this section in the form provided by R.S. 47:2206(A). A copy of said

written notice shall be furnished to the administrative department of the parish government with a certification that the notice has been sent to said persons;

(3) A requirement that the purchaser file in the mortgage records of the parish a copy of the written notice required in subsection (e)(2) of this section, and furnish the administrative department of the parish government with stamped copies of the recorded notice;

(4) A requirement that the purchaser shall cause to be published in the official records of the parish a notice in the form prescribed by R.S. 47:2206(B), and furnish to the administrative department of the parish government with an affidavit of publication of said notice prepared by the official journal;

(5) An acknowledgment in writing from the purchaser that the adjudicated property is sold without any warranty, except a warranty against eviction resulting from a prior alienation of the property by the parish government or its predecessor;

(6) The name and address of the purchaser, the amount of money for which the property has been sold and a requirement that the purchaser remit the purchase price of the property, by cash, cashier's/certified check or money order, contemporaneously with the furnishing of the other documents listed in this subsection (e), with an appropriate credit for any sums previously deposited for costs by the purchaser.

(f) Authentication of sale.

(1) At the expiration of the 60-day or six-month redemption periods, set forth in R.S. 47:2206(A) and (B), the purchaser shall begin the process of authentication of the sale of the adjudicated property within ninety days of receiving the letter from St. Landry Parish Government notifying them that they have successfully bid on the property, and the purchaser shall complete the authentication process, including the satisfaction of any terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in the ordinances providing for the sale of adjudicated property, within nine months of beginning the authentication process. If the purchaser does not begin and complete the authentication process within this time period, the adjudicated property shall be sold to the person(s) or entity that was the next highest bidder in the sale of the property. If the purchaser does not begin and complete the authentication process within this time period, and the purchaser was the only bidder on the adjudicated property, the adjudicated property shall again be offered for sale at a public sale by St. Landry Parish Government. The authentication of the sale of the adjudicated property shall be as provided in R.S. 47:2207.

(2) The authentication shall be in the form of an act of sale prescribed by R.S. 47:2207(B), which act of sale shall be prepared and filed into the conveyance records of the parish. The purchaser shall pay all costs incurred in preparing, filing and/or recording the said act of sale authenticating the sale. The act of sale authenticating the sale of the adjudicated property shall be without warranty, except a warranty against eviction resulting from a prior alienation of the property by the parish government or its predecessor, as provided in R.S. 47:2207(A).

(g) Contemporaneously with filing the act of sale authenticating the sale as provided in subsection (f) of this section, the purchaser shall file, at his cost, an affidavit into the mortgage records of the parish in the form prescribed by R.S. 47:2208, and shall furnish to the administrative department of the parish government with a stamped copy of the recorded affidavit. The filing of said affidavit shall, in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 47:2208(B), operate as a cancellation, termination, release and erasure of record of all statutory impositions of all political subdivisions then due and owing, of all governmental liens and of all interests, liens, mortgages, privileges and other encumbrances recorded against the property sold and listed in the affidavit.

(h) Proceeds of sale.

(1) Except as otherwise agreed upon by the holders of statutory impositions and governmental liens, all proceeds from the sale of adjudicated property by public sale, after the deduction of costs of the sale, shall be paid on a pro rata basis to the holders of such statutory impositions and governmental liens;

(2) Any amount in excess of the costs of the sale, statutory impositions and governmental liens shall be paid to the parish government.

(i) In the event the adjudicated property is redeemed within the redemption periods set forth in R.S. 47:2206(A) and (B), then all sums deposited or paid by the purchaser for the purchase price of the adjudicated property shall be refunded to the purchaser by the parish government, with legal interest, written 30 days after the parish government is notified of said redemption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-032 (Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THAT THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ACQUIRE A FULL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A PARCEL OR LOT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES, AS PER LA R.S. 47:2236

WHEREAS, a political subdivision may acquire a full ownership interest in

immovable property that has been adjudicated to the political subdivision by passing an Ordinance declaring it's intention to acquire a full ownership interest in the adjudicated property, and then following the other requirements in LA R.S. 47:2236.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the St. Landry Parish Government intends to acquire a full ownership interest in a parcel or lot of immovable property that has been adjudicated to St. Landry Parish Government for non-payment of ad valorem taxes, as per LA R.S. 47:2236, and Gary Ray Chenier and Lucy Mae Chenier are the tax debtor owners who lost said adjudicated property in a tax sale, and said adjudicated property bears parcel number 0103477000, and said adjudicated property is further described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of ground, situated in the Bernice Lastrapes Subdivision in Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, described as starting at a point (which is the Northeast corner of the tract now described) on the South line of Bernice Street which is 100 feet Westerly on said street from the Northwest corner of lot transferred on February 19, 1971, under Original Act No. 553635 in Conveyance Book B-17, page 20 and from said starting point proceed a distance of 100 feet in a Southerly direction parallel to the West line of said lot sold on February 19, 1971, to the Southeast Corner of the property now being described, thence proceed in a Westerly direction and parallel to the South line of Bernice Street a distance of 43 feet to the Southwest corner of the property now being described, thence proceed in a Northerly direction a distance of 90 feet to the Northeast corner of a tract of land sold under Act No. 517889 in Conveyance Book D-15, page 601, to the Northwest corner of the property now being described, thence proceed Easterly along the South boundary line of Bernice Street a distance of 62 feet to the point of beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that this Ordinance shall be recorded in the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court's Mortgage Department, and shall be indexed by the name of the tax debtors who lost the property at tax sale, which are Gary Ray Chenier and Lucy Mae Chenier, and the St. Landry Parish Government, as Mortgagees, as per LA R.S. 47:2236 B.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-033 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Vivian Olivier)

AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE SALARY FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 2-04 B states that the St. Landry Parish Council may change the salary of its' members by ordinance, provided that salaries shall not be increased beyond the maximum salary for police jurors under state law.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 2-04 B states that the St. Landry Parish Council members' salaries may not be increased or decreased during their term in office.

WHEREAS, each member of the St. Landry Parish Council has a salary of \$1,056.00 per month, and the Council shall increase the salary of each member of the Council by \$400.00 per month, which shall make each member of the Council's salary 1,456.00 per month, and the raise in salary for the Council shall begin on January 1, 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT each member of the St. Landry Parish Council shall receive a \$400.00 per month increase in salary, and, therefore, the salary of each member of the St. Landry Parish Council shall be \$1,456.00 per month.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the increase of each member of the St, Landry Parish Council's salary to \$1,456.00 shall begin on January 1, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-034 (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 going to the household of each voter registered with the registrar of voters on that specific 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. After the survey is complete, the clerk will tally the results of the survey. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-035 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)

AN ORDINANCE TO HAVE ALL POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS REMOVED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE CAMPAIGN SIGNS WERE DISPLAYED

WHEREAS, there is a public interest in preserving and maintaining the visually attractive and historic landscape of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana by removing all political campaign signs after said political campaign signs can no longer be used to promote or express the public's opinions on candidates or issues because the election is over.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all political campaign signs in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, outside of incorporated municipalities, shall be removed within thirty days after the decisive vote in the election for which the signs were displayed, whether the decisive vote comes at the primary election, or after in a run-off election;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT any candidate who has qualified to run for public office who has not removed their political campaign signs in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, outside of incorporated municipalities, within thirty days after the decisive vote in the election for which the signs were displayed, whether the decisive vote comes at the primary election, or after in a run-off election, shall receive a letter from St. Landry Parish Government at his or her last known address, notifying the candidate that all political campaign signs in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, outside of incorporated municipalities, shall be removed after the decisive vote in the election for which the signs were displayed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-036 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B) PARCEL 0102755000

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that GENERATION X PROPERTIES, LLC is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said

adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, Generation X Properties, LLC may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to Generation X Properties, LLC, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in 1 LOT (50 x 137) N S FONTENOT E GRADNEY W RY AVE 552856 (LOT 14 BLK 10 N RAILROAD AVE), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0102755000 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-037 (Sponsored By: Councilman Gil Savoy)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B) PARCEL 8627821175

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that EDDIE LECOMPTE AND EVELLA LECOMPTE is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, EDDIE LECOMPTE AND EVELLA LECOMPTE may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to EDDIE LECOMPTE AND EVELLA LECOMPTE , an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in 1 LOT (60 x 100) N BERTRAND S MC CLELLAND E MC CLELLAND W HY 190 SEC 20 & 21 T-6S R-3E FRONTING 60' 791196 (D-35-749) 947218 (J-41-496), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8627821175 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-001

An Ordinance to set regular meeting dates for the St. Landry Parish Council Meetings for the year 2024 on the third Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. and for the Public Works and Administrative/Finance Committees to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. with the exception of June 19, 2024 in reserve of Juneteeth.

