**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

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

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 15th, day of November, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

1. Chairman Jerry Red Jr., called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. Councilman Timmy Lejeune led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
3. **ROLL CALL:** 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.

1. **CONDOLENCES:**

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere****:* Sidney Gerard Marcel, Theme John Ledee, Paul ‘Beef’ Jordan, Ann Elaine Dartez, Wilfred Joseph Mayfield, Barbara A. Broussard, Wilda Mae Ross, Anna Marie Davis Hamburg, Robert Elijah Rideau Sr., Leona Angelle, Hazel Rosette Thomas, Randal Raymond ‘Randy’ Herpin, Babette Elizabeth Stephen, Beryl O. Sebastien.

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:*** Leona Angelle, August Durousseau Jr., Deanna Manuel Hidalgo, Charles Wayne Richard, Tiffany Dawn Miller, Stephen Paul Ardoin, Randal Raymond ‘Randy’ Herpin, Linus Joseph Cortez II, Patrick Nolan Johnson, Barbara Ann Broussard, Daylon Tyrell Lewis, Michelle Johnice Tyler, Wilfred Joseph Mayfield, Charlene S. Greene, Ann Elaine Dartez, Darrel Antoine, Paul ‘Beef’ Jordan, Theme John Ledee.

***Councilman Gil Savoy:*** Sue Traylor Devillier

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin****:* Ronald Theriot, Karleen Guilbeaux Barry, Randal Raymond ‘Randy’ Herpin, Connie Fontenot Manuel, Lillie Stelly Meche, Theme Joseph Ledee, Linus Cortez II, Ronald Bezet, Charlene S. Greene.

***Councilman Dexter Brown***: Paul ‘Beef’ Jordan, Theme John Ledee, Wilfred Joseph Mayfield

August Durousseau Jr.

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

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

***Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune stated***, “Mr. Chairman, could I have personal privilege at this point to add and to amend item #5. We had sent out the notices for the appointment to the Hospital Board in Eunice. Angela Guillory had sent her information over but we never received it here, in the Clerk’s office. She later hand carried it over here but it was after that meeting. Can we add her to be considered for tonight for the appointment for the Hospital in Eunice?”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned***, “Mr. Duplechain, time wise are we still good to add this to the agenda?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “If you do it now, unanimously.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to amend the agenda to add Applicant Angela Guillory to be considered as an applicant for Item #5 on the Agenda, Hospital District No. 1 (Acadian Medical Center.)

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “**If anyone would like to speak fill out your speaker card and you will have five minutes to speak.”

***Jessica Wimberly addressed the council. She stated***, “Good evening, I wanted to say thank you for allowing me to come speak to you guys today. I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Jessica Wimberly Marchand. I will be a candidate for District Court Judge for the 27th Judicial District Court, Division B. I was born and raised in Swords Louisiana which most of you are probably familiar with that area. It is a small community between Eunice and Opelousas. I still reside in Swords with my husband, Tim Marchand. We have one child and we are expecting a second child. Just like you all are serving our community by serving on this council, I wish to do the same by serving as your next District Court Judge. I look forward to getting to meet each and every one of you on a personal level throughout this election. I want to thank you again for allowing me to introduce myself. I want to wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving. Thank you.”

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the **Regular Meeting Minutes from October 18th, 2023** as transcribed.

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

1. **PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:**

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***I think the first item has been taken care of last week at our meeting so that is not needed. The second item was brought through the committee as the last Committee Meeting so we need the approval to pass tonight which is to authorize the final construction approval for Country Ridge Estates on Jackie Drive.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown

to approve the final construction for the Country Ridge Estates on Jackie Drive.

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “The next thing is the swearing in. It is January 8th, 2024. The question is: Do you all want to do it in the morning or the afternoon? Does it make a difference to you all on the swearing in?”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “The morning.”

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated***, “Yes, I said morning as well.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Okay, is everyone good with that? That is all that I have Mr. Chairman.”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the Parish President’s Report.

