

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Faltery Jolivette)

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- Laruby May- Class Action Lawsuit Against Insulin Manufacturers and Providers
- Betty Randell- Blighted Property at 237 Smittys Road, Opelousas, LA 70570
- Baderia Investments-Blighted Property at 3512 Hwy 182, Opelousas, LA 70570
- Johnny Toussaint-Blighted Property at 123 Park Street, Opelousas, LA 70570

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting: February 21st, 2024
- Special Meeting: March 6, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Special Meeting: March 6, 2024 @ 5:45 p.m.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to EARL E DEVILLE EST advising to come and address the council regarding the demolition of his property on Corner of ST. AMAND ROAD/ HWY 167, OPELOUSAS, LA. Parcel #0500463000. NOTE: DEMOLITION/DEBRIS REMOVAL/SHREDDING (OLD STORE)
- Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to J C DOUCET & WILLIE B DOUCET advising to come and address the council regarding the demolition of their property on 138 BOUDREAUX ROAD, OPELOUSAS, LA. Parcel #0104431000. NOTE: DEMOLITION/DEBRIS REMOVAL (STRUCTURE)
- Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to JOHN TAYLOR VIDRINE advising to come and address the council regarding the demolition of his property on 4573 HWY 167, Opelousas, LA. Parcel #0106587500. NOTE: DEMOLITION/DEBRIS REMOVAL (OLD MOBILE HOME)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

1. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 237 Smittys Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Betty Randell.
2. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 3512 Hwy 182, Opelousas, LA 70570. Baderia Investments, LLC.
3. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 123 Park Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Johnny Toussaint.
4. Vote to re-appoint John Auzenne, Randy Wagley, Mitchell Wyble, and Perry Fontenot appoint Calvin Dale Vidrine for five appointments to Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-02-2024 – 04-02-2028).
5. Vote for two appointments to the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two-year term. (04-20-2024 – 04-20-2026). Applicants are: Tyler Cormier, Tommy Faul Sr. and Matthew Hughs.

6. Vote to re-appoint Senic Batiste, Kenneth Vidrine, and Denise Cannatella for three appointments to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission for a four-year term. (01-15-2024 – 01-15-2028)
7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.
8. Vote to authorize the ratification of Ms. Sabrina Ardoin to be re-appointed to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board of Commissions nominated by Mayor Kevin Colligan of Cankton and Mayor Nick Degeyter of Leonville.
9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Teche Vermillion Pumping Station. (No Term Set)
10. Vote to appoint Charles Richard and re-appoint Charles James for two appointments to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-01-2024 – 04-01-2029)
11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-15-2024 – 05-15-2028)

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-012

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 46-20, SECTION 46-21, SECTION 46-22, AND SECTION 46-23, TO ABOLISH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR LAWTELL WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-006

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ALL BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL, AND THE CLERICAL AND OFFICE STAFF OF THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, TO ATTEND LEGAL AND FINANCE TRAINING ONCE A YEAR

WHEREAS, for local government to render good and effective service to the citizens of St. Landry Parish, it is important that the members of boards and commissions, and their clerical and office staff, be properly trained in the legal and financial requirements that their responsibilities and employment demands.

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

1. All board and commission members appointed by the St. Landry Parish Council shall receive one hour of legal training and one hour of financial training, annually. If a board or commission member appointed by the St. Landry Parish Council fails to complete the required one hour of legal training and one hour of financial training within a calendar year, that board or commission member shall receive a notification by letter from St. Landry Parish Government stating that they must complete their annual training. The second time that board or commission member, who received the notification, fails to complete the required one hour of legal training and one hour of financial training within a calendar year, they shall be removed by the Council from the board or commission.

2. All clerical and office staff of boards and commissions shall receive one hour of legal training and one hour of financial training, annually. If a clerical or office staff employee of a board or commission fails to complete the required one hour of legal training and one hour of financial training within a calendar year, that clerical or office staff employee shall receive a notification by letter from St. Landry Parish

Government stating that they must complete their annual training. The second time that clerical or office staff employee, who received the notification, fails to complete the required one hour of legal training and one hour of financial training within a calendar year, that clerical or office staff employee shall not be eligible to continue being employed in their position, and their employment on the board or commission shall be terminated.

3. St. Landry Parish Government shall contract the attorneys and certified public accountants to provide the legal and financial training. No legal or financial training courses, other than that contracted and provided by St. Landry Parish Government, shall be acceptable to fulfill the requirements of this ordinance. St. Landry Parish Government shall schedule the dates that the legal and financial training shall be available.

4. The annual legal and financial training shall apply to all current and newly appointed board and commission members and shall become mandatory for the year 2024.