Dates for upcoming Council Meetings in 2024 are listed below:

TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2024

(Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

January 17, 2024

February 21, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 17, 2024

May 15, 2024

June 18, 2024

July 17, 2024
August 21, 2024
September 18, 2024
October 16, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 18, 2024

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2024
(First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

January 3, 2024
February 7, 2024
March 6, 2024
April 3, 2024
May 1, 2024
June 5, 2024
July 3, 2024
August 7, 2024
September 4, 2024
October 2, 2024
November 6, 2024
December 4, 2024

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2023

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA HOUSING CORPORATION IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) GRANT.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2023
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune to appoint Wayne Ardoin as Temporary Chairman for this Special Meeting. On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.*
- II. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation*
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Lynn Lejeune. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier.*
- IV. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.
None.*
- V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:*

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Adopt Resolution No. 032-2023.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 032-2023 (HEALTH UNIT)

To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 (the "Election"), to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

*PROPOSITION
(HEALTH UNIT MILLAGE RENEWAL)*

Shall the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.17 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$1,626,200 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 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of maintaining and operating public health units in the Parish?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said election, there was a total of 5,152 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition and a total of 4,743 votes cast AGAINST Proposition, resulting in a majority of 409 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

*SECTION 5. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Landry, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority. This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 6*

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

*/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk*

*/s/ Wayne Ardoin
Chairman*

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, November 18, 2023, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

*PROPOSITION
(HEALTH UNIT MILLAGE RENEWAL)*

Shall the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.17 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$1,626,200 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 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of maintaining and operating public health units in the Parish?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 5,152 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition and a total of 4,743 votes cast AGAINST Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of 409 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Results by precinct are available from the Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Proces Verbal is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

*/s/Wayne Ardoin
Chairman*

*/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk*

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on March 15, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2023, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

*PROPOSITION
(HEALTH UNIT MILLAGE RENEWAL)*

Shall the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a 2.17 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$1,626,200 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 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of maintaining and operating public health units in the Parish?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of St. Landry which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$43,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, November 18, 2023, was CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above Proces Verbal.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

s/ Wayne Ardoin
Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and Proces Verbal made by said Governing Authority on November 21, 2023, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Resolution No. 033-2023.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 033-2023

To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), that:

SECTION 1. *Canvass.* This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special elections held in (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 (the "Elections"), to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein pursuant to the following propositions (the "Propositions"):

SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A
OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 9.56 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$304,000 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor?

SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A
OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy an 8.43 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$228,000 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor, said millage to represent a .04 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 8.39 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held November 6, 2012?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Elections thereof.

SECTION 2. *Election Results.* According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Elections, (i) there was a total of 419 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition and a total of 397 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition, resulting in a majority of 22 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition; and (ii) there was a total of 237 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition and a total of 284 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition, resulting in a majority of 47 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition.

The Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition was therefore duly CARRIED and

Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition was therefore duly DEFEATED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Elections.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said elections shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the elections, as required by 18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Elections are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Proces Verbal. A Proces Verbal of the canvass of the returns of the Elections shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of St. Landry who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

*YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 6*

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

*/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk*

*/s/ Wayne Ardoin.
Chairman*

PROCES VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS HELD IN (I) SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND (II) SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2023.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), and being the authority ordering the special elections held therein on Saturday, November 18, 2023, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said elections, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said elections, there having been submitted at said elections the following propositions, to wit:

*SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A
OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)*

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 9.56 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$304,000 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor?

*SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A
OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)*

Shall Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy an 8.43 mills tax on all the property subject to

taxation within the District (an estimated \$228,000 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor, said millage to represent a .04 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 8.39 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held November 6, 2012?

There was found by said count and canvass that (i) there was a total of 419 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition and a total of 397 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of 22 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition as hereinabove set forth and (ii) there was a total of 237 votes cast IN FAVOR OF Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition and a total of 284 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of 47 votes cast AGAINST Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly CARRIED and Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly DEFEATED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Results by precinct are available from the Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this Proces Verbal is a copy of the Notice of Special Elections and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

*/s/Wayne Ardoin
Chairman*

*/s/ Sherell Jordan
Clerk*

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), on March 15, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that special elections will be held within the Districts on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023, and that at the said elections there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Districts qualified and entitled to vote at the said elections under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following propositions, to-wit:

SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)

Shall Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a 9.56 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$304,000 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor?

*SUB-ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 OF ROAD DISTRICT 11A
OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA
PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)*

Shall Sub-Road District No.2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy an 8.43 mills tax on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$228,000 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 2023 and ending with the year 2032, for the purpose of improving, maintaining and operating public roads and bridges within the District, including the purchase of equipment therefor, said millage to represent a .04 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 8.39 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held November 6,2012?

Said special election for Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

*14 (PART)
14A (PART)
14B (PART)
27 (PART)
28 (PART)
29 (PART)
34 (PART)
34A (PART)*

Said special election for Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A will be held at the polling places at the following precincts of the District which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

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The polling places at the precincts in the Districts are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$4,800.

The estimated cost of Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$4,800.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Propositions shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special elections will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said elections, as provided in this Notice of Special Elections, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY

FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Old City Market, 131 W. Bellevue Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special elections. All registered voters of the Districts are entitled to vote at said special elections and voting machines will be used.

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana, the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A Proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 18, 2023, was CARRIED and Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A Proposition submitted at the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 18, 2023 was DEFEATED by a majority of the votes cast at the said special elections, all as described and set out in the above Proces Verbal.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

*/s/ Wayne Ardoin
Chairman*

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of (i) Sub-Road District No. 1 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana and (ii) Sub-Road District No. 2 of Road District 11A of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Districts"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and Proces Verbal made by said Governing Authority on November 21, 2023, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Opelousas, Louisiana, on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-001 (Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

An Ordinance to set regular meeting dates for the St. Landry Parish Council Meetings for the year 2024 on the third Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. and for the Public Works and Administrative/Finance Committees to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. with the exception of June 19, 2024 in reserve of Juneteeth.

VI. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Jerry Red Jr., Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly and Vivian Olivier. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 21st, day of November, 2023.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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 Lynn Lejeune led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.*
3. *Roll Call: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly.*
4. *Person to address the Committee:*
 - *St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14.
Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 addressed the council. She stated, "My name is Virginia Jones, 116 W. South Street, Opelousas, La. 70570. Number one, my business is really I don't know why we were called to come to the meeting."*

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Sherell, can you give us some input on this, it is on the agenda."

Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 stated, "When I would call to come to the meeting she said that you guys were on the meeting for tonight for 6:00 p.m. Ms. Carriere had ask for some information so my understanding is that is what we were here for to bring the information that she requested. I brought in a copy yesterday, she told me to have it in before 6:00 p.m. so I brought it in to the office and I made a copy for each one of you guys and I kept a copy for myself. I really don't know why I am here but If there are any questions."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "This is in my district, I share this drainage district with two other council people. Ms. Virginia, I think in the letter it does ask you to provide the information for this meeting. I don't think that I had asked for anybody to come to the meeting, I only asked for the information to have it ready for this meeting, is that correct?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "That is correct."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "It was never asked for anyone to show up for this meeting, I asked for the information and we would go over it and the council would have copy of all of the information that I requested, it was ask that you all come and be present if the information was not provided then I was going to ask you all to come and maybe answer the questions for the information that I wanted, it was never asked."

Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 stated, "So you don't have any questions for me?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I have not gone over all of this yet. Tonight I am just going over it because I did not come yesterday to get it, I worked all today but today I got it and I will invite the council to go over the information. I requested this information because Mr. Author Thierry passed away and I needed to get an inventory on some of the equipment. I think you e-mailed everybody a copy of the letter that I requested. That was the information that I wanted, to get an update as we do with other boards, we sometimes want to know the finances, we want to know what is consistent with that board and that is why I requested this, so I have not gotten a chance to go over this yet."

Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 stated, "You have all the information right there what you have asked for."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Why thank you."

Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 stated, "You are welcome."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "It was never requested for you to come here tonight. On the letter that she sent to you, the e-mail, it did not say you had to come to the meeting. It said that I needed the information."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, "Is there an issue with that board?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I had some questions. I will look at it to see if there are any issues and she has provided the information. There are several of us that share that board and I thought that it would be more appropriate that all of us get the information and we can look over it. If we have any further questions we can proceed with that. It was not an understanding that you all had to come tonight but you all are welcome and it is good seeing you all. A lot of the councilmembers did not know who was on the board."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "What three districts this consist of?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Mildred, Shelvin and myself. We share this drainage board. Some of the questions that I had I had informed them. I did inform them that I did ask for this information."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is where these pictures come from about this equipment?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I wanted a list of the equipment and she has provided it."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Ms. Mildred, you represent the area, do you have any questions?"

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "No, I do not."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "Is there something wrong with any of the board members?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I don't think that in the e-mail that was sent to the board members there was anything wrong with the board members."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I was just asking."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "We have to go over the information that they sent."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Mr. Shelvin, you represent that area, you do have any questions?"

Councilman Easton Shelvin stated, "I have no questions."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Ms. Jones, the e-mail stated that she wanted some information. I appreciate you coming and I appreciate your service. Have a good holiday."

Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 stated, "Actually it was not an e-mail, she called me."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Either way, if there are any further questions we will request you to come back."

Ms. Virginia Jones, Secretary, St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 stated, "Thank you very much."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I have a statement that I would like to make. I would hope that this audience and everyone else understand that just because it is in the district of three councilmembers

this entire council appointed everybody on that board. So that does not give just us three the authority to make any decisions. It is a combination of the 13 councilmembers.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I don’t think anybody misunderstood that.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I don’t know, I just wanted to clarify it.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr. addressed the council. He stated, “Good afternoon, my name is Wilfred Kennerson. I am on the board for Fire District 3. I am presently the Chairman of the Board. I put my application in to do another term, and I was informed since I don’t live in the same place that I lived when I got on the board originally that I did not pay taxes to the Fire District so I was not going to be able to be accepted as an applicant. Well I have properties in three or four different places including Evangeline Parish. I do pay taxes, you all can see on the paperwork to Fire District 3 in Plaisance and I also have a house on Bertheaud where I was when I originally got on the board. I am exempt from paying taxes because the house it is not worth over \$75,000.00. I was paying taxes there before I claimed Homestead Exemption. I just wanted to let you all know, if I can’t be on the board, I appreciate the fact that you all gave me the chance to be on the board or all of these years. I became chairman and we have a good thing going with the board and I would appreciate it if you all would give me another chance. We have some projects that we are working on that I help institute and I would like to finish it up. If I can’t for some reason, I still want to let you all know that I appreciate the opportunity. Thank you all for everything that you all do for the parish.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “I spoke with Mr. Duplechain. Mr. Duplechain stated that he does live in the city of Opelousas. He said that it still won’t stop him from serving on Fire District 3 but it still have to be approved by this council.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “That is what I came to talk to you all about. I wanted to let you all know that I am still interested in the job. I like what I am doing. When I first got on the board, I did not really want to be on the board but everything turned out good. We are working well together as a board and everything is going efficiently. I don’t think you should try to fix what is not broken. It is not my say so but I am just asking for the chance to move ahead with what we are trying to do.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards questioned, “Where do you reside at now?”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “702 North Market Street.”

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “They have it right here on his taxes.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “That is your place of business.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “The business is closed.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “But that is your place of business.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “The business have been closed since 2017. I live there.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “But you are living in Plaisance.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “I live in Plaisance sometimes. I move around, I am a single man. My place of residence is 702 N. Market Street where my license states.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “Mr. Kennerson, I am just trying to be straight to the point. Your place of business is on Market Street.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “Yes it is.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “But you are living in Plaisance. That is where you are dwelling. That is what you told me on the phone.”

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, “I am in Plaisance because my sister is ill. I reside at 702 N. Market. That is my address.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "That is in Fire District 3, that is what I am getting at."

Mr. Wilfred Kennerson Jr., stated, "Yes sir but I am just saying. Once I left W. Bertheaud Street and my wife and I got a divorce I had to get out. That is what started the whole project. I am not ashamed of nothing, my life has taken a toll and a turn. I am not trying to do nothing illegal. I believe in doing the right thing. Being on this board means something to me because we are working on some things that I really and truly don't want to put to the side. It is not my job and I can't put myself on the board I am asking for another term if you all think that I deserve it. That is all that I can ask."

5. *Public Works Report:*

- *PRELIMINARY APPROVAL SHOWING A SUBDIVISION OF A 40.937 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING PARTITIONED AS LOTS 1-42; OFF HWY 182 LOCATED ON KENNERSON ROAD; SITUATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST.*

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Mr. Chairman, in reference to this item we will have to pull it. We will start the process over. The letters that was sent out did not get to the people until after the meeting was over with. They were mailed on the 9th and they did not get to the people until after the 17th so they did not get the proper notice to come to the Public Hearing."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "So you want to push it back until the following Committee Meeting in the month of January?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "How about we just start all over again and bring it back"

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That is what I am saying. It will be after the first of the year before we could start it all over again."

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to pull the Preliminary approval showing a subdivision of a 40.937 acre tract of land being partitioned as lots 1-42; off Hwy 182 located on Kennerson Road; situated in section 10, Township 6 South, Range 3 East and re-advertise it on the next committee meeting dated Wednesday, January 03, 2024.

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

Motion forwarded.

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, "This is the monthly report from November. We boom axed 15 roads and cleaned culverts on 8 roads. We did culvert insulation on 11 roads. We moved debris on 65 roads and we did ditching on 5 roads. We did grading on 43 roads and placed material on 7 roads. We did patching on 11 roads and we did sign insulation on 37 roads. We did tree removal on 13 roads and did four washouts."

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Nancy Carriere and Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

6. *Forward all applications received for four appointments to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2024 - 01-01-2028).*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 all applications received for four appointments to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2024 - 01-01-2028).

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

Motion forwarded.

7. *Forward all applications received for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2024- 01-01-2028).*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 all applications received for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No.2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2024-01-01-2028)

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

Motion forwarded.

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

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Mr. Bellard, if you don't mind, please give us a little update. I have been getting some calls in regards to this."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "You can tell them that it is the Core of Engineers that is holding us up."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Oh, they have not started yet?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, we have not started because we cannot get the permit from the Core. It is really a shame that we have the funding to do something and the Core of Engineers is holding us up because they want to make sure of the wetlands and all kinds of other things. Trust me, it is a headache but we hired a consultant to come in to deal specifically with that. So hopefully, I can't make any promises, it is out of our hands but we do have a call into one of the Congressman who can maybe help us with that."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Mr. Bellard, do you want to give us an explanation, what is the hold up?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Core of Engineers is not issuing out permits. That is what they are telling us. So William recommended that we hire this Consultant to deal strictly with the Core of Engineers."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "What reasoning are they giving is my question?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not exactly sure of all of the questions that they have or their reasoning. One of them is for sure is because of some trees that could be housing a certain type of bird."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Thank you."

9. *Update on Broadband. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).*

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Allen Cable sent us a report. I have asked them to send us a report every month, so you all have that in your packet, everybody else is the same, hopefully January they can put power and do Fiber. Everybody is still fighting the same battle with products. They are putting down the pipes and everybody is moving in the right direction. It just will take some time to get it done. They told me that it should be good in January but I have to see it to believe it."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Ms. Thierry, do you see any activity in your area?"

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Not in my area."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "They are moving South on West Atchafalaya Levy Road if it is Allen's Communications. They have the contract for the parish, right?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "They have the contract for that portion."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "They were working Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock at night, they were working right by Delic Petroleum Plant."

10. *Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2024 - 02-17-2026).*

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2026). On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

11. *Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for a four-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2028).*

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for a four-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2028). On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy, and Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

12. *Discuss Adjudicated Properties that were awarded and the sale has not been completed.*

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer addressed the council. She stated, “Good evening Mr. Chairman and Councilmembers. I brought over a packet that has a list of Adjudicated Properties that were awarded and you will see by the sale date. The oldest one is from January 5th, 2022. We have sent out numerous attempts to contact the individuals that they were awarded to and there were not responds. We did a PSA more than one time. What I am asking at this point because we don’t have a time frame or an ordinance in place if the council would approve so we can put these back on the bid list so I can put them back out there because they are just sitting there. In the meantime we have to spend money to do the up keep.”