**On roll call vote:** **YEAS:**  Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, 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 15th, day of November, 2023.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

**1. Authorize a representative from Prairie Rhonde Water to come speak about line sizing and water pressure at our next meeting.**

***Item was discussed at the Special Meeting held on Thursday, November 9th, 2023*.**

**2. Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, and Opelousas Downtown Development District.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Authorize Parish President Jessie Bellard to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, and Opelousas Downtown Development District.

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**3. Vote to appoint Katherine Pickett for one appointment for a one- year term to Fire District No. 7. (11-18-2023 – 11-18-2024).**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Easton Shelvin to vote to appoint Katherine Pickett for one appointment for a one- year term to Fire District No. 7. (11-18-2023 – 11-18-2024).

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**4. Vote to re-appoint Brenda Hardy and Newton “Chip” Thibodeaux for two appointments to Hospital District No. 1 (Acadian Medical Center) for a six-year term. (12-08-2023 – 12-08-2029).**

***Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned*,** “Is that the same board?

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “**She said it is the next item.”

***Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune stated***, “It is the same board but it is how long they are staying on the board.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “And that is for a six year term.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated***, “I have a question. We are voting to re-appoint two people and then in the next item we are going to re-advertise?”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “We are not going to re-advertise. This other lady that I understand had turned in her paper but she brought it in. So that is where the mix upwas.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned*, “**So when does she get on the ballot to vote?”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “***The next item.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,*** “We amended the agenda and you voted also to vote to amend the agenda to put it on there. So the next item you will vote to appoint her also. You are not going to advertise, you are going to appoint her, is that correct?”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “***That is correct.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to re-appoint Brenda Hardy and Newton “Chip” Thibodeaux for two appointments to Hospital District No. 1 (Acadian Medical Center) for a six-year term. (12-08-2023 – 12-08-2029).

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “So item #5, we are going to vote to appoint Angela Guillory to the same Hospital Board for a six year term.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned***, “So we have three vacancies, am I correct?”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “To my understanding that is correct.”

**5. Authorize the Council Clerk to ~~re-advertise~~ *APPOINT* Angela Guillory for one appointment to Hospital District No. 1 (Acadian Medical Center) for a six-year term. (12-08-2023 – 12-08-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune to authorize the Council Clerk to ~~re-advertise~~ ***APPOINT***Angela Guillory for one appointment to Hospital District No. 1 (Acadian Medical Center) for a six-year term.

(12-08-2023 – 12-08-2029).

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**6. Vote to re-appoint Donald Pitre and Shaun Dupre for two appointments to Fire District No. 1 for a two- year term. (12-20-2023 – 12-20-2025).**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Donald Pitre and Shaun Dupre for two appointments to Fire District No. 1 for a two- year term. (12-20-2023 – 12-20-2025).

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**7. Vote to appoint Grant Fontenot 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 vote to appoint Grant Fontenot 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).

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for four appointments to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2024 - 01-01-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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, 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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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 Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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, 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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five-year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Gil Savoy, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five-year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029).

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.**

1. **ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**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.

**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

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr. questioned,* “**Is that the same thing?”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated***, “No.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “It is two different Ordinances. Those are the two ordinances we have that pertain to building new construction above the base flood elevation as determined by FEMA. Those are the two ordinance that are being amended to make the new constriction one foot above the Base Flood Elevation Level as determined by FEMA. That is what FEMA wants and there are a lot of Counties and Parishes that are doing that so we are doing that too. It is call the Free Board Rule, meaning One Foot above Base Elevation Level.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Would that make a big difference?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “It will to FEMA.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “But not to the person.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “It will for Insurance purposes.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Basically, that is to keep our Flood Insurance in the parish since 1978. We had this flood insurance and the program has been in place and now they are asking us to do certain things to keep it up.”

**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

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Can you explain this.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “Whenever it was advertised for applications for the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission no applications came in. So the council thought that maybe if we would eliminate some of the qualifications maybe we would get some applications in. The ordinance was drawn up at the request for the 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.

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Can you explain this.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***That one is setting a time limit for the person who

successfully bid on the adjudicated property to begin closing the sale, authenticating it and to

finish it. After they successfully bid they have to begin authenticating the sale within 90 days and

within nine months they have to complete it. So there is a time limit so that after someone successfully

bid we are still not waiting three years later for them to close the sale.”