5. This ordinance shall become effective on the date it is passed by the St. Landry Parish Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-008 (Sponsored by Councilman Harold Taylor)

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE MOBILE HOME ORDINANCES IN CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE XIII, MOBILE HOME PARKS, SECTIONS 40-351 THRU 40-376, IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO REPLACE THEM IN CHAPTER 40 WITH ARTICLE XIII, MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES, WITH THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS 40-351 THRU 40-426, AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE XIV, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, SECTION 40-377 – PLANNED GROUP HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-02 and 1-06 establish that, aside from the Section 1-05 management of Parish government affairs power, the Parish government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, Article XIV, Planned Unit Development, Section 40-377 – Planned Group Housing Development, is repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, Article XIII, Mobile Home Parks, Sections 40-351 thru 40-376, are repealed, and replaced, in Chapter 40 with the following Article XIII, Mobile Homes and Manufactured Homes, Sections 40-351 thru 40-426, and shall now read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII. - MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

Sec. 40-351. - Definitions.

Accessory building means a subordinate building on a lot, the use of which is customarily incidental, secondary, or minor to that of the main building or principle building. The following restrictions apply to accessory buildings:

(1) Metal structure. Corrugated metal siding, aluminum siding or vinyl siding is prohibited on street front only.

(2) Building colors. Building and roof colors shall consist of natural earth tones, white or shades of gray. Primary colors shall be limited to trim and signage.

Accessory structure means a detached subordinate building or structure located on the same site as the mobile home, house trailer, or manufactured home which it serves, including, without limitations, awnings, cabanas, porches, storage cabinets, or similar appurtenant structures.

Commercial use means use for business or other governmental entity purposes, such as, without limitation, first responders, or for uses other than permanent or temporary residential purposes.

Manufactured home/mobile home means a moveable detached single family dwelling unit with all the following characteristics:

(1) Designed for long term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems;

(2) Designed and constructed on a chassis that is capable of being transported after fabrication on its own wheels or detachable wheels bearing a label certifying it is built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.—501), which became effective June 15, 1976;

(3) Arrive at a site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete and ready for occupancy, except for minor incidental unpacking and assembly operations, installed by a licensed installer, connections to utilities; and

(4) Not required to be placed on a foundation. (Does not refer to travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, or similar units designed for recreation or other short-term use.) Each manufactured home must meet the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety standards and must display a seal certifying that it was built in accordance with the standards and must have been built within the last 15 years. The home owner must provide proof of age of the home before the permit may be issued and before the home may be moved into the City of Carencro. All manufactured homes must be found, upon city inspection, to be safe and fit for occupancy.

Manufactured home lot means a parcel of land for the placement of a manufactured home and the exclusive use of its occupants.

Manufactured home park means any tract of land developed or used for the purpose of accommodating more than one mobile home which may be occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, whether or not a charge is made for such accommodations and whether the space is sold, rented, leased and occupied.

Manufactured home stand means that part of an individual manufactured home lot which has been reserved for the placement of a manufactured home.

Manufactured home subdivision means any tract of land developed or used for the purpose of accommodating more than one mobile home which may be occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, whether or not a charge is made for such

accommodations and whether the space is sold, rented, leased and occupied.

Mobile home lot means a parcel of land for the placement of a mobile home and the exclusive use of its occupants.

Mobile home park means any tract of land developed or used for the purpose of accommodating more than one mobile home which may be occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, whether or not a charge is made for such accommodations and whether the space is sold, rented, leased and occupied

Mobile home stand means that part of an individual mobile home lot which has been reserved for the placement of a mobile home.

Mobile home subdivision means any tract of land developed or used for the purpose of accommodating more than one mobile home which may be occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, whether or not a charge is made for such accommodations and whether the space is sold, rented, leased and occupied.

Modular home means any home factory-built to local state code. In some cases, a state may have adopted one of the uniform construction codes (i.e. UBC, IRC, etc.). Modular homes will not have the red certification label but will have a label attached to the home identifying the code with which it complies. The appropriate state modular code agency will be able to assist in locating the modular label. A modular home can be as an "on-frame" or "off-frame" modular. On-frame will be built on a permanent chassis, whereas the off-frame modular will be built with the removal of the chassis frames in mind. An off-frame modular will usually require additional cranes to assist with home placement. Modular homes are, more often than not, attached to private land.

Park trailer means recreating vehicles primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreating, camping, or seasonal use. They are built on a single chassis, mounted on wheels and have a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet in the set-up mode. Each park trailer is certified by the RPTIA member manufacturer as complying with ANSI A119.5. Two different types of park trailers are offered. One type is less than eight feet, six inches in width and is designed for frequent travel on the highways, while the other is wider than eight feet, six inches (usually 12 feet in width), and must be transported with special movement permits from the state highway department. The eight feet, six inch unit typically is expandable when it reaches its destination, utilizing slide-outs or tip-outs. The wider units, being less mobile, are usually sited in a resort or RV park location for an extended term, typically several years.

Permit means a written permit issued by St. Landry Parish Government permitting the placement of a mobile home, or other structure regulated by this article and with the operation of the same pursuant to applicable law.

Portable building means a building fabricated off site then placed on the site in a way that the building is still towable.

Sec. 40-352. - Enforcement; penalties.