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are you asking this committee to bring it before the full council?”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “What I am asking is to reinstate these back on the Parish Bid List so we can put it back out for Bid. I checked for a couple of people, I went to the residence, the addresses that we did have and it was vacant, no one lives there. I have sent out letters trying to reach out to them that were previously awarded so I need to try and place these back on the list for sale. Will the council consider reviewing this so we can put them back on the list so we can try and sell them, that is what I am coming for tonight.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “You mentioned it Ms. Cynthia, we need to get that ordinance completed to have a time limit.”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “Right, I can’t automatically put them back because we don’t have an ordinance in place. We tried bringing that ordinance and getting it approved but it was not voted on to be approved. At this point we don’t have a time frame. Can we put these back so we can we put them back out there to try and sell them?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Legal Counsel, would you like to chime in on the legalities on what they are asking us to do.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “At the full council meeting the full council can vote to bid them out again. With that being said there is an ordinance which puts a time limit on the successful bidder to finalize the sale. That ordinance is scheduled to be passed two weeks from now. Once it is passed it is going to make this a lot easier but for now we can pass this to the full council meeting to get a full council vote to bid them.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “In addition to passing the ordinance in two weeks.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Do we need another ordinance? That is what she is asking for in addition to what we are going to vote on in two weeks."

Legal counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We have an ordinance that will put a time limit on a successful bidder to finalize the sale. That will be passed in two weeks. In addition to that she is asking the council to vote to put these up for bid again. Each time we bid out the properties we pass an ordinance to do that, so that would be an ordinance too. We sell them four times a year, so the next batch they will be put in it."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Ms. Cynthia, because we have that issue are we going to take bids from that same person?"

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, "We are going to put them back on the bid list. Anyone can come back and bid on them."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "If we do set the ordinance we will have a certain amount of time so we won't run into the same problem."

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize Code Enforcement to reinstate the awarded and uncompleted Adjudicated Properties sales back on the Parish Bid List.

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

Motion forwarded.

13. Authorize to re-advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for the remaining of a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for the remainder of a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

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

Motion forwarded.

14. Update on a copy of the letter regarding Highway 178. (Councilman Wayne Ardoin).

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard, I have this on the agenda. It has been three months, I need a copy of the letter regarding Hwy 178."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't have a letter, I don't have a copy. I requested it from Sarah at APC and she will give me what they have. It has been approved. It is a state DOTD Project and that is where we are at."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "People that live along 178."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is not going to be on 178 now, 182 by that old store."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Kappy Korner. The one that I asked who owns it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "From Hwy 182 to the end of the Parish Line going through Sunset and everything."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Correct that is why I am asking. Can you possibly get us a copy so that these people that live along 178 that are complaining about how bad this highway is. Three years ago this same council passed a Legislative Body for them to look at this situation to try and help us and overlay that road. When you leave Kappys Korner to go toward Domengeaux Lumber Company, the back way into Sunset it is bad."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "But they are doing Hwy 182, not Hwy 178."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "So they are not going to do 178?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, it is 182 from there to the end of the parish line."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I understood you to say that they were doing 178."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is from there to the end of the parish line."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "If I am not out of order I would like to go back to item 13 and explain that if I can. We had appointed Mr. Grant Fontenot to be on that Drainage Board. Ms. Thierry made me aware last week that Mr. Fontenot does not live in that Taxing District so that it is going to be re-open. I also want to mention to the council that Mr. Fontenot stated that he would be willing to finish that term if it was okay with the council. So I just want to throw that out there but I know that it will be reopen."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Duplechain, can you give us any info in reference to that? She said that she wants to throw it out there. Do we need a motion or what?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Could you state the question again?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "The question is when Grant Fontenot was awarded that seat on that board, Gravity Drainage Board 14, he was the only applicant. It was properly advertised. I don't think that anybody knew that Mr. Fontenot lives in the district but not the taxing district. So he could not serve on the board and that is why it is being reopen. He and I spoke and he said that he would not mind sitting on the board until we find a replacement if that would be okay with the council. That was just a question."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The council cannot dis-qualify him or not disqualify him right now. What kind of board is it?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "It is a drainage board."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Okay, a drainage board, he has to own property worth \$500.00 or more inside that Drainage District and he does not, right?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Right."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "So the council can take action to remove him now or can just not do that and appoint someone else as soon as possible. It is really up to the council."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "That was my question. Is it okay that Mr. Fontenot serve on that drainage board until we appoint somebody else?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes he is appointed so he is not un-appointed automatically."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "So he can. That is all that I needed to know. I will let him know that he can serve on that board until further notice."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Ms. Nancy, is that your Drainage Board?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Yes, it is mine and I do share it. Actually Ms. Thierry made it clear that it is all of our Drainage Board, all 13 councilmembers."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Say that again, I did not hear you, I am sorry."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "All 13 Councilmembers. We appointed him."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "That drainage district is it in your election district?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Yes, mine and two others."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "District 2, 3 and 4."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Shelvin, Ms. Thierry and Ms. Carriere represent those areas but we appoint. We do appoint them as a full council."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "The only question that I have, we had a gentleman that came here earlier, Mr. Kennerson and he did not, well I know that he did not live in the district is what he told, me but this guy here does not live in the district but he want to serve and you are saying that it is okay, that is not okay. Just tell me how is that okay? He does not live in that district?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "In a Drainage District he has to own property worth \$500.00 or more in order to serve whether he lives there or not. In a Fire District, according to Statue, that member of that board of the Fire District has to be a resident and a property tax payer of that Fire District. So a Fire District is governed by a Fire District Board, it is governed by a Statue. A drainage District is governed by a different statue. So to serve on the Fire District Board you have to be resident and a property tax payer of that district and a Tax Assessor Notice shows that Mr. Kennerson has a Home Stead Exemption there which you only get that Home Stead Exemption where you live and he has property there which is subject to property taxes. So he meets the definition of a resident property tax payer of the Fire District for Mr. Kennerson. A drainage board is different. You have to own property worth \$500.00 or more to serve on the board whether you are living there or not. So a Fire District Board and a Drainage Board has different qualifications."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I understand that. This is what I am taking about. Mr. Kennerson came here. He did not give you his dwelling place. He gave you his place of business. So that is not where he dwells at."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Well, is it? I mean there are people who live at their businesses. I am not saying that he does."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "That business is closed."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If the Tax Assessors Notice gives him a homestead exemption in that fire district you only get your Homestead Exemption where you live."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "All right, whatever you say."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "For a little clarity counselor, the gentlemen that they are speaking of has \$500.00 worth of property or more."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Wait, which gentleman is that?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "The one on the Drainage Board, Mr. Grant Fontenot."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "In this case Ms. Nancy I believe said that he does not own property in that drainage district, is that right?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Yes, he does not."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "He does not, then therefore he cannot serve."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "That is right."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You told us that we can let him serve until we appoint someone else. Is that what you are saying?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Once you appoint someone that person is removed by the council or they are removed by a judge or they are not removed until you appoint someone else."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Okay, thank you."

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

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard, we have a lot of complaints about people not being able to see on Parish Roads. I am asking if there is any way that maybe our Grant Writer could look into possibly getting funding to put some kind of reflector striking at least on the outside barrier of the road. I know that they are narrow and I know that it may not be real safety for the center but if we could at least mark something like a safety strike. Can you see if they have some revenue on the Federal or State side to help us with that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, we can make a request and see. That is not a problem."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Mr. Bellard, I have those two roads that was supposed to be overlaid, Hilton Road and Jim Guillory. I just want to make sure that it is down there and it will be taken care of."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is but it does not go all the way down. It goes up to that last house before it goes a long piece. On the other side when you come off of Acadian and it turns to the end of that road but it goes down a little ways, the same thing. We will try to get that done before it gets to a lone piece of no road with no houses."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr, questioned, "Do you know when it will be done? Will it be the beginning of 2024?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have another project that is the same thing. I am hoping soon. We are at the mercy of the contractor and we only have one that they deal with basically to do that because the others are so expensive. I will get back with them. I will call Mr. Fontenot tomorrow to see where they are at with it. They are in Lafayette Parish right now."

16. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy to adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Gil Savoy and Jimmie Edwards.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Councilman Easton Shelvin called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Roll Call: Easton Shelvin, Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, and Lynn Lejeune. Ex-Officio Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: None.
3. Person to address the Committee.