**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

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***Whenever property is adjudicated to a Parish Government eventually the Parish Government can put it up for sale at an Adjudicated Property Sale. Once in a while the Parish Government needs that piece of property and they need full ownership of it and so that is the case here. So with the ordinance we will start the process of the parish getting full ownership of this piece of Adjudicated property which is on Bernice Street in Opelousas. Then after that there is a reason, a public purpose that the parish needs that piece of property, full ownership of it.”

**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.

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Do you have anything that you want to say on that?”

***Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated***, “We are not going to do it until 2025.

It won’t come into effect until 2025.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Is that correct?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated. “***That is correct. If the council passes the salary increase

this year it cannot take affect this year but it can take effect in the next term, 2024 or 2025. I did not

find any prohibitions against delaying it a year as long as the salary does not take place this term,

it has to take place in the next term”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “That is understood that it will start in 2024 but I did not know

that it will start in 2025.”

***Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated***, “We did not mind doing that.”

***Chairman Dexter Brown stated***, “Budget cuts.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Any questions? At our Committee Meeting I believe

I spoke to the Parish President and he said that the funds were low as far as an increase.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “In 2024 we could not do it because of the inmate

problems we have. So that is why they postponed it to 2025.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “So you think that the funds will be better in 2025 and it won’t

be worst? Because the way that I see it, with the prison, the problem with the prison, it will

continue to escalate.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “We have a plan and hopefully the plan works. We will know

hopefully by February or March of next year and we will have a better idea of what to do with it.

Everything is in place, it is just that all the players have to play the same game. Hopefully put the

cost down.”

**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;

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***Ms. Thierry is sponsoring this ordinance and so it is

to amend the Speed Bump Ordinance so that the survey would be taken going door to door instead

of the survey of the people who live on that street to be mailed to them. The survey would be taken

door to door to see if 75% or more of them want the Speed Bumps because it has to 75%.”

**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

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***It is in there. It says after definitive elections. You could

not pass this ordinance to regulate when the signs are put out before the election. That would violate

their first amend rights of free speech but after the election the signs are no longer needed so if the

council wants they can pass this ordinance to give them 30 days. It is up to you all.”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “***What I was saying is that you have people that are in a run off

so I guess they would that 30 days after that.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated***, “If I have a political sign on my private property will this

Ordinance have me remove my sign off of my property?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***Actually that is a good question. It is aimed at the candidate.

The candidate puts the sign on the property and then after the election is over they have 30 days to take

the sign down. We have never had an ordinance like this before so you are bringing up a good question.

You could not regulate it before the election because everyone has a right to free speech and political

speech. You can put up whatever political signs that you want. It is just that the signs are no longer

needed when the election is over which would allow this ordinance to say 30 days later pick up your

sign, saying that the candidate is not aimed at the property owner. You have a good point because

we have never had an ordinance like this before.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated***, “I will give Ms. Nancy a handful of political signs for me to go

and put out and she is going to go and put them where she chooses. After the election I don’t know up

put up the political signs, how you are going to hold that candidate responsible for somebody else’s

action. If I pick up a sign and I go and put it somewhere else just fine somebody, you can’t control that.

You cannot punish a candidate for something that he did not do. It looks like that is the direction that

we are headed.”

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated***, “Can we add in this ordinance right here about being on public

right-a-way. If I am correct. Put them at the street corner and everything else.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “You are not suppose to put them on street corners.”

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated***, “But they do.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***When no one is looking they can put them on public

property which they are not suppose to do. We could add that because it is public property,

public right-of-way, they really not suppose to put them there. The bigger question would be

Mr. Lejeune’s question because it is aimed at the candidate but what if it is aimed at the property

owner to, we have never had an ordinance like this so we have never had questions like this before.”

***Councilman Dexter Brown stated***, “What I am saying, I pick up all of my signs where ever I put them

out because I am the only one that puts them out. Whenever the candidate put out all of their signs

it would probably be, if we could put it in, a public right of way, street corners or what not.