(a) St. Landry Parish Government, through the appropriate building official and the

Parish Attorney, are empowered to enforce the provisions of this chapter, and may institute any necessary legal actions or proceedings to enforce the provisions thereof, or to prevent any violation of any of its provisions, including any injunctive process to compel compliance and prevent continued violation, and may obtain an order for the removal of any units or structures, fixtures or appurtenances which may have been unlawfully placed or constructed in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(b) The owner or general agent of a park and/or subdivision, where a violation of any provision of this chapter is being or has been committed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$200.00, and each day's failure of compliance with any such provisions shall constitute a separate violation.

Sec. 40-353. - Conflicting regulations.

In any case where a provision of this chapter is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the Parish existing on the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived, the provision which, in the judgment of the building official, establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety of the people shall prevail. In any case, where a provision of this chapter is found to be in conflict with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the Parish existing on the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived which establishes a lower standard for the promotion and protection of the health and safety of the people, the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to prevail, and such other ordinances or codes are hereby declared to be repealed to the extent that they may be found in conflict with this chapter.

Sec. 40-354. - Authority of building officials; right of entry.

The building official is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Upon presentation of proper credentials, he or the authorized members of his staff may enter upon the premises of any mobile home or manufactured home park and/or subdivision, or any building or structure thereon, located in the city, during reasonable hours, to perform any duty imposed upon him by this chapter.

Sec. 40-355. - Identification of units within parks and subdivisions.

Parks and/or subdivisions shall contain at their main entrance and other means of egress the proper identification and location of all mobile homes and manufactured homes, as to the location of each within the parks and/or subdivisions. The layout of the identification system shall meet with the approval of the building official.

Sec. 40-356. - Responsibilities of management and occupants.

(a) Responsibilities of management.

(1) The person to whom a permit for a park and/or subdivision is issued shall operate the park and/or subdivision in compliance with this chapter and shall provide

adequate supervision to maintain the park and/or subdivision, its facilities and equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

(2) The park and/or subdivision management shall notify occupants of all applicable provisions of this chapter and inform them of their duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

(3) The park and/or subdivision management shall supervise the placement of each unit, which includes securing its stability and installing all utility connections.

(4) The park and/or subdivision management shall maintain a register containing the names, social security numbers, date of birth, and driver's license number of all park and/or subdivision occupants, identified by lot number or street address. Such a register shall be available to any authorized person inspecting the park and/or subdivision.

(b) Responsibilities of occupants.

(1) The park and/or subdivision occupant shall comply with all applicable requirements of this chapter and shall maintain his space, its unit facilities and equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

(2) The park and/or subdivision occupant shall be responsible for proper placement of his unit on its mobile home stand or manufactured home stand and proper installation of all utility connections in accordance with the instructions of the park and/or subdivision management.

(3) Pets, if permitted in a park and/or subdivision, shall be prohibited to run at large or to commit any nuisance within the limits of any space.

Sec. 40-357. - Mobile homes, house trailers, and manufactured houses.

(1) The St. Landry Parish President or his designee shall be authorized to perform all inspections, or delegate another person to conduct such inspections, necessary for the enforcement of this section.

(2) Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any person to move a manufactured home or mobile home in St. Landry Parish without first securing a building permit from St. Landry Parish Government. The home is required to be moved by movers, licensed in the State of Louisiana. The permit shall be displayed in a front window of the home while in transit and until such time utilities are permanently connected such that said permit shall be visible from the outside of the home.

(3) Application.

a. All applications for approval and permit shall include a color photo of all four sides of said mobile home; the said photograph is to be a minimum size of three inches by five inches. No approval or permit shall be granted unless the said photograph is supplied to St. Landry Parish Government. The application fee shall be due regardless

of whether approval and the resulting permit is issued.

b. Application for a permit under this article shall be filed with St. Landry Parish Government. Such an application shall be by a written letter of request or on a form furnished by St. Landry Parish Government and shall be signed by the owner.

c. All manufactured home/mobile homes proposed to be located within St. Landry Parish, outside of the incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish, shall be approved by the St. Landry Parish President or his designee. Should the St. Landry Parish President or his designee withhold approval, the owner of the said mobile home shall be allowed to appeal to the St. Landry Parish Council at a full council St. Landry Parish Council meeting by being placed on the agenda of the same.

d. The application fee for inspection and approval of the mobile home is \$150.00 and must be paid in advance before inspection and approval.

(4) Manufactured home/mobile home standards.

(a) Each manufactured home/mobile home must meet the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety standards and must display a seal certifying that it was built per the standards and built within the last 15 years. The manufactured home/mobile home owner must provide proof of age of the manufactured home/mobile home before the permit may be issued or the home located in St. Landry Parish. All mobile homes must be found, upon inspection by St. Landry Parish Government, to be safe and fit for occupancy.

(b) No more than one manufactured home/mobile homes can be placed on property provided that the manufactured home/mobile home is located at least 50 feet from the nearest existing structure, building, another mobile home, or property line.

(c) All manufactured homes/mobile homes must be provided with manufacturer-approved, vented skirting from the bottom of the manufactured home/mobile home floor to ground. Skirting must be suitable for outdoor exposure and contact to the ground. The area enclosed by skirting may not be used for storage and must be kept free of debris at all times. The skirting must be installed prior to the home receiving final approval for electrical power.