Ms. Catherine Hayes Manager, Holy Trinity Villa addressed the council. She stated, "Good evening Chairman and Councilmembers. My name is Catherine Hayes. I am the Assistant Manager at Holy Trinity Villa. I want to give glory to God that I am a Cancer Survivor. I just returned from MD Anderson this year. My manager, Ms. Angela Beverly stated that we were informed that we had a budget shut down at our facility. Love of People came forward for Thanksgiving and gave our residence a Thanksgiving Dinner. I am here to ask everyone on the Parish Council if they could help us out for Christmas for our elderly and disable residence. I gave a copy to Ms. Sherell to pass out to every one of you and give information and details about helping us out. I am just happy to be back and I love my residence back to work. We have not had a chance to give them any type of activities since I have been gone because I usually handle that kind of stuff. I really would like to do this for them. I would appreciate if you all could help us out. Thank you."

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, "How many residents do you have?"

Ms. Catherine Hayes Manager, Holy Trinity Villa stated, "We have 104 residents."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard, I see where we had given money before out of the ARA Fund. Is there any way that it is possible?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No Sir."

Public Works Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Okay, I am just asking. Thank you."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "You have 104 residence, my name is Dexter Brown and I will supply all of your yams and green beans. I will get with you."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will take care of the rest."

Ms. Catherine Hayes Manager, Holy Trinity Villa stated, "Thank you sir. You can contact us. The phone number is on our copies or e-mail us. Thank you, I appreciate it."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "I am from Sunset. We will have a lot of stuff going to you all probably next week. The Garden Club will be putting something together for you all."

Ms. Catherine Hayes Manager, Holy Trinity Villa stated, "Thank you all. We appreciate it."

Ms. Pat Mason Guillory addressed the council. She stated, "Good evening Chairman, Councilmembers, Mr. Bellard and members of the audience. First I would like for all of us to just pause for a moment. On tomorrow December 7th, will mark 82 years of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Our only survivor from the Pearl Harbor attack died September 27, Mr. Joe Richard. Mr. Joe Richard is still being remembered as of tomorrow in New Orleans as a National Ceremony. Over 2,400 people and personnel were killed in a one hour and fifteen minute attack. I ask that you at 7:55 a.m. remember that this country was attacked. We lost 19 Navy Ships including 8 battleships. Thank God for Mr. Joe Richard and his service to our country. Next I would like to share with you our upcoming event which is Wreath across America. I just want to let you all know a little bit about this. We got on board with this about 5 years ago. This is a National Endeavor that started in 1992 with a company that donated over 5,000 Wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery so that people can remember the fallen during this time of the year. The guy name was Moral Rochester and it expanded until now over two million graves across the United States will have Wreaths placed on our Veterans. Walmart Distribution Transportation Department partnered with us five years ago, if some of you can recall, some of you attended the Ceremony. What they do, Walmart is a big partner in transporting these Wreaths across the country. On December 14th, they will stop at the Distribution Center here where we will receive the Wreaths that they are going to donate to St. Landry Parish Government and St. Landry Parish Veterans Memorial Committee for a ceremony that we will have on December 17th. The Official Ceremony is the 16th, however it is a Saturday and I know it is a holiday, so I will ask councilmembers to please take a little time on Sunday December 17th, to come out to this ceremony. We present each Councilmember with a Wreath, we present Mr. Bellard with one for the Courthouse and all the families that are there we present them with a wreath as supplies last. They will give us as many as we want, this is a big thing, google it and find out. We don't have to pay anything, everybody across this country have to pay for these wreaths. In honor, first of all the purpose is first to remember the fallen during the holiday season, second to honor those who served our country and those who are serving and third to teach our younger generation that is coming after us that freedom is not free. I wanted to share this with you, all of this information is in the handout. If you need to contact me or Ms. Martha J. Ford, please do so. Last year I had a chair for all of you at the memorial and only two or three of them were filled. To show our appreciation to Walmart Distribution Manager, Mr. Michael Bell Chambers and his staff but putting up the money that it cost to get these wreaths. We will be at the memorial at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday December 17th. Thank you for your time, I wish all of you a blessed and happy holiday season, may God continue to bless you and your family. Keep us in prayer and thank you. You all need to see the progress of the memorial, the welcome center. Thank you."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Ms. Mason, I just wanted to say thank you for all that you do. We really do appreciate you and I have been there for the wreath. I actually took extra wreaths and brought them to different churches. So thank you again. I will try my hardest to be there."

Ms. Pat Mason Guillory stated, "Councilmembers, if you can't come, send a representative from your district that you represent. Let someone take them home so they will know what we are doing out there. I challenge all of you to come. Thank you."

Mr. Craig Kidder addressed the council. He stated, "My issue sort of fall in line with Ms. Cynthia Fontenot about the adjudicated property. My name is Craig Kidder, 16557 Hwy 190, Port Barre, LA. My issue falls in line with what Ms. Cynthia Fontenot was talking about. It is old, it is a couple of years and they can't find the highest bidder. She has had problems with that for a while. I am the second highest bidder on one of the properties. I would like to be considered to a relevant bid. Right now there is no avenue for the second highest bidder to get it so they are going to go back to re-bid. I would like to be able to be considered a valid bid and accept control of that property. It has been adjudicated since 2014, quite some time ago. You all have my information. I paid for the two lots in 2021 to start the bid process, the sale was in April 2022 and someone out bid me by \$75.00 but they can't find them."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I think that is also in the ordinance right Garrett? We had agreed on that so that should be a part of the ordinance, correct?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The new ordinance is coming before you in two weeks."

Mr. Craig Kidder stated, "For the second highest bidder? It will be finished and it would not have to be out again."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Mr. Duplechain, since we are kind of going off script with the other part to get it back on the bid list we don't have an ordinance saying that we can't do it. We have made every attempt to notify the person who was the highest bidder to no avail, can't we just pass that on to the second highest bidder to get the process faster."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We don't have an ordinance saying that we can't do it but the ordinance says that it goes to the highest bidder so we would not want to create a situation where it is going to the second highest bidder until we have an ordinance in place to protect us on that."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Technically the highest bidder has never been notified. I am just trying to figure out where it won't start this process all over again looking like another 4 or 5 months and all this time this property is costing the parish government some money. What I am saying is the highest bidder if he was never notified and never got any of his mail and we made every effort to contact him, the highest bidder should be him. Parish Government does not want property. It cost us a ton of money to take care of that."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Once we pass the new ordinance it will make it a lot easier."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Bellard, let me understand. Did we send a registered letter to the guy from the place it was bid?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Everything that he put on his application or his bid form was followed. We even went to the house in person to try and make contact direct and there was no one there. I don't know what it is or what the issue is but it has been a long time. I forgot the date."

Mr. Craig Kidder stated, "It started in 2021."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Mr. Duplechain, how long does this guy have? Can it be tied up for 20 more years?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It won't be tied up for 20 more years. Once we pass the new ordinance it will protect us."

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "For the next sale but not for the previous."
You can't implement a law from what happened yesterday, you can only introduce a law for what will happen tomorrow."*

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Once you pass it in two weeks."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "So what you are telling is this piece of property could be tied up for the next 20 years. If he never comes forward or anything, we have to have a breaking point."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It is not going to be tied up for 20 years. You all can bid it out again."

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "Mr. Timmy, just to clarify on this individual, I went to his resident and it was empty. I went to the person that lives in front of that resident and he said that was his rent house and the guy moved out of the parish, unknown. He does not know where did he move to but he did leave. They suspect Calcasieu Parish. I made all effort to try on this property and all of the properties that I brought up today. In reference to Mr. Kidder, the one that he is interest in, I did all kind of research."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Since no contact has been made, no letters were given, is that an invalid bid? He was never really awarded the highest bid?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Until the authentic act of cash sale is signed and executed and recorded it is not a sale. It is not a sale until you can go into the Clerk of Court Conveyance Records and find it then it is not a sale."

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "In reference to this property and Mr. Kidder, I have explained to him that he could purchase it as an adjoining landowner because they have adjoining property on three sides of his property. He could bid on it if I get it placed back on the bid list. With the new ordinance coming in that would not pertain to him being the second highest bidder, he would have to start over. They are adjoined to that property on three sides of that parcel. Mr. Kidder and Ms. Deuce have property all around that property. He has an option of purchasing it as an adjoining land owner because he said that they did care for the property. I am not exactly sure what happened under the previous adjudicated property person but I can say that I have explained that to him, adjoining land owner or if I get it back on the bid list you are welcome to bid on it."

