ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 2023**

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

**OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**MINUTES**

1. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Red Jr.
2. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation
3. **Roll Call: PRESENT**: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy, Vivian Olivier,

Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Lynn Lejeune.

Ex Officio: Jerry Red Jr. **ABSENT**: Nancy Carriere, Easton Shelvin, Alvin Stelly and

Dexter Brown.

***Councilwoman Nancy Carriere was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting***.

1. **PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.**

***Mr. David Naomi Addressed the council. He stated*, “**I am David Naomi, I am the Engineer for the Prairie Ronde Water System. I was told to be here tonight to answer any questions you may have so I am here.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Thank you for coming, you are a CPS Engineer and a Surveyor?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “That is correct.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “You are the Engineer for Prairie Water System?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “That is correct.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “In your letter you state that you did a pressure test from 10-5 to 10-9 and the water pressure was 45 or above and the immaculate is 60%. Do you feel that the water lines are adequate to supply water to 20 more houses?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “I do.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “If it is not.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Well we will have to go back on the developer and ask him for some help.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Thank you.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr***., stated, “Are there any other questions?”

**Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated**, “Mr. Naomi, you and I had a conversation before the meeting. Let’s say that the water pressure is not consistent, what can this water district do to make it adequate for this project?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Well right now the source of the water is a well field across the North West High School. There is an elevated water tank there that holds one-hundred thousand gallons of water. From that elevated tank it heads down 104 toward Opelousas. It starts off as a 5 inch water line with a 4 inch water line. Several years ago we parallel that line with a 6 inch water line. So there is a 5 and a 6 for a certain way until it gets down to the Big Curb, I think you all are familiar with Big Curb down there, once it gets pass the Big Curb the original line reduce to a 4, but it continues on with a 6 up to Sunflower Road. So there is a 6 and 4 or a 5 and a 4 from the elevated water tank to Sunflower Road.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “When it takes off from Sunflower Road from 104, how big is that line that is in front of those residents? The existing residents that are there now? How big is that water line?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “It crosses 104 at Sunflower Road. For a portion of the way it is a 2” Line. That is the last house on the left, on the right, the last house on the right before it gets where the new development is going to be. Since the beginning of the line the water system ran a 3 inch line that goes behind those houses and continues on up Sunflower Road up to and it moves back to a 30-43. So there is a 3 inch line north of the last house on the right as you are coming from 104 on Sunflower. That is where the new development is going to get their water from off of a 3 inch line.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “***I will ask you another question, let’s say that something does not work correctly, would you all be able to put a pump or something where you can get more pressure in between North West and that residential area or any residential area right there?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Yes, but as it stands no. But with the pressure recordings that we have there it would be no need for that.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “***There would be no need, but if we have some people that have said and made statements and they live across from 104, they live on the south side of 104 they don’t have any pressure right now would they be telling us an untruth?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “The only think I can do is get the pressure recorder back out there to see exactly what is happening. There could be some events happening out there. The water system by mandate has to maintain a minimum pressure of 20 PSI or greater, all of the time. The minimum pressure we had here was 42 which is 22 PSI greater.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “I see your graph and I appreciate you. I appreciate what you have brought forth to us.”

***Councilman Jimmie Edwards questioned***, “Mr. Naomi, how many water wells do you all have pumping into that thing?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Right now there is 2 water wells that pump about 300 gallons a minute each.”

***Councilman Jimmie Edwards questioned***, “Is there any kind of way that you all can add another?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “We have looked into new water wells and we are trying to financing for some more improvements to the water system. Right now I just took bids for a water well about 6 months ago and a new water well cost about $800,000.00. Anybody that have an extra $800,000.00 dollars hanging around we would be glad to take it from you. It is a pretty substantial investment and there is a year waiting list. We took bids in January on this well an Amy Drilling got the bid and he has not started yet. It is a really long lead time for water wells. The well that we are replacing on that in that case we drilled back in the mid 80’s and it cost about $220,000.00 and now it cost about $800,00.00 so there is significant increase in the cost for water wells. That is something that we had discussed with the board a few months back and right now our water wells are supplying adequately, actually we would like to have two wells which we do have two wells and each one will be standing on its own can supply enough water for the system. If one well goes out then we will have another well to take its place.”

***Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated***, “If you are going to add 20 more houses on there then you will need another well to supply all of the water.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Well, not necessarily.”

***Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated***, “Okay that answers my question, thank you.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Mr. Taylor.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Tell me again, your water line from your tank to down 104 to Sunflower Road is a 3, no a 4, there are two lines.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “There are two lines. The original line built in the mid 70’s started off at that location across the North West High School. It is a 5 inch line and it went down to the Bid Curb in 104.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor questioned***, “Is that near Sunflower Road?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “No, no, no. Then it continues with a 4 inch line almost all the way to the railroad tracks from the curb at 104.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “104, what is the connection with Sunflower? What do you have there?

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Then in the mid 80’s if I remember correctly we ran a 6 inch line all the way from the Wellfield down 104 to Sunflower Road. So there is a 6” line and either a 4 or a 5inch line from Wellfield all the way to Sunflower Road.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “On Sunflower Road you said there were two lines? One behind the houses.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “The original line on Sunflower Road was a 2 inch line and it ran along Sunflower Road. There is the last house on the right as you are heading north that was on the original line and form that house north there is a 3 inch line that came back around those houses.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “At that point in relation to the subdivision, the subdivision be served by a 3 inch line and the 2 inch line is north of there?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***No the 2 inch line is south of there.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “***Okay, thank you.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “***My question is, because at our last meeting I spoke about Westgate, because I live in Westgate. The homes that were put in Westgate, I mean they put many homes, I did not see a change in pressure, can you tell me what size lines that we have on that side?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***In Westgate?”

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

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***Now you are stretching my memory.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “***I am just curious.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***There is a mixture of 2’s and 3’s and there maybe a 4 inch mainline going down one of the streets if I remember correctly but don’t hold me to that. They are looped. The problem in Westgate is they did not allow for enough flushing risers and so we are in the process of trying to get more flushing risers. We are going to put another flushing riser on the dead end 2 inch line that we are talking about here. Actually the valve is in, we just need a few more parts, so that will be in early next week. For you to ask me exactly what is in Westgate, I was not prepared to answer that tonight.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Well I am curious because they are saying that they are having problems on Sunflower and that is the north end away from us and we did not see any kind of problems when I went.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “Any you should not. You should be fine because you are fed with the 6 and the 4. I don’t remember, I think that is tied onto the 4 but the 6 came in after we were enforced to put the 6.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “My main concern is for the people that say that they are experiencing problems on their end.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “This pressure recording trace is up by the Baptist Church on Sunflower which is north of here which is even further away from the source. I did that on purpose because I want to see how far it was. Usually when I do a pressure trace this is a 7 day 24 hour chart. It records constantly and I like to see recordings over weekends because everybody is home on weekends and they use water on weekends. As you can see on here the weekend is usually the worst case. Also we have been able to catch water theft with doing stuff like this, it is a handy tool to have.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Are there any other questions?”

***Councilwoman Lynn Lejeune stated***, “For a preventative measure for the future could we attach something to this that we are going to talk about tonight or pass tonight that says if we have homeowners that are out there after your construction is done if there is a problem that you would be liable to come back and fix that if they do not have the proper pressure. Can we do anything like that for preventative for the homeowners out there?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “I am not a lawyer so I can’t answer that.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “I think that is meant for me. The proper remedy and analyst and maintenance of this rest with the Prairie Ronde Water System and their engineer. And then of course we have an engineer who is very familiar with this. That is really the proper place for an analysis and maintenance and repair work that is the water system. Just as something goes wrong with the street sometimes there is a Road District in that area that will fix it if there is problem. We have a water system and of course if it an individual problem there are plumbers if it is a subdivision problem then there is an engineer. So that is the proper and legal place to remedy a problem is when them. The council’s role is going to be if everything checks out with the engineers and the numbers and they ordinance then the council’s role is to decide whether to accept or not accept these houses, that is the role that the council plays. Council has a role to vote on it, the engineer has played a role, the water system will play a role if there is a problem. If it is just a problem with one house then the plumber will come in so everyone has their role to play.”