(d) All entrances to a manufactured home/mobile home shall be provided with permanent steps of precast concrete; properly laid and/or cemented bricks or treated lumber. The entrance to an attached deck or similar extension shall be considered as an entrance to a mobile home.

(e) All manufactured home/mobile homes must be provided with anchors and tie-downs to meet the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(f) Additions to a manufactured home/mobile home may not use the manufactured home/mobile home for structural support. Additions must meet the current provisions of the local building code.

(g) The said lot should have a parking area for at least two vehicles.

(h) All manufactured home/mobile homes located in a special flood hazard area must

comply with all federal, state, and local requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, even if flood insurance is not purchased.

(i) *Base flood elevation: Lowest floor.* The lowest floor shall mean the bottom of the longitudinal chassis frame beam in "A" and "AE" zones. The lowest level shall be one foot or more above the base flood elevation height.

(j) No person or other legal entity owning, leasing, or occupying real estate may subdivide contiguous real estate into lots or parcels to place or attempt to place mobile homes on each lot.

(5) Restrictions.

(a) No tents, travel trailers, camper trailers, park trailers, nor motor homes shall be used for permanent dwelling within St. Landry Parish, outside of the incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish. This also includes the large number of park trailers formerly owned by FEMA that are being sold and purchased with the intent of being used as permanent housing.

(b) Recreational vehicles, truck campers, camping trailers, travel trailers, or other types of vehicles used for recreational purposes may not be used for residential purposes, regardless of whether permanent or temporary.

Secs. 40-358—40-365. - Reserved.

- **ARTICLE II. - PERMIT AND INSPECTIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOME, OR MOBILE HOME, PARK OR SUBDIVISION**

- **Sec. 40-366. - Permit required; display.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate and maintain a manufactured home park, mobile home park and/or manufactured home subdivision or mobile home subdivision in St. Landry Parish, outside of the incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish, without first securing a permit from St. Landry Parish Government and renewing such permit annually. The permit shall be displayed at all times in the office of the pertinent manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision.

- **Sec. 40-367. - Application for permit.**

Application for a permit under this article shall be filed with St. Landry parish Government. Such application shall be by a written letter of request or on a form furnished by St. Landry Parish Government and shall be signed by the owner. Before issuing any such permit, St. Landry Parish Government shall approve the application indicating compliance with the applicable requirements of this chapter or shall indicate in writing the conditions under which such permit may be approved.

- **Sec. 40-368. - Permit for existing parks.**

Applications for initial permitting of all manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivisions, in existence at the time of the effective date of these ordinances from which this chapter is derived shall be accompanied by a plot plan showing property boundaries, entrances, and exits to the manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision, interior drives, individual mobile home lots and/or manufactured home lots or spaces and any other structures or improvements located thereon.

Sec. 40-369. - Inspection required.

Application for the initial permit for existing manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, and thereafter the annual renewal of such permit for all manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, shall be conditioned on an inspection of the premises by St. Landry Parish Government to permit approval of such application.

Sec. 40-370. - Inspection fee.

All applications for initial permits under this article and all renewals thereof shall be accompanied by an inspection fee calculated on the basis of \$1.00 per each lot or space together with any other structures located thereon. All permit applications issued in conjunction with a building permit shall be exempt from the initial fee.

- ***Secs. 40-371—40-375. - Reserved.***

ARTICLE III. - PARK PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

- ***Sec. 40-376. - Applicability.***

(a) All manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, as they exist on the effective date of the ordinances from which this chapter is derived shall not be affected by any of the requirements contained in this chapter, except those requirements affecting sanitation, tiedowns, foundation, inspections, and permit requirements. However, any additions or expansions of existing parks and/or subdivisions and any new manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, shall be subject to the full provisions of this chapter.

(b) All of the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, located outside of the incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish.

Sec. 40-377. - Nonresidential uses are prohibited.

No part of any manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision, shall be used primarily for nonresidential purposes. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed as prohibiting the sale of a mobile home or manufactured home located on a mobile home stand or manufactured home stand and connected to pertinent utilities.

Sec. 40-378. - Date of manufacture.

Each and every manufactured home and mobile home located within St. Landry Parish must meet the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety standards and must display a seal certifying that it was built in accordance with these standards within 15 years prior to the date on which an application is sought from St. Landry Parish for the location of such manufactured home or mobile home within St. Landry Parish and outside of the incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish, notwithstanding the type of use for which said manufactured home or mobile home is intended or to which it is ultimately put.

Secs. 40-379—40-384. - Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. - DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS

Sec. 40-385 - Review of site plans.

Site plans for new manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, or the expansion of, or additions to, existing manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, shall be reviewed by St. Landry Parish Government, which shall consider the minimum standards for improvement and development as set forth in this article.

Sec. 40-386. - Minimum area.

Any proposed manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions, shall not be less than ten acres in size or area.

Sec. 40-387. - Size of lots; separation of structures; lot coverage.