Mr. Craig Kidder stated, "We have since bought land all around that spot. That is assessed at a little over \$9,000.00 per lot and I brought two lots for a fraction of that cost. I get what it is assessed but what it is selling for it is less than that. I brought a lot that is equivalent to two lots with a mobile home on it for \$20,000.00 with a home that is ready to be lived in. This would be \$20,000.00 for wooded property with nothing on it and it would have to be built up, it is not ready to move in, I maintain around it, some into it. I keep the drainage out or it would just be in shambles."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Two things can happen like you said. He was the adjacent land owner, he can buy it. My question is, how many bids did we have?"

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "Two bids from what I found."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Chances are you may get it. The second thing, I know he mentioned about the assessed value. Mr. Bellard, are you all selling it at the assessed value? How are we appraising it?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No it is not appraised at the assessed value."

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "It is always the assessed the value. Whatever the Tax Assessor's assess it at. This property is \$9,200.00."

Administrative Finance Chairman Easton Shelvin stated, "What we are understating is this particular property already been bid on and the highest bidder, we don't have a time lime on it, like Mr. Timmy said this could go on for 20 more years because we can't hold them obligated to releasing that property because we don't have nothing holding them to come forward."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "It won't be for 20 more years. We are doing the ordinance in 2 weeks."

Administrative Finance Chairman Easton Shelvin stated, "That ordinance won't bring that property in."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "It will bring it in."

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "What is going to happen, if you all vote to put that back on the bid list he has until December 30th to come and do an application with a deposit and I can put it on the April Sale."

Administrative Finance Chairman Easton Shelvin stated, "We are going to be able to bring the property that is already bid before the ordinance into a new ordinance?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If he is an adjoining landowner and he would sign the affidavit saying that he kept it up for a year."

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "I offered that to him. He said that he did not want to pay the assessed value. He would rather place a bid."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "When he bids he will fall under the new ordinance with some timing."

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, "I don't think the frame for him. His concerns was being the second highest bidder he wants to come and purchase it as the second highest bidder since we cannot locate the original awarded person. That is why I came to the council about putting the property back on the list so we can bid them out. If he does that he has until December 30 because we have a cut off for the next sale. The cut off for the January Sale has already passed so the cut off for the April sale is December 30th."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I think this is fairly simple. By the time we sell it again we will have to go out there and clean that property. It will cost us more money that what we are going to get from the property through a bid process. So nobody has come forward and said that I am the highest bidder despite all of the extra claims. If we can do one thing we can do another. I don't see where we will have a problem giving it to the next highest bidder because the first highest bidder was never notified and he never claimed it. So my thing is for the safety of our parish to stop spending money on property that we don't have and never will recoup, just sell the property to the next person and be done with it. To me that is the easiest way possible just to be finished with it."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Counsel, would you like to offer a suggestion on how we handle this?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "If the original highest bidder does not come forward, which it does not sound like he will then we should not have a problem."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "So your considered opinion is we can go forward with what we are asking to do here?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Right."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Legally, from a legal prospective."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Right, I don't think that the highest bidder will appear and come forward and file a lawsuit for his property. There is no one else with a claim better than, other than the original highest bidder and we can't find him."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "Counsel, what do we need to do to get this moving forward to sell it to Mr. Kidder, what do we need to do?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "We will 7 votes from the full council."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "So we need to bring this to the full council meeting?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Right."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I would suggest if I am in order that we move forward with this and stop going back and forth."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to place an Adjudicate Property Sale back on the bid list.”

On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: Vivian Olivier. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

4. *Parish President & Finance Reports:*

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In your packet you have a Resolution to approve the 2024 LIHEAP Agreement between us and the State for Community Action Agency. I need a motion to get that to the full council.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to approve a Resolution for the 2024 LIHEAP Agreement between the Parish Government and the State for the Community Action Agency.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Another issue, Mr. Taylor and I talked about this the other night. There is a Fire District or the lack there of out there by Melville. In the near future we will probably come to the council to do something with that. There is an area that is not protected by any Fire District and it is taking the resources from Fire District 1 and from Melville and Palmetto. We will start looking at that to make sure that we can cover it some kind of way. This past election there was an issue with Fire District 1 Tax Renewal where some of the residence were not able to vote. That was taken care of by the Registrar and turned over to the state. The next election they will be on the list to vote and they will get a new card so they will be good to go. Are there any questions that I can answer?”

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion carried.

5. *Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for four appointments to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.*

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for four appointments to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None. Motion forwarded.

6. *Authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Agricultural Arena Authority for a five-year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029). Mr. Buddy Helton has resigned.*

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I would like to comment that I want to thank Mr. Buddy Helton. He served on the Arena Board for many, many years and he did outstanding work and I wish him well in the future.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I want to piggy-back on the comment that Mr. Taylor made. Mr. Buddy Helton did serve the Parish with the Ag Arena very, very well. I would like to thank him for his service.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Agricultural Arena Authority for a five-year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029). Mr. Buddy Helton has resigned.

*On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.*

7. *Discuss Kratom. (Councilman Timmy Lejeune).*

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "You all have a copy of the Death Certificate of that individual. His mother came here about 2 months ago. From what I understand we had received information that was possible that the cause of death might not had been an overdose on this, I guess we will call it a legal drug on the market. It is sold in many convenience stores. These people brought it back to my attention because it is a very dangerous item on the market. It is sold in every convenience store that we have throughout our parish. The concerns of parents are that they want the parents of St. Landry Parish to know that this drug is not a vitamin, it is not something that you take every day for a headache. In their opinion this young man actually overdosed. If it would be fair I would like to make a motion that we bring awareness to the Public that this is not a good thing to have in our retail outlets and we would request that a possible voluntary removal of that item if the store owner feels that way. It has to be hearth breaking to know if you ever pay attention and you walk into a lot of these convenience stores there are a lot of things in there that are not identified as items that they actually use for drugs. In my opinion I think because maybe we look the other way. I am going to ask for a motion that we bring some type of awareness, maybe in a Resolution asking for a voluntary removal of this product."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "I agree with Mr. Lejeune whatever he is saying to bring awareness regarding this Kratom, some people look at it as Herb. Bringing awareness to the public that it is very, very dangerous if it is consumed. Trying to get it off the shelves in these convenience stores that is what ATF and State Police are far, that is not our range. I will agree with him 100% of letting the public be aware that this is a very dangerous substance. Thank you."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune sated, "To my understanding it will become a voluntary thing by parish. Councilman Timmy Lejeune's entire conversation could not be heard over the microphone."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "This is way above my paygrade to make decisions like this without any more information than what we have. Perhaps you can get a little more information before we have to take action on this. I have looked at this and it is a lot more than roads and bridges and so forth. I need more information before I can make a decision on this. Thank you."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune requested the council clerk to place to further discussion of Kratom on the February, 2024 Agenda."

8. *Authorize the ratification of Lieutenant Ryan Young to be re-appointed to the E-911 Board nominated by Chief of Police, Kyle LeBouef of Eunice Police Department.*

A motion was made by Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 to authorize the Ratification of Lieutenant Ryan Young to be re-appointed to the E-911 Board nominated by Chief of Police, Kyle LeBouef of Eunice Police Department.

*On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.
Motion forwarded.*

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "I would like to add something to the St. Landry Parish Communication District E-911. Where it has Captain Mark Guidry, Opelousas Police Department Representative, could someone contact them and let them know that he is now the Assistant Chief of Police for the Opelousas Police Department. He moved up in rank."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The Chief of Police is suppose to send a letter to E-911 regarding that matter. They will make the recommendation and bring it back to you all to make the appointment."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "I am talking about his title."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "He cannot serve as an Assist Chief because of the position that he is holding. The Chief is suppose to send a letter to the 911 Board."