I don’t know the legal terminology of it but that is the reason why we have you.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***Yes, it would be prohibited from placing it in a public

right-of-way. Maybe a question is asked, do we have a problem with signs still being out 6 months

later, I don’t know, maybe I don’t notice them.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned***, “What is the punishment of this ordinance? If someone runs

for governor, Harold Taylor has some awesome friends that runs for public office and Harold Taylor

takes a sign and goes and stick that sign somewhere and that candidate does not know where Harold

put that sign. You could drive up at an office that we open up in St. Landry Parish and pick up a sign

and they will just give it to you. What happens then? Are we writing an ordinance with no teeth or

we writing an ordinance that we are taking a bite out of something we don’t have any business jumping

into. I am very concerned with that, I really am.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***The ordinance states that the punishment is the candidate

shall receive a letter from Parish government notifying the candidate that all political signs must

be picked up within 30 days if it is outside of an incorporated municipality and shall be removed.

So that is the punishment, they get a letter from Parish Government.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Mr. Chairman, in all due respect, in due time we will be able to

have a hearing to discuss this ordinance. Of course we will all vote on it at that meeting so I think

that we have plenty time to have our attorney research some of these questions that were brought

up tonight. Can we move on to the next item? Thank you.”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated***, “If you are the candidate that is your responsibility, you paid

for that sign so you should be responsible to pick it up, that is my opinion. When I was talking about

the ordinance it is not if I have one in my yard because you can have what you want in your yard,

I was talking about on the side of the road or anything that is in violation of where you should put

a sign. Next if you want to put some teeth into it, they are sending you a letter telling you some signs

are out, if you are going to pay somebody to put them out you should have somebody to pick them up

within a certain reasonable amount of time. If you want to put some teeth in it then that person should be

responsible after the letter is sent, they have so many days like everything else to clean their year or

anything else to have those signs picked up and there maybe should be a little fine. It may sound

stupid but for each little sign maybe you could say $2.00, I don’t know, but whatever I am saying is

that you cannot have these signs up for 10 years. If I choose to take one of these signs and put it in

my broken window that is my business, that is at my house if I want to do that. What I am saying is

that we have signs that are still up and you can hardly see the road, you have signs that are on property

and the election is over, so when it is over, it is over. We can add some teeth to it but we should set

some kind of president because in Lafayette they have it. So we need to look at another parish and

see what is what. Once it is over, it is over. I should have to pick up my own signs if I am not going

to get my people who I paid to put them out.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “We will hear about it next month when we have the public hearing.”

**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

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “So it is self-explanatory is that correct?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***Yes, if a person lives next door to adjudicated property

and they sign the affidavit saying they kept up the property for over a year then they can buy it without

it having to go through the bidding process. Each time that happens and the neighbor of adjudicate

property buys it, the council passes and ordinance to make that happen and that is what these next

two ordinance are about, an adjoining land owners is seeking to purchase adjudicated property

he kept up for over one year and sign the affidavit saying he kept it if up for over a year.”

**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

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Being that it will be 10 ordinances, there will probably be 11

with the budget also, is there any way that we can do it 10 minutes per ordinance on the public

hearing?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***There is no time limit, I don’t know of any time limit”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “I thought it was 15 minutes.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated,*** “Okay, well it is 15 minutes.”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated***, “That is in the Home Rule Charter.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “So we will have to be here at 3:30.”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated***, “3:30, unless you all have a special meeting.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned***, “Time sensitive items, can we move them to the month

of January?”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “I am not sure because an ordinance, what is the time line

on an ordinance?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***You cannot pass an ordinance until 3 weeks or more have

passed after it has been introduced.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “My question is: Do they have be on the following month?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated,*** “No.”

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

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “We also have another one that we have to be looking at.