***Mr. David Nomi stated***, “The water system has no dog in this hunt. If the subdivision is approved or not it is not our issue.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Garett, my question is, okay I want you to hear what I am saying. We have about 5 or 6 different letters from different people. Our Engineer, The Water Company, Our Planning Committee, Our Parish Government and everybody giving it an okay. So it is up for the council. If they say there is nothing wrong with this subdivision being built what is the problem of not moving it forward?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “I don’t see that there is a problem.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “It did not pass.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “Sometimes things don’t pass the first time. Sometimes it takes a while when people have concerns to look at it, talk to the engineer and study the ordinances which I have done, the statue to look at everything and then it will come back and then the council may pass it.”

***Councilwoman Mildred Thierry started***, “Mr. Chairman, I think that it did not pass because some of us felt that we needed more clarification on some of the things that he came up with tonight with clarification in Broadmoor evidence that they were in compliance.”

***Chairman Jerry Red stated***, “Okay, any other questions? Thank you Mr. Naomi. The next person to speak is Mr. Brian Boudreaux. Mr. Boudreaux.”

***Mr. Brian Boudreaux addressed the council***. ***He stated***, “206 Sunflower Road. This may be a question for him. Do you know how many houses are served down Sunflower with water?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “About 25.”

***Mr. Brian Boudreaux stated***, “There are 29 completely down Sunflower. From start one all the way down to the gravel road there are 29 houses. Two of them are abandon. Do you know how many houses are between Sunflower and the first curb down Sunflower? The first cube before the church where you put your water line pressure? I will answer it for you. There are 23 houses on both sides, 23 houses total. That is before with one being abandon down there. You said on Saturday’s, Sunday’s and Mondays it reads down to 45 maybe 42 and that is before you put 20 new houses down there. Also you will have the families down there on Sunday and Monday’s washing clothes, taking baths and washing vehicle, whatever the case maybe so if it is state wide mandatory that the water pressure like you said holds 20 pounds of pressure so what happens when this 40 pounds goes down into the 20’s and we are in an automatic boil advisory, how fast can you all let us know that we are in a boil advisory before we consume water that is being bad or contaminated? We will complain because of the low pressure. Like I said again your records show that it is 42 Sunday or whatever and that is before the put 20 more houses. Keep in mind from Sunflower to the first curb there is 23 houses and one is abandon. There is 29 houses total down Sunflower and two abandon. I just want to be safe that we will have safe water to drink and we are not going to have pressure problems. When I take a shower at night and I am shaving or my wife is shaving we can’t even rinse off the razor. I have changed the shower head twice since I have been living in this house for 5-6 months now. I am not saying that we have awesome water pressure somewhere else but I am just saying if everybody decides to start using water you can see the water pressure drop down Sunflower. It is what it is and that is before they put 20 new houses and that is the water issue now the drainage issue and the road issue, they said that they were coming to blow out our underground culverts and I checked yesterday morning and it is still full of water and still full of mud. The road, Mr. Jessie, I am hoping can come and meet me and we can talk about the drainage and the road on this. I understand that you all have a job to do and I understand that people have the right to build on their property but we are asking to make sure that everything is safe and we are hoping that he would maybe not build 20 maybe a little bit less but again that is not nobody call, that is his call. We just want to make sure that we are safe down there. Like I said if it drops down to the 20’s and you don’t find out for three days or a week we done consumed some contaminated water. Thank you. You all have a good day.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “Mr. Boudreaux you made a statement that you have changed your shower head twice, why is that?”