(a) Each individual mobile home lot or manufactured home lot area shall measure at least 8,000 square feet. Mobile home lots served by a Public Sewer System approved by the Louisiana Department of Public Health shall not be less than 125 feet wide along the public road right-of-way. Mobile home lots not served by a Public Sewer System shall not be less than 125 feet wide along the public road right-of-way and shall not have less than 16,000 square feet in area.

(b) No mobile home or manufactured home shall be located closer than 30 feet to any other mobile home or manufactured home or permanent building within the park and/or subdivision.

(c) Mobile home stands or manufactured home stands shall not occupy an area in excess of one-third of the respective lot area. The accumulated occupied area of the mobile home or manufactured home and its accessory structures on a lot shall not exceed 75 percent of the respective lot area.

Sec. 40-388. - Recreation area.

Not less than eight percent of the gross site area shall be devoted to recreational facilities generally provided in a central location. Recreation areas may include space for community building and community use facilities, such as indoor recreation areas, swimming pools, a park and/or subdivision office, and service buildings.

Sec. 40-389. - Streets.

(a) Generally. All parks shall be provided with safe and convenient vehicular access from abutting public streets or roads to each lot. Such access shall be provided by asphalt or concrete streets or driveways. There shall be no private streets, roads, or drainage in manufactured home parks, mobile home parks, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions.

(b) Entrance streets. Entrance to parks shall have direct connections to a public road and shall be designed to allow free movement of traffic on such adjacent public roads. Such entrances from the property line to the public road shall be approved by the city engineer.

(c) Circulation. The manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision street or road system shall provide convenient circulation by means of minor streets and properly located collector streets. Dead-end streets shall be limited in length to 1,500 feet and their closed end shall be provided with an adequate vehicular turnaround (minimum 77-foot-diameter cul-de-sac). Accessibility to the spaces for fire protection shall be approved by the fire department.

(d) Pavement width. Pavements should be of adequate widths to accommodate the contemplated parking and traffic load. No street shall be less than 24 feet in width plus an eight-foot minimum lane for parallel parking (32 feet).

(e) Street grades. Grades and draining of all streets shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Parish Engineer.

(f) Intersections. Street intersections should generally be at right angles. Intersection of more than two streets at one point shall be prohibited. Street jogs with centerline offsets of less than 125 feet shall be prohibited.

(g) Streetlights. Lighting shall be designed to produce a minimum of 0.3 footcandle throughout the street system. Major street intersections and steps or stepped ramps shall be individually illuminated with a minimum of 0.6 footcandle.

Sec. 40-390. - Pedestrian access walks.

(a) General requirements. All manufactured home parks, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivisions, or mobile home subdivisions shall be provided with safe, convenient, concrete or asphalt pedestrian access walks for intended use between individual spaces, the streets, and all community facilities provided for residents of the manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision.

(b) Common walk system. A common walk system, if provided, shall be provided and maintained between locations where pedestrian traffic is concentrated. Such common walks shall have a minimum width of four feet and shall be separated from the paving surface of streets by a four-foot green area.

Sec. 40-391. - Lot limits.

The limits of each mobile home lot or manufactured home lot shall be permanently marked on the ground by suitable means. Location of space limits on the ground should be the same as shown on approved plans.

Sec. 40-392. - Setbacks and open areas; driveways; parking areas.

(a) Distance between units and permanent buildings. There shall be a minimum of 30 feet of distance between a mobile home or manufactured home and any permanent building. For the purposes of this section, covered patios, carports, or individual storage buildings shall not be considered as permanent buildings. No such patio roof, carport, or storage building shall be located closer than five feet to any property line.

(b) Setback from property lines. Units shall be located at least 20 feet from any side or rear property line of the manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision boundary, and front property line. At any intersection of public streets bounding a manufactured home park, mobile home park, manufactured home subdivision, or mobile home subdivision, no mobile home or manufactured home or structure of any kind shall be located within a triangle formed by a diagonal line connecting points on the two street property lines measured 30 feet along the property lines of each of the street corner intersection.

(c) Setback from interior streets and guest parking areas. Units shall be set back at least ten feet from any park and/or subdivision interior street or guest parking areas.

(d) Patios and carports. Spaces may have open, unenclosed, or roofed patios or carports of metal, fiberglass, or other incombustible material, provided such structures follow the setback and spacing requirements established in this section.

(e) Maximum lot coverage. Units, together with accessory structures such as storage buildings and roofed-over patios or carports, shall not cover more than 75 percent of a space.

(f) Driveways. Paved driveways shall be provided on spaces for convenient access to living units. The minimum width shall be ten feet. Driveways shall be solid, or strips not less than two feet and six inches in width for each strip.

(g) Parking areas. The design criteria for automobile parking shall be based upon two parking slots for each space. Parking may be in tandem.

(h) Outdoor living areas. Each space shall be provided with an outdoor living and service area. Such areas shall be improved as necessary to ensure reasonable privacy and comfort. The minimum area should be not less than 300 square feet with at

least a dimension of 15 feet.

Sec. 40-393. - Foundation and tie downs required.

(a) All mobile homes must be provided with anchors and tie downs to meet the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(b) All units in existing parks and/or subdivisions shall comply with the requirements of this section within 12 months from the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived.