It is Ordinance No. 2024-001, an ordinance to set Regular Meeting Dates for St. Landry

Parish Council Meetings.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “That will be in December, that is correct.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “It will be in December so where do we bring it up? Do we

bring it up in this meeting or we bring it up in December?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***That will be introduced in December unless the council

wants to introduce it before that.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “Do you think that we need to introduce it before that?”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated***, “All of the dates are set except for June 19. You all need

to choose if you all want the meeting on a Tuesday or a Thursday for that meeting.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***Once you all choose it then it is all set. That day is

Juneteenth. It cannot be on a Wednesday, it has to be the Tuesday or the Thursday.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “I would ask to go ahead and sponsor it and put it on the earliest

date that we can so that we won’t be in violation for the ordinance being put in place.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “We can’t do that.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***I am wondering if you could sponsor it on Tuesday

of next week if it is on the agenda.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “That would probably me more feasible because that is not on

the agenda.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated, “***That would be very efficient.”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated***, “That would be on November 21st, meeting.”

1. **ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

**A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Gil Savoy**

**to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-022.**

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-022 (Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 18-85 OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE WORDING IN SECTION 18-85 (c) TO READ “50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is less….”**

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter states that the parish government shall have the power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the parish, and this includes the power to pass ordinances on all subject matters not inconsistent with the constitution

or denied by state law;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

THAT SECTION 18-85 (c) OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AMENDED AND NOW READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 18-85. - Standards for subdivision proposals.

(a)All subdivision proposals, including the placement of manufactured home parks and subdivisions, shall be consistent with this article and sections 18-2, 18-3, and 18-4.

(b) All proposals for the development of subdivisions, including the placement of manufactured home parks and subdivisions, shall meet floodplain development permit requirements of sections 18-31 and 18-61 ; and the provisions of this article.

(c) Base flood elevation data shall be generated for subdivision proposals and other proposed

development including the placement of manufactured home parks and subdivisions which is greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is less, if not otherwise provided pursuant to section 18-30 or 18-60(a)(8).

(d)All subdivision proposals, including the placement of manufactured home parks and

subdivisions, shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

(e) All subdivision proposals, including the placement of manufactured home parks and subdivisions, shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.

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

**Edwards to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-023.**

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-023 (Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE CHAPTER 18, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter states that the parish government shall have the power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the parish, and this includes the power to pass ordinances on all subject matters not inconsistent with the constitution or denied by state law;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE CHAPTER 18, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, IS HEREBY ENACTED AND SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SECTION 18.88 IN CHAPTER 18 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:

SEC. 18.88 - VIOLATION OF SECTION 18 - FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

(1 ) No structure or land shall hereafter be constructed, located, extended, converted, or altered

without full compliance with the requirements and terms of this Section, Chapter l8, in the

St. Landry parish Code of Ordinances.

(2) Violation of the provisions of this Section, Chapter 18, in the St. Landry Parish Code of

Ordinances, by failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of

conditions and safeguards established in connection with conditions) shall constitute a

misdemeanor. Any person in violation of the flood damage prevention ordinances in this

section, or who fails to comply with any of its requirements, shall upon conviction thereof

be fined not more than $500.00 or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both, for

each violation. Each day the violation continues shall be deemed a new violation. In

addition, the violator shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case. Nothing herein contained shall prevent St. Landry Parish Government from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

(3) Also, any person in violation of this Section, Chapter 18, may be cited by St. Landry parish Government Code Enforcement Department for a civil violation of this Section, Chapter 18, and given a date to appear before the St. Landry Parish Government Administrative Department for an administrative hearing to respond to the ordinance violation described on the citation. The St. Landry Parish Government Administrative Department may seek to correct the violation and to impose civil fines and/or civil penalties.

(4) Following the hearing before the St. Landry Parish Government Administrative Department, the person cited with the violation of this Section, Chapter 18, shall have thirty (30) days within which to appeal the decision of the St. Landry Parish Government Administrative Department to the 27th Judicial District Court for the parish of St. Landry.