***Mr. Brian Boudreaux stated, “***Because the shower is the part that has the less pressure at all times. Again, if I have my lavatory running and I flush my toilet you will watch that water pressure drop. The minute the toilet stops running the water pressure will kind of kick back up. Our shower is the worst when it comes down to low water pressure. I also have a concern with the amount of usage they say that I am using but that is a total different issue that is something that I have to take up with Prairie Ronde Water. I had Lawtell Water print me out a year of statements because I use to live in Lawtell and I had Prairie Ronde send me out a statement and the gallons just don’t add up but that is nothing to do with you all this has something to do with Prairie Ronde Water. My issue with Prairie Ronde Water is from what he is saying the 42 and they will put 20 houses and what happens when this drops down into the 20’s or in the teens. We will consume some bad water before something gets done and if it does happen and there is a problem I want to know that Prairie Ronde Water or somebody could come out and fix the problem by putting a bigger line or whatever that needs to be done. Let’s face it, we pay for our house and we buy our houses. We are down there for a reason that is where we want to be. We don’t want a whole lot of neighbors like that, that is not our call. We have to make sure that we are safe. I seriously don’t think that the water or the road can handle it that much but I am hoping that everything is done correctly. If something happens and it does go wrong it will get fixed. Thank you, you all have a great day.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned***, “Mr. Chairman I have a question. That 3 inch line is coming of the 4 inch line from 104 or a 6 inch line.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated***, “The 3 inch line comes off of the 4 inch line.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,*** “So the 2 inch and the 3 inch lines are coming off of the same 4 inch line off of the main feed.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***Right but at the end when we ran the 6 and the 4 we tied the 6 and the 4 together.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Okay.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor questioned***, “How often do you inter-connect them? Is it four miles. Did you inter-connect every mile or is it more than one.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***About every mile or a mile and one half. From the water well to Sunflower it is connected at least 4 probably 5 times.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***So in relations to others, do you do work for other water systems?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated,*** “Yes.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***So pressure wise and service wise how does this relates to others.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated,*** “Well the water system, this Prairie Ronde Water System, we have never had any issues that had consistent low pressure problems. We have had issues where we had a line break which when a line breaks we repair it.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***I am talking about like other water systems, what kind of pressure are you seeing on the same tower?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***Well typically what we will do, what I do is if we see an area that is growing we put a pressure recorder out and see what the pressures are. If it starts getting down to around 35 consistently that is when we start to say we have a problem. I have had one water system that had serious problem and they had pressure down in the 10’s. When I did a model of it the model crashed because it was not supposed to work. We got that repaired, we ran water lines.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***So let me ask you this question. I use to be a firemen in the City of Opelousas. I understand the pressure situation. When we have a fire we would have to call the city and boost the pumps so we can get more water pressure. Right now the pumping capacity that you all have on the wells are at what percentage?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***Well we have 2 wells at that location. They pump about 350 gallons a minute.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,*** “What are they capable of pumping?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***Well it is 350 gallons a minute against a full tank. As the tank gets lowered you can a great amount of water. But 350 is our max.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***What is the head person at the location?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated,*** “It is about 64. 63 ½ or 64. In the evenings at this location we are getting up above 60, about 62 so we are almost at tank pressure at this location.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***Knowing the water systems that I am used to dealing with here in the city I am trying to figure out with 20 more homes on that same system what do you think it will drop to? Obviously it has to drop to some degree.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated,*** “It is going to drop. The average consumption in rural waters is about .25 gallons a minute per house, average. I usually like to do that about .65 to .7. So these 20 houses are going to increase the demand about 15 gallons a minute which is nothing for these 2 water lines to supply.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Typical meter, what size line do you have on an exit side going to the house?”