9. *Discuss Council Travel. (Chairman Jerry Red Jr.).*

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I put this on here because of the travel, we had so much money allotted in the travel budget. I know that we have some new council members and if those new councilmembers want to ravel also we had to check and make sure that they wanted to go also. For the Legislative in Washington D.C. and we would go to the Annual Conference for NACO. That would normally generate about \$12,000.00 or \$13,000.00 for the four or five people that would travel. With the Legislative in Washington DC we are looking at another \$12, 000.00 also. You also have the Police Jury Association along with Legislative Day and the Regional 3 Meetings. We may need to add a few more dollars in the budget for Council Travel. That is why I placed it on the agenda for us to look at that. It was always said that we were traveling with the president for the Mardi Gras Ball that was taken care of by the Lobbyist Group, is that correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well, not really. It was underneath our budget."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "But that did not come out of the Council Travel?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So that did not come out of the Council Travel, I travel once a year because I knew that we did not have the money in the budget so I only went for the annual NACO Conference. I was just letting you all know if you are planning on going to the one in Washington DC, you will have to make sure that there is enough money in the budget."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "To respond to Mr. Red's comments, This council adopted a policy some years ago that whatever the council budget is it will divide it 13 ways. If I choose not to go you don't get my money unless we vote on it again is the way that it suppose to work. Now is that the way that we are doing it today?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "That is the way that it suppose to be done."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "No, I am asking you, is that the way that is has been handled?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "That is up to the Finance Department. They handle that."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "What Finance Department?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "Mr. Bellard Office."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "No, no, you have to understand that is a different branch of government. They have nothing to do with Council Travel. The policy of this council, and it is written, is that whatever the budget is, if it is \$13,000.00, each councilmember has \$1,000.00 to travel on. If I choose not travel you don't get my money unless the council votes to give you my money, is that the way that we are handling it today? You suppose to be in charge of that Ms. Sherell. Okay, but you don't know."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We are not handling it that way. You are correct but I am saying if you all are going to travel to Washington DC along with the Annual Conference there will need to be more money in the budget to offset the cost. I am just saying that because the cost is going to be more than what it is. We will have to amend the budget to cover the cost."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I understand, Mr. Chairman if I may. You know the Washington DC Mardi Gras is a party, I did it for 10 years with our company. I think the Parish President has to go, he is obligated to go because he represents the parish and the Chairman ought to go. All of us don't need to be going, it is a party folks. What are you going to bring back to the people of St. Landry Parish sitting on this council when you go to a party for Mardi Gras in Washington. I really object to that, I am sorry. I yield."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I did not want to make this a fight or anything I just wanted to make sure that it was clear that there is not going to be enough money in council travel for travel. We need to put more in it if you are going to travel. That is all that I am saying."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "I think if you want to go, I am not going and I do not want to go but if everybody else wants to go I don't care if they go. Go have a good time. That is up to whoever wants to go. It is not my place to say well no one in here can go."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "A couple of years ago Mr. Taylor and I did have this conversation and I agree that someone has to be there. I learned after the first year that I am not going back for the weekend because I am not into the Mardi Gras Party part of it but we do go on a Monday to start meeting with Legislators and we fly back on a Friday morning. I don't participate in all of the other stuff but it is a place that we need to be at because that is how we meet with the right people and get the right meetings. He is right, if you stay for a weekend, it is just a big party and I am like him, I don't agree with the party part of it but we do go and meet with the right people. The last two years we came back with \$3,500,000.00 dollars on one area and hopefully this year another \$1,800,000.00 dollars for another grant. It is productive but I agree the party part of it does not have to be in place."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Regarding travel, I know that we have our full time Council Clerk, she may want to go to our Police Jury Association. Where would that fit in our travel budget?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "However the council wants to treat it. If it is in the budget it is in the budget and it is up to the council to decide that part."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Ms. Sherell, there is Professional Enhancement when we go to Lake Charles. Would you like to attend the Police Jury Association Meetings?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "I always attend the Police Jury Association Conference."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "All of the Clerks attend the Police Jury Association Meetings and I think that our Clerk should go also."

10. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.
None.

11. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Harold Taylor, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Lynn Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2023
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Red Jr.

II. Roll Call: PRESENT: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Lynn Lejeune. Ex Officio: Jerry Red Jr. ABSENT: Alvin Stelly.

III. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.
None.

IV. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED AND PASSED.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Mr. Chairman, if I may, this right here, after looking at the Ordinance that I really did not look at before because it was never an issue. The Mobile Home Ordinance that we have in place now, a person can actually come over here, set it up and do what they want to do with it and then come to the council for approval to get the permit. We were talking the other day about

the drainage side of this. They don't have to follow any type of drainage, there is nothing in the Ordinance that prohibit them from doing whatever they want to do with the property. My suggestion is to create this ordinance tonight and introduce it for a full council meeting and get it passed at a later date. Put this into effect as soon as we can so nobody can come into the parish and construct a Mobile Home Park and have a private road and a private drainage and have issues later on. We have not had a Mobile Home Park since I have been back. This is the first time I am looking at it and it makes no sense. The new ordinance that was introduced is going to make them follow basically what the Subdivision Ordinance does and come before the council ahead of time to get the approval and start the process."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Where are we having problems with this Trailer Park?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Right now we don't have a Trailer Park but there is talk of a Trailer Park. When the talk came up that is when we started looking at this. We don't have any say so until the end. We don't want to have a piece of property that has 4 acres that they are developing and they want to develop 10 acres and in the process of that they try to sneak around and try to get a permit without doing what needs to be done and luckily our girls in the front caught it."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned, "So do they have the permit."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No sir, they do not."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I agree with Mr. Bellard, in that ordinance are we going to have anything about old trailers? One of the trailer parks that I was familiar with was going to do this, they were bringing in old trailers. Is that going to be in the ordinance about the stipulations of the trailers?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, ma'am. I forgot to bring that up. In the ordinance that we are going to be introducing I want to say that we put 15 years or newer so it would stop the possibility. There is another person that was talking about it and talking to the other parish president in another parish and he said that he does not want that because they are bringing in old trailers. We have to step up our game. This ordinance have been in place for a long time and it just does not do it for us. I think this one right here with the help of Mr. Duplechain will help us."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, "Are they going to have skirting also?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is also in there as well. Every Mobile Home, not just in the trailer park but every mobile home in the parish once you put it in place prior to getting you electricity you have to have the skirting, you have some language in there, I am not exactly sure what Mr. Duplechain has in there but the language is saying that you will have to have the skirting around the trailer house before it can be approved."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I remember when the gentleman in District 11, Mr. Lejeune's District, he came over here. If you go and look at the trailers off of Oak Road, this guy lied to us. It does not look pleasant."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, "A 15 year old trailer is kind of old."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We put it in there. That is up to you all. I am good with whatever you all want to put in there."