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, “**Mr. Chairman, I forgot to mention this. We have 70 or

residents in the parish that will get letters from us stating that they were in violation of the codes

for the flood insurance. I spoke with Chad a couple of times and FEMA would like for us to

send out these letters. We talked about this before and say that they were in violation of the

permit and everything else, which this was not in effect, it is just taking effect tonight. There

is no law saying that we are suppose to do this but that is what FEMA wants. So I am sending

the letter to them and hopefully that is going to appease FEMA. They want us to enforce the

law that was not on the books at the time. They just don’t understand that we can’t. So I talked

to Chad and Chad said to just send them the letter and hopefully that will work and maybe we can

go from there. If you have people that call you all just let them know that it is required by FEMA

to send them this letter and hopefully we can get this done. We only had 70 violations according

to FEMA and other parishes has 300 to 400 and I am glad that we did not have a whole lot. Mainly

what happens and I will give you all an example, at 3 mile lake the house or the camp is built at

a certain height but the air-condition is on the ground and that is a violation. So they are giving

them an opportunity to raise their air-condition up. But whenever they built their house or their

camp that rule or that law was not in place. I don’t know how we can force them to do something.

Whenever they came to get their permit and they did everything according to what the law said at

the time. I am just letting you all know if you all have some people that call you all you can talk

to them and make them understand what is going on. It is a FEMA Requirement and I just don’t

see us enforcing it.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “So all we need to do is tell them to call you to get an answer.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Yes and I will tell them.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Really that is not good. My reason for saying that is because,

this council took action before on an instance pretty much pertaining to the same thing. I was

dealing with the Behavior Clinic in Sunset. They told us to pass an ordinance and the ordinance

that we passed was still Null-In-Void. This whole council got sued and we had to give them the

right to still do what they had purchased. I am saying that is the same thing.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “I will tell you that I will do what I can to make sure

that we follow what FEMA wants because I think what they really want is to take us out

of the Flood Program. That is one less parish that they have to worry about. I will do what I

can to follow it and Chad will guide us in the direction that we need.”

**A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-024.**

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-024 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 28-6,**

**DAMAGING OR REMOVAL OF BRIDGE SIGNS, ROAD SIGNS, GUIDE POSTS, ETC., TO INCLUDE A FINE FOR VIOLATING THAT ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter states

that the parish government shall have the power to pass all ordinances necessary to

promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly

conduct of the parish, and this includes the power to pass ordinances on all subject matters

not inconsistent with the constitution or denied by state law;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

THAT Section 28-6 in Article I of Chapter 28 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances

is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 28-6. - Damaging or removal of bridge signs, road signs, guide posts, etc.

a. Any person taking or knocking down a bridge sign, stop sign, road sign, guide post, or

mile board on a parish road shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person reporting

anybody for any of the violations specified in this section shall, upon conviction, be

given a reward out of the fine collected for violation of this section and all other

portions of such fine shall be placed to the credit of the road funds.

b. Whoever violates this section shall be fined five hundred dollars.

**A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-025.**

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-025 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ALL PERSONS, ENTITIES, AND/OR CONTRACTORS TO GET A PERMIT FROM ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT BEFORE DOING WORK INVOLVING CABLE OR FIBER OPTIC CABLE WITHIN A ST. LANDRY PARISH RIGHT OF WAY**

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government shall require all persons, entities, and/or

contractors to obtain a permit from St. Landry Parish Government, and pay a permit fee to St.

Landry Parish Government, before doing any work involving cable or fiber optic cable within a St. Landry Parish right of way;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government requiring a permit and permit fee prior to work

being performed involving cable or fiber optic cable within a St. Landry Parish right of way protects the citizens of St. Landry Parish and their property;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE IS HEREBY ENACTED:

Sec. \_\_\_\_\_ – PERMIT FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED INVOLVING CABLE OR

FIBER OPTIC CABLE WITHIN A ST. LANDRY PARISH RIGHT OF WAY

(1) All persons, entities, and/or contractors shall obtain a right of way work permit from St. Landry Parish Government, and pay a right of way work permit fee to St. Landry Parish Government, prior to performing any work involving cable or fiber optic cable within a St. Landry Parish right of way.

(2) The right of way work permit fee for work involving cable or fiber optic cable shall be

Two Hundred Dollars.