(c) All units moving into a park and/or subdivision after the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived shall comply with the requirements of this section within 15 days after arrival.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of the park and/or subdivision owner or operator to notify the occupants of the foundation and tie down requirements of this chapter. Where the occupant refuses to comply with such requirements, it shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of the park and/or subdivision to notify St. Landry Parish Government.

(e) No owner or operator of a new park shall permit the occupancy of any space before complying with this chapter.

Sec. 40-394. - Standards for foundations and tie downs.

Every space shall be improved to provide adequate supports for the placement and tiedown of all units. The minimum requirements for foundation footings, supports, piers or blocking, and tiedowns shall be as follows:

(1) Footing or foundation.

a. When concrete slabs, runners, or strips are provided as required in this section, piers or blocking may be placed thereon, provided:

1. Such strips or runners are a minimum of four inches in thickness and reinforced with not less than 20 gauge wire mesh.

2. Such slabs, runners, or strips may be a minimum of six-inch compacted gravel with a one-inch minimum asphalt surface. In such an event, foundation footings and tiedown anchorage requirements shall apply as provided in this section.

b. Strips or runners shall be not less than 30 inches wide.

c. Slabs, strips, or runners shall be not less than the length of the unit to be placed thereon.

d. Eyebolts for tiedown equipment may be set in the concrete slab, strips, or runners as required in this section.

e. When individual or spot footings are used for piers or blocking, such footings shall be a minimum 18-inch by 18-inch by four-inch concrete spaced as follows:

1. All piers or blocking shall provide a minimum spacing of ten feet, center to center, measured along the frame rail of the unit installed thereon.

2. All such piers or blocking shall be not less than eight-inch by eight-inch by 16-inch solid or hollow loadbearing concrete or haydite units. Where hollow units are used, all voids shall be placed in a vertical position.

3. Shims, if required, shall be placed between the beam frame and the pier to provide a level and rigid unit installation.

(2) *Storage under a unit.* No space beneath any unit shall be used for any storage unless the storage area of such a unit is surfaced with concrete or asphalt. In such an event, noncombustible skirting shall be installed around the entire perimeter of such a unit with adequate access provided for inspections.

(3) *[Minimum tie downs.]* All mobile homes must be provided with anchors and tie downs to meet the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(4) *Ground anchors.* Except as provided in subsection (3)a of this section, all ground anchors shall be as follows:

a. *Types.* Anchors shall be bolted in concrete, screw auger or anchor driven or any other type manufactured and approved for such use.

b. *Size.* All anchors shall be galvanized high-tensile steel, not less than five-eighths-diameter, with a drop-forged closed eye. All anchors except as required in subsection (3)a of this section, shall be not less than four feet in length, installed to full depth, according to the manufacturer's recommendation, with only the eye protruding above grade for connecting the tiedown system.

c. *Connection to frame.* Connections to the unit I-beam frame shall be a five-eighths-inch or larger drop-forged closed eye bolted through a hole drilled through the frame or by any other approved and adequate wrap-around or clamp method.

d. *Turnbuckles, straps or cables.* Not less than five-eighths-inch drop-forged turnbuckles with closed eyes and screw pins shall be attached to the frame above and ground anchor below and securely tightened in place. Steel straps or cables may be used in lieu of turnbuckles if they are of equal or greater strength and are securely tightened in place with a tensioning tool and clamped.

Sec. 40-395. - Conflicts with state law or manufacturer's requirements.

Should it be determined that any provisions of this chapter conflict with state law or manufacturer's setup/installation requirements, such state law or manufacturer's setup/installation requirements shall be controlling over the provisions of this chapter.

Secs. 40-396—40-399 - Reserved.

ARTICLE V. - WATER, SEWER AND GAS UTILITIES^[2]

Sec. 40-400. - Required; standards.

Every park and/or subdivision shall contain a water system, public sewer, or Louisiana Department of Public Health approved private sewer system, and gas piping system consisting of piping, equipment, and appurtenances, which shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the regulatory codes and permits office.

Sec. 40-401. - Liquefied petroleum gas systems.

Any unit equipped for the use of liquefied petroleum gas may continue the use of such a system, provided the installation and maintenance of the equipment is maintained and serviced by trained liquefied petroleum gas suppliers.

Sec. 40-402. - Connection to municipal sewer system.

The park's and/or subdivision's sewer system shall be approved by the Louisiana Department of Health before the park and/or subdivision is approved by St. Landry Parish Government.

Secs. 40-403—40-407. - Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. - ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Sec. 40-408. - Generally.

Every park and/or subdivision shall contain an electrical wiring system consisting of wiring, fixtures, equipment, and appurtenances which shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code.

Sec. 40-409. - Power distribution lines.

Main power lines and all service shall be located underground or as recommended and approved by the company providing electrical power.

Sec. 40-410. - Installation requirements.

All electrical systems installed in every park and/or subdivision shall be in accordance with the most current edition of the National Electrical Code which is adopted and used as the electrical code of St. Landry Parish Government.

Secs. 40-411—40-415. - Reserved.