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier started, "By the time they move it on the property it will fall apart after 15 years. I have seen some that were 5 years and they are about to fall apart."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "If they are moving and falling apart at 15 years they actually bought it when it was 15 years and now it is 20 years or something. I also wanted to say about Insurance wise, I think that they have to have skirting now."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Over there in Lewisburg they don't."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Most insurance companies not are mandating that you have to have the skirting."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "If they build a limestone road to have this trailer park that is a no, no, correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "As far as I am understating in the ordinance that we will put into place it will follow the same thing as the subdivision."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It will be a paved road."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Through the specifications of our Engineering Firm, whoever the Engineering Firm will follow up on."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct, the same requirement as the Subdivision."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "What about the Sewer System."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Same requirement as the Subdivision."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, "Are they going to have observation funds or have an individual sewer?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I don't remember what is stated in there but we will follow the same as the Subdivision. That is a good question. I am not sure how Mr. Duplechain worded."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "My thing Mr. Bellard, we have a Mobile Home Park on Country Ridge Road. Oxidation Ponds and you don't have all of these problems as far as these sewer systems."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am good with whatever way we have to do it. We just have to update our ordinance and do it right."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Right now take for instance those town houses on I-49. They have a sewer system. That is all that they have, no Oxidation Ponds because there was no room there. Those people have to smell that stench from the big square pumping. We just don't need that in this parish. I also want to ask a questioned on Ms. Vivian's part. I totally agree with her. I think Eunice, didn't you all just have an ordinance and you all put 10 years on the mobile home park. It could not be no older than 10 years. We need to look at some of the other parishes or maybe their municipalities that just passed on it and see what they come up with. Maybe they are more up to date."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "What is considered a Trailer Park? There is one that have 5 trailers and they call it a trailer park and you want to run a sewerage for those 5 trailers."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Right, so I am not sure what the definition is. We have it tonight. The one that we are asking for tonight is mainly for the road and the drainage. Just so we don't have an issue with drainage but the one to be introduced is in your packet as well. If we can introduce it tonight the other two at the public meeting we can address those issues. But in the meantime we can get the ball rolling."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "This is an emergency ordinance. You can introduce it and pass it tonight. It is good for 30 days. It will terminate after 30 days. This is the same ordinance which you can introduce tonight and pass it 3 or 4 weeks from now. If it does not terminate in 30 days it goes on. Emergency Ordinance is good for 30 days, pass it tonight it terminates in 30 days. The same ordinance you can introduce tonight and then when you pass this one it is a regular plan old ordinance it will last forever until you terminate it."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So you can introduce it and pass it?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The emergency ordinance you can introduce and pass it tonight. That is why it is called an emergency ordinance."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "But the other one in two weeks."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The other one is the same ordinance. You will introduce it tonight and in 3 weeks or 4 weeks you can pass it. The emergency ordinance terminates in 30 days."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So we won't be able to pass it in 2 weeks."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "This is the same ordinance."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "I know Garrett. I am saying that our meeting is in 2 weeks. That is why I am saying it won't be passed then."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Correct. You have to wait 3 weeks. That is the same ordinance. The emergency goes into effect for the next 30 days and the same ordinance will be introduced and you will have to wait 3 weeks and pass it and that is it, it is on the books. The third and last ordinance is an amendment to one of our mobile home ordinance. The change that you are amending, which you will introduce and the change that the third ordinance makes is: All Mobile Homes or removable dwellings must be anchored by tie down and must have skirting around it for St. Landry Parish Government to approve electrical power to the Mobile Home or movable dwelling. So that is the change that is being amended into that third ordinance. They have 3 ordinances on the table, an emergency ordinance, a regular ordinance and another regular ordinance. We are going to pass if you want to the emergency one tonight, if you want to introduce the other 2 ordinance then you can pass them 3 weeks or so from now. So there are 3 ordinance and they are all Mobile Home Ordinances. They all deal with Mobile Homes."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So what would be the reason to want to pass an emergency ordinance?"
Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Once you have a private street or a private road in that mobile home, it is just like Fleur Des Coteau Road, it should be destroyed and we won't be able to help them with their road. Also it says you can't have a mobile home older than 15 years that is in there. The main thing is once you make it private, streets, roads, drainage, roads falling apart and we can't come in and help them once it is established. So this is really quite an effort for the council to try and protect people's property and their roads if they want to pass the emergency ordinance before you can have another private road created and a new mobile home park, it won't prevent the mobile home park from being developed it just will prevent roads from being destroyed and destroying people property."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Would it be beneficial to go ahead on and deal with this emergency ordinance since it is for 30 days to cover until we get the regular ordinance in place? Should we look at doing what we need to do with this emergency ordinance tonight? Is it legal?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes, is was properly advertised. The Special Full Council Meeting was properly advertised, our clerk made sure of that and I made sure of that. It is an Official Full Council Special Meeting because it is the third Wednesday of the month. The ordinance is compliant with all emergency ordinance as described by our Home Rule Charter. If action needs to be taken fast to protect people's property then that is what the council is doing with this emergency ordinance."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "What is the wishes of the council?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Red, I would offer a motion to go ahead and present it but I think we need to make some changes on it, from 15 to 10."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "So you want to make some changes to the ordinance."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Yes, from 15 years to 10 years. We also have to look at the situation as far as the sewer situation. If you own a Mobile Home they will be sitting right next to each other. The sewer system will be between the two mobile homes. One of them will have the right of way and next one down will be the same thing. In the mobile home park you don't have any sewerage. It goes to that Oxidation Pond. That is an old area and it was done correctly. There was no one that checked on it as far as any rules and regulations set in place but they built it to the specifications that it was done right. They got with and engineering firm and I was in there knocking on doors. You don't smell anything in that Mobile Home Park. Everything is in the back. People that live on Megan Drive is right behind their house but they knew when they built the subdivision. We need to look at that and the 10 years."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I think the question is about passing which ordinance tonight. I am in favor of passing the Emergency Ordinance because we will be able to make those amendments later. That is just to prevent people from coming in doing it the backwards way. I am in favor of that."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned, “Mr. Bellard, have they started on that Trailer Park?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No sir.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “They haven’t even started on the Trailer Park?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No they haven’t started on anything that we are aware of, no. The issue is if we pass the emergency ordinance that takes care of us for the next 30 days. I agree, if we want to change where we make sure that the sewer is done correctly and the 10 years are in there then the one to introduce we can modify that one and introduce that one tonight with the modifications and that will start the public notice process. To protect the people of our parish and for us the emergency ordinance is only good for 30 days but it gives us a time to create and work on the one for the permanent side.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “We need to probably pass this tonight. However we need to do a little more research. The Oxidation Pod is old as you and I Mr. Ardoin. That does not work anymore. There is better ways to do it through technology and we have to codify this stuff. We ought to have an engineer that does the work for us. We have a lot of work to do on this ordinance but if this will satisfy the needs immediately I am ok. For instance are we going to still follow the same ordinance with whatever the square footage is for a residence, ninety foot front?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do 90 feet, the state require 60 feet. We are above and beyond what the state require for their sewer. That is a good question.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “All I am say is that we probably need to get our engineers involved in this. We have a little time at least this will cover it. I make a motion that we adopt the ordinance.”

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “You made a motion and we have a second to adopt, introduce and pass the emergency ordinance, that is for 30 days, is that correct?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You have a sponsor for it, so tonight for the emergency ordinance it can be introduced, pass a motion pass the second and vote. It is good for 30 days.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023 - 041.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of December, 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 041 (Sponsor: Harold Taylor)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-351, IN CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE XIII, MOBILE HOME PARKS, TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE STREETS, ROADS, OR DRAINAGE IN CONSTRUCTION OF MOBILE HOME PARKS IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-06 establishes that the Parish Government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council declares that it is a public purpose to protect the health of the citizens of the parish from flooding conditions, and to protect their property from flooding and inadequate roads, and an emergency exists in that any further establishment of private streets, roads, or drainage in mobile home parks shall significantly prevent St. Landry Parish Government from addressing those public needs and purposes.

WHEREAS, once a street, road, or drainage in a mobile home park is established as private it can be difficult or impossible to convert it to public, thus placing a great threat to the property and health of the citizens who reside in the mobile home park.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 40–351 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 40-351. - Approval and submittal procedures.

- (a) The approval and submittal procedures for mobile home parks shall be the same procedures utilized for residential lot subdivisions.*
- (b) There shall be no mobile home parks with private streets, roads, or drainage constructed in St. Landry Parish as of the date of final passage of this ordinance. All mobile home parks constructed in St. Landry Parish shall have public streets, roads, and drainage.*
- (c) All mobile homes located, moved into, or placed in a mobile home park shall be no older than fifteen years old at the time said mobile home is located, moved into, or placed in the mobile home park, as of the date of final passage of this ordinance.*
- (d) Building permits for mobile home spaces shall not be issued by St. Landry Parish Government until construction is complete and the parish council has approved the final plat.*

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "We have to deal with Ordinance 2023-043 now?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, because you all are asking for Ordinance 2023-042 to be looked at. Ordinance 2023-043 is basically making sure that everybody who has a trail home that moves into the parish have a skirting and the property tie down and everything else. That is all it is. The only thing that we don't have is the skirting. If we could introduce this one that will help us with the skirting process.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "The emergency ordinance that was just passed, we have that same ordinance here to be introduced. If you want to go beyond 30 days so that is 2023-042."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "That is what we said that we will introduce and we passed it."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "You did. We have the same ordinance here except if it will go past 30 days then you will introduce it this evening and you will pass it in 3 or 4 weeks. That is ordinance 2023-042. It has a sponsor and then you read the title and that is the introduction."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Can he be the same sponsor?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes, sure he can."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "I think the other one is someone else idea, they order sponsor that."

Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, "Harold Taylor is introducing 2023-042 and Mr. Lejeune is sponsoring 2023-043.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Mr. Chairman, it is introduced by reading the title to 2023-042."

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-042 Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-351, IN CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE XIII, MOBILE HOME PARKS, TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE STREETS, ROADS, OR DRAINAGE IN CONSTRUCTION OF MOBILE HOME PARKS IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-06 establishes that the Parish Government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-043 Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 10-6, PERMIT REQUIRED; AFFIDAVIT; EXEMPTION; FAILURE TO ACQUIRE PERMIT, IN CHAPTER 10, BUILDINGS AND HOUSING, TO REQUIRE ALL MOBILE HOMES OR MOVABLE DWELLINGS TO HAVE A SKIRT AROUND THEM

V. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to adjourn the Special 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: Alvin Stelly. ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of December, 2023.

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

XIV. ADJOURN