(3) The person, entity, and/or contractor applying for the right of way work permit to perform

work involving cable or fiber optic cable shall provide the St. Landry Parish Government,

at 118 South Court Street, Suite 133, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570, or at Eunice City Hall at

300 South Second Street, Second Floor, Eunice, Louisiana 70535, a completed right of way

work permit application, and the application shall have:

(a) The name and contact information of the applicant applying for the right of way work

permit to perform work involving cable or fiber optic cable.

(b) The name and contact information of any third party or sub-contractor who will be

performing work involving cable or fiber optic cable within the St. Landry Parish right of

way that the applicant is applying for a permit to work do within.

(c) The period of time it will take to perform and complete the work involving cable or

fiber optic cable within the St. Landry Parish right of way.

(d) The location where the work involving cable or fiber optic cable will be performed

within the St. Landry Parish right of way.

(e) If the work to be performed within the St. Landry Parish right of way is the installation

of broadband, the applicant shall list the type of materials being installed.

(f) If the work to be performed involving cable or fiber optic cable within the St. Landry

Parish right of way is inside of an incorporated municipality, the applicant shall state the

name of the municipality.

(4) The person, entity, and/or contractor applying for the right of way work permit for work

involving cable or fiber optic cable shall provide St. Landry Parish Government with all

construction plans for the work to be performed within the St. Landry Parish right of way,

and the construction plans shall be reviewed and approved by the parish engineer prior to

the beginning of work within the right of way.

(5) The person, entity, and/or contractor performing the work involving cable or fiber optic

cable shall return the right of way in which they are performing the work to the same

condition it was in prior to the beginning said work, and shall be liable for any and all

damages to utilities, structures, and/or property within the right of way resulting from their

work or presence within the right of way. This shall be stated and acknowledged in the

right of way work permit application that the applicant shall sign.

**A motion was made by Councilman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-026.**

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “**I just spoke to Ms. Cynthia. Some wording needs

to be corrected.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor questioned***, “Do you all want to pull this ordinance?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,*** “No, I think what she is talking about is a minimum

bid of $500.00 plus the amount due on any liens, judgements or mortgages. What happens

now when we do work on property whether it is adjudicated or private, whatever we do

Mr. Duplechain puts a lien on it. So if somebody does go and purchase this property at a

sale, they have to pay that also so that we get our money back. So that is why it is $500.00

and or any liens or judgements that we put on it or anybody else put on it basically. We just

want to make sure that we have a chance to get our money back.”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated***, “That is the only thing that I had a little concern with

when it said that we were okay with the cleaning part.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “This right here will cover it. Mr. Duplechain checked

on it. It mainly covers us, that is what we are worried about to make sure that whatever we

spend on a piece of property we get our money back.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., questioned***, “What changes need to be made in this ordinance?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “I don’t see anything that needs to be changed unless

you all have a difference of opinion***.***”

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated***, “Cynthia and I had just spoke and we had talked about

that a second ago. We had said the word plus. We said the word plus needs to be included.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “So you want to make a motion to pass this?”

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-026 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)**

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

**WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2201, 47:2202, 47:2203 and 47:2204 provide that a political subdivision may provide by ordinance for the sale of adjudicated property at a public sale.**

**WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government shall offer for sale the following**

**adjudicated properties with a minimum bid of $500.00, plus the amount due on any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each adjudicated property.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated properties shall be offered for sale at public sale and there shall be a minimum bid of $500.00, plus the amount due on any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each of the following adjudicated properties:**

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| **PARCEL #** | **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** | **PROPERTY OWNER** |

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| **1** | **8103445100 NARROW STREET JAMES LEONARD JONES III**  **1 LOT (46 X 146) N SANDOZ S LINTON E OUTLET W SANDOZ FRONTING ON NARROW ST**  **1141678 (LOT 4 BLK 7 NARROW ST)** |

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| **2** | **8102202000 806 MELANCON ST MASON MARKS**  **1 LOT 13 (50 x 100) BLK 5 ANDRUS SUB DIV N MARKS S LOT 12 E MELANCON W WHITE**  **462946 (D-13-90) 1014484** |