• ARTICLE VII. - HEALTH AND SAFETY

Sec. 40-416. - Fire protection.

(a) Accumulations of flammable materials. Parks and/or subdivisions shall be kept free of litter, rubbish, and other flammable materials.

(b) Fire extinguishers. Portable fire extinguishers rated for classes A, B, and C fires shall be kept in service buildings and at other locations conveniently and readily accessible for use by all occupants and shall be maintained in good operating condition. Extinguishers shall have not less than a Z-A rating.

(c) Open burning. No open fires or burning shall be permitted in, on, and/or around a park and/or subdivision.

(d) Requirements for fire hydrants. Fire hydrants are optional, if a public water supply system is available and capable, and where required by the fire district or St. Landry Parish Government, shall be installed in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) The water supply system shall permit the operation of a minimum of two 1½-inch hose streams.

(2) Each of two nozzles, held four feet above the ground, shall deliver at least 75 gallons of water per minute at a flowing pressure of at least 40 pounds per square inch at the highest elevation point of the park and/or subdivision.

(e) Location of fire hydrants; access by firefighting equipment. Fire hydrants, where required, shall be located within 500 feet of any unit, service building, or other structure in the park. The fire apparatus shall be accessible within 100 feet of any unit or structure.

(f) Barbecue pits, fireplaces and stoves. Barbecue pits, fireplaces, and woodburning stoves shall be so located, constructed, maintained, and used as to minimize fire hazards and smoke nuisance both on the space on which used and on neighboring spaces.

Sec. 40-417. - Refuse handling.

(a) The storage, collection, and disposal of refuse in parks and/or subdivisions shall be conducted in a manner to create no health hazards, rodent harborage, insect breeding areas, fire hazard, or water or air pollution.

(b) It shall be the joint responsibility of each occupant and the management of a park and/or subdivision to ensure that all refuse containing garbage is stored in watertight and rodent proof containers in sufficient number and capacity to care for such storage.

(c) Where central collection facilities are established for the collection of refuse, garbage, or trash, pending removal by the hauler, such facilities shall be provided with closures or lids which fit tightly to exclude flies and rainwater. The facility and adjacent areas shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

Sec. 40-418. - Insect and rodent control.

(a) Grounds, buildings, and structures shall be maintained free of insect and rodent harborage and infestation.

(b) Parks and/or subdivisions shall be maintained free of accumulation of debris and

stagnant water which may provide rodent harborage or breeding places for flies, mosquitoes, and other pests.

(c) Storage areas shall be so maintained as to prevent rodent harborage. Lumber, pipe, and other building material shall be stored at least one foot above the ground.

(d) Where the potential for insect and rodent infestations exists, all exterior openings in or beneath any structure shall be appropriately screened with wire mesh or other suitable materials.

(e) The growth of brush, weeds, and grass shall be controlled to prevent harborage of ticks, chiggers, and other noxious insects. Parks and/or subdivisions shall be so maintained as to prevent the growth of ragweed, poison ivy, poison oak, poison sumac, and other noxious weeds considered detrimental to health. Open areas shall be maintained free of heavy undergrowth of any description.

Sec. 40-419. - Mail distribution.

An area shall be provided, developed, and maintained for mail distribution in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Postal Service so as to provide for mail distribution for the tenants of each individual lot.

Sec. 40-420. - School bus passenger staging area.

An area shall be provided, developed and maintained by the park owner in accordance with requirements of the parish school board for school bus passenger staging.

(Code 1969, § 15-304; Ord. No. 2008-011, § 13(13.9), 11-19-2008)

Secs. 40-421—40-425. - Reserved.

Sec. 40-426 Homeowner Permit required; affidavit; exemption; failure to acquire permit.

(a) All persons building or locating a residence, commercial building, movable dwelling, or structure of any kind upon a lot in the territory outside the municipalities of the parish shall apply with St. Landry Parish Government for a permit before beginning any construction or location activity whatsoever. Upon receipt of initial application for a permit, applicant, spouse or person with power of attorney for applicant will appear in person at parish health unit to complete application forms. Upon approval of the parish health unit of the sewerage and sanitation facilities proposed, and upon approval by the permit officer for the parish of the proposed construction, a temporary permit shall be issued for construction purposes only.

(b) Failure to obtain a permit by all persons building or locating a residence, commercial building, movable dwelling or structure of any kind started prior to issuance of permit in the territory outside the municipalities of the parish shall be charged double the normal permit fee required by subsection 10-6(d)(1) and (2). This section is in addition to any other remedies in law that the parish may take to ensure proper permitting and to carry out the intent of this chapter.

(c) Upon issuance of the temporary permit and an orange tag for the electrical box, utility companies may provide temporary utility service for construction purposes only to the proposed building site.

(d) The following permit fee shall apply to all permits issued by the parish government permit office:

(1) Residential structures, movable dwelling or structure of any kind:

Value of Structure	Schedule of Fees
\$0.00 to \$75,000.00	\$250.00
\$75,001.00 to \$150,000.00	350.00
\$150,001.00 to \$250,000.00	450.00
\$250,001.00 to \$400,000.00	650.00
\$400,001.00 to \$550,000.00	850.00
\$550,001.00 to \$700,000.00	1,050.00
\$700,001.00 to \$850,000.00	1,250.00
\$850,001.00 and above	1,550.00

(2) Parish Government Administrative Fee, hereinafter referred to as "PGAF", of eight percent is hereby established, imposed and adopted against all plan review and inspections and any other permits or affidavits necessary to carry out the intent of said ordinance and chapter. The PGAF shall be deducted from the parish governments approved plan review and inspection fee schedule hereinafter referred to as "PRIF". The PGAF shall be immediately deducted from PRIF paid by the customer. The PGAF shall be non-refundable. The remaining PRIF shall be remitted to third party vendors upon completion of services. Payments to third party vendors for completion of service shall be paid in thirds with the final payment being paid upon the issuance of the certificate of occupancy. However, if services provided do not require certificate of occupancy then PRIF shall be paid upon completion of all required inspections. PGAF shall be deducted from PRIF in subsection (d)(4) and PGAF shall be non-refundable.

(3) Plan review, inspection fees and PGAF, including, but not limited to:

a. New residential construction:

Square Footage Range	PRIF	PGAF
0 to 2,000	\$1,150.00	8%
2,001 to 4,000	1,350.00	8%
4,001 and above	1,550.00	8%

b. New commercial structures/renovations/additions:

Square Footage Range	PRIF	PGAF
0 to 2,000	\$1,150.00	8%
2,001 to 4,000	2,000.00	8%
4,001 to 6,000	2,500.00	8%
6,001 and above	2,500.00 plus \$0.20 per square foot over 6,000 square feet	8%

c. Residential renovations or additions:

<i>Building Square Footage</i>	<i>PRIF</i>	<i>PGAF</i>
<i>0 to 500</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>501 to 1,000</i>	<i>550.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>1,001 to 2,000</i>	<i>1,150.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>2,001 to 4,000</i>	<i>1,350.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>4,001 and above</i>	<i>1,550.00</i>	<i>8%</i>

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d. Residential out buildings, storage sheds, buildings and structures of an accessory character and miscellaneous structures:

<i>Building Square Footage</i>	<i>PRIF</i>	<i>PGAF</i>
<i>0 to 500</i>	<i>\$200.00, no plumbing or electrical</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>501 to 2,000</i>	<i>450.00, no plumbing or electrical</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>2,001 to 4,000</i>	<i>1,150.00, same as residential fees</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>4,001 and above</i>	<i>1,350.00, same as residential fees</i>	<i>8%</i>

e. Miscellaneous inspections construction fee:

	<i>PRIF</i>	<i>PGAF</i>
<i>Elevators/lifts</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Modular home</i>	<i>750.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Moving an existing home</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Elevating home—Foundations plan review required</i>	<i>500.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Mobile homes—Plumbing inspection and electrical</i>	<i>300.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Electrical inspections only</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Foundation inspections only</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Plumbing inspections only</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Swimming pool</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>8%</i>

(e) The final permit will be issued by the parish government upon receipt of approved permits from the parish health unit, stating that the applicant has complied with all regulations and rules of the parish health unit, state health codes, and all ordinances of the parish with regard to sewerage, water and sanitation systems. On the completion of the final permit a green tag for the electrical box will be issued.

(f) Whenever a permit is not required the applicant will complete an affidavit attesting to the reasons as electrical connection is needed and further granting permission to the utility company to disconnect utilities immediately if the affidavit is violated or falsified. Charge for an affidavit shall be \$50.00 and shall be considered non-refundable. The parish health unit shall place a yellow tag on the electrical box if the affidavit is approved. Violations of affidavits shall result in immediate disconnection of utilities and loss of the \$50.00 fee. Affidavits are issued for buildings existing prior to May 1980, which have not been remodeled, altered or relocated; buildings lost by natural disaster as defined in subsection (f) of this section; welding machines; security lights; water well; billboards, etc.

(g) Whoever undertakes construction of a building or moving of a building onto a site in the parish without first obtaining the permit provided for in this section shall be

guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in an amount as established by the parish council from time to time or imprisoned not less than 30 days or both, at the discretion of the court.

(h) Any person inhabiting or operating a building or structure in violation of this section shall be subject to an injunction prohibiting further operation or habitation of a building erected or moved onto a site until a final permit complying with all regulations and rules of the parish health unit, state health code, and/or ordinances of the parish in regard to sewerage, water and sanitation systems has been obtained.

(i) Occupants of residences and/or buildings destroyed by natural disaster (tornado, fire, windstorm, flood, etc.) shall be granted a one-time exemption from having to install a new sewer system if the occupant applies for a permit to replace an existing residence or building within one year from the date of the loss, provided date of loss is verified and approved by the parish council, and further that the occupant applying for a waiver is the same occupant that suffered the loss.

(j) A temporary permit will be valid for a six-month period. The applicant will have six months from the date the temporary permit is completed to have the final permit completed by the parish health unit and permit officer. Failure to complete the final permit in the time allocated will result in cancellation of the temporary permit, loss of permit fee, and loss