***Mr. David Naomi stated,*** “Now or days we run a ¾ inch line.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Would it make a difference if they hooked up a ½ inch line and ran it to the house.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated,*** “Oh yes, oh yes.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “In today’s construction most of it is pecks. It is usually ½”. Pecks”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***You would want to get to your house with at least a ¾ inch line.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “So we squeeze it down to a 1/2 inch. If you flush your toilet and have your shower on you will know it.”

***Mr. David Naomi stated, “***Oh yes, I have that in my house.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Yes, thank you.”

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***,* “Item number 5, item for discussion.

1. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***,* “Item number 5, item for discussion.

**Authorize the Preliminary and final Approval of a Proposed Subdivision located on Sunflower Road, Opelousas, LA; Showing a partition of a 10.350 Acre Tract Lots A-T**

**(20 Lots) situated in Section 10, Township 6 South and Range 3 East.**

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “Mr. Chairman if I am in order, Mr. Bellard you might be able to answer this question. Mr. Jarrell sort of stated that he felt that the owner or whoever was going go build these homes is responsible. We heard complaints about the 12 foot drive ways or 13 foot driveways and they were going to have to park on the street and the street is not wide enough for you to be able to parks a car in front of these house because it will have a traffic flow. He advised that he and the owner will be alright with building some wider driveways so two vehicle could park and they were going to push those house back away from the road. They were not going to be as close to the road. Can we stipulate that in that permit?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Our ordinance says that it has to be at least 20 feet. So we definitely can do that.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “***Can we stipulate that in this?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,*** “I would think that we can. I don’t see why we should not. I know that they did agree to do that anyway. Our ordinance say a minimum of 20 feet so that driveway should be at least that.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “***Okay, well I am just concerned. That was one of their biggest concerns. This gentleman is here answering questions about the water. He stated if they have low presser they will see about trying to possibly digging another well or maybe putting something in between to raise up the pressure. It is a big endeavor but yet we are responsible. I don’t see why we can’t accept this subdivision.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***As long as they meet the requirements of our ordinance. The 12 feet is not going to meet it. So that is why it has to be at least a 20 foot driveway.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “***I would offer that motion that we stipulate that the driveway be wider, 20 feet and we push the houses back away from the road.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “So that is your motion?”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “I second the motion.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated, “***We have a motion and a second to widen the driveway 20 feet and the depth?”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “The depth, if it is 40 feet away from the road it is enough but if it is just 20 feet, I think that it needs to go further back?”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “40 feet depth, 20 feet wide.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Our ordinance says a minimum of 20 feet.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “20 feet for the driveway. He is talking about pushing the house back off of the road. Instead of 20 feet from the road it will be 40 feet from the road.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “We can go even 30 feet from the road but at least not just 20.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “That is a Garett question when it comes to that. A minimum of 20 feet, I guess they meet they meet the minimum requirements can we make the do more than that?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “Well I have the ordinance right here and it says 20 feet or more set back from the road. So it cannot be less than 20 feet.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Can we require them to do more?”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “I think they could require it. If they don’t like that then they can contest it. I don’t think that it involves the variance although the variance is on the books but it does say 20 feet.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “His motion does say 20 feet wide and 30 feet depth is that correct?”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “Yes.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “He put in motion that it be less than 20 feet like 10 feet. You can’t go in that direction. It has to be 20 or more.”

***Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated***, “The motive here is to make sure that you can park at least 2 vehicles at that resident. So you need enough room to have 250 Ford or Chevelolet size pickup trucks and another vehicle. It is forcing him to push the house back and you can only put a car and ½. It is not going to do any good to make him move 10 or 15 feet just or whatever. Do we know about how long a vehicle is? Does anyone have an idea? Are you following what I am saying Mr. Wayne?” If it would require us to say 40 feet and two vehicles can park then you are good.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “It depends on what kind of vehicle that you have.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated,*** “I will ask that we go more than 20. Let the driveway be wide enough to accommodate 2 vehicles so they don’t park on the road because it is a narrow road. That is the intent of the motion. We ask that that be followed.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “You will have to fill out a speaker card. Give us your name.”

***Melissa Magee addressed the council***. ***She stated***, “Melissa Magee, I live at the last house that they were talking about earlier. There is no more house for a while after mine. My house is going to be where they will start the subdivision. I was wondering how close they were going to build next to me because nobody never told me. Does anybody know?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “It has to be a minimum of 15 feet from the property line.

 I don’t know in relations to where your house is but it has to be 15 feet from the property line

before they start the other house.”

***Ms. Melissa Magee stated***, “I am also experiencing a little bit of low water pressure already. I

was drawing a bath last night and the water was drawing very slowly and no one else in the house was using water at the time because they knew I was drawing a bath. So we already are having

some trouble. We are just worried about the infrastructure. So much more traffic on that little

road and they already drive so fast, what will we have to do, sign partitions for speed bumps

or what will we do to help cut down traffic.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “Let me tell you what a speed bump will do. A speed bump will bust a hole in our road and make the road worst. The study that are shown that they will drive faster between speed bumps to catch up their time. I think that it will be a mixture of a lot of different things. We are having speed problems all over our parish especially when we do a road, they go fast. It is a shame because they should respect the people that are living down these roads and they don’t I am with you on that.”

***Ms. Melissa Magee stated***, “They killed my neighbor’s dog. What about speed signs? I don’t think there is any speed limit signs on our road.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “We have a motion 20 wide 30 feet depth.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “Setback be more than 20 feet. I will put 25 feet on the motion.”

***Legal Counsel Garett Duplechain stated***, “I don’t know if this if helpful. I do have an ordinance here which prohibits parking a car on the road that you are blocking the road. You will have to have a clear view of stopped vehicles from a distance of 200 feet in each direction. Law enforcement has authorized to tow the vehicle if it is the blocking the way of traffic. There is an ordinance here on that.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***I just text the developer. He is saying that the driveway is 50 feet minimum and it is 70 feet with the carport. So you will meet the requirement by far. It is 50 feet minimum but 70 feet with the carport.

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “We want to try to alleviate the problem. These people came here to talk about they did not want any cars on the road. That is what we want to alleviate.

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***Our ordinance is our ordinance. We are looking at changing the Ordinance but I think that we will still have a problem regardless. If there is a party going on you will still need more parking. They it will become breaking the law like you just said about the ordinance. At that point that is a law enforcement issue.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated***, “Let me ask you this question, you are saying that the driveway is going to be in between 50 or 70 feet?”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***A minimum of 50 feet and when they add the carport it will be another 20 feet for a total of 70 feet.”

***Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated***, “Those things are going to be alleviated that they were complaining about.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “What is the motion, would you please read the motion.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr., stated,*** “Could you read the motion please.”

***Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated***, “More than 20 feet slab from the slab to the road.”

***Chairman Jerry Red Jr. stated***, “He said that the ordinance called for more than that.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “***Our ordinance says a minimum of 20 feet but the contractor or the developer is telling me right now that the driveway will be a 50 feet minimum and with the carport it will be another 20 feet so it will be 70 feet.”

***Councilman Harold Taylor stated***, “Make it 50 feet and you got it.”

***Parish President Jessie Bellard stated***, “That is through them wanting it.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the Preliminary and final Approval of a Proposed Subdivision located on Sunflower Road, Opelousas, LA; Showing a partition of a 10.350 Acre Tract Lots A-T (20 Lots) situated in Section 10, Township 6 South and Range 3 East.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS**: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy,

Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Lynn Lejeune.

**NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Easton Shelvin, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown.

**ABSTAINED**: None.

**WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 9th, day of November, 2023.

1. **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to adjourn the Special Meeting.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS**: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Gil Savoy,

Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Lynn Lejeune.

**NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Easton Shelvin, Alvin Stelly and Dexter Brown.

**ABSTAINED**: None.

**WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 9th, day of November, 2023.

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

**KAREN BARLOW, ASSISTANT COUNCIL CLERK**