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| **3** | **8129116188 31120 PANDORA ST TIFFINIIE ALBERTA GARRETT ETALS**  **1 LOT (52’ FRONT) N BOLT S FLOYD E BAYOU TESSON W LIBERTY ST FRONTING 52’**    **ON LIBERTY ST (LOT 10 BLK 11 PANDORA ST – FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)**  **1 STRIP (7’ FRONT) N FLOYD S BUTLER E BAYOU TESSON W LIBERTY ST 807411** |

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| **4** | **8401936014 U S HWY 71 ERNESTINE E DIXON ETALS**  **1 LOT (1.28 AC) N ALFRED ET ALS S VENDORE E HY 71 W ALFRED SEC 5 T-3S R-4E**  **753721 (TAX-9-430)** |

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| **5** | **0105142000 NAPOLEON STREET EDNA JOUBERT**  **1 LOT 19 (50 X 206) STELLY SUB DIV 243120** |

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| **6** | **0300129500 701 MILLS STREET EULA MAE KNOTT LAGRANGE**    **1 LOT 9 (50 X 137.7) BLK 42 GORDY MARTIN SUB DIV**  **1 LOT 8 (50 X 137.7) BLK 42 GORDY MARTIN SUB DIV 717701 (K-29-310) 1202498** |

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| **7** | **0200904815AN VAUTROT RD LARRY GUIDROZ**  **1 LOT 19 (123.5 X 148.17) (.418 AC) BEARD ROAD SUBDIV N HIGGINBOTHAM S VAUTROT RD**    **E LOT 21 W LOT 17 FRONTING 123.5’ ON VAUTROT RD IN SEC 3 T-8S R-3E 1006526 1202498** |

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| **8** | **8101053500 318 WESTWEGO ST ANNA NIX/MARY EAGLAND**  **1 LOT W 30’ OF LOT 12 (30 X 50) BLK 10 L & C ADD 234013 986949 (G-43-444)** |

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| **9** | **0400023700 843 BURTON STREET MARY SIMMINS**  **1 LOT 6 (48 X 120) BLK 53 KROTZ ADD 784754 (TAX-9-910) 1174394** |

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| **10** | **8104372510I LAURIE STREET GINGER ANDREWS JORDAN**  **1 LOT 34 (90 X 194.50) (.402 AC) DEVILLES COUNTRY SUBDIV N LOT 35 S LOT 33 E**    **DEVILLE W LAURIE ST. FRONTING 90’ ON LAURIE ST IN SEC 42 T -6S R-3E 1034269** |

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated*, “**The next one**,** Ordinance No. 2023-027 that was pulled for

November 28, at 6:00 p.m.”

**ORDINANCE PULLED**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-027 (Sponsored by: Councilman Dexter Brown)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the 2024 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby adopted to reflect the detailed estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

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

Section 1. The attached, detailed estimates of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024 is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues for the parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 2. The attached estimates of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

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

Section 4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2024 Budget.

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

**XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

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

**to adopt Resolution No. 031-2023.**

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

**RESOLUTION NO. 031-2023**

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has abandoned a portion of W.P.A. Road in St. Landry Parish Ordinance 2023-015;

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government has resolved to abandon the bridge on W.P.A. Road, and said bridge bears recall number 800292;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council, that the St. Landry Parish Government intends and resolves to abandon the bridge on W.P.A. Road which bears recall number 800292.

1. **COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

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

to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Thursday,**

**November 2nd, 2023** as transcribed.

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “**Before we accept the Public Works Minutes, on item No. 5, Mr. Bellard can you furnish the paper work on Hwy 178. You had said that it would be overlaid

and you would furnish some paperwork on it.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Right, I will get that from the Acadian Planning Commission.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “So you will furnish it to the council?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Yes as soon as I can get it from Sarah.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “I move that we accept the Public Works Minutes with the

Deal about item #5 on Hwy 178 about it being overlaid.”

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

to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Thursday, November 2nd, 2023**

as transcribed.

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

1. **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**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 15th, day of November, 2023.

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

**SHERELL JORDAN, COUNCIL CLERK**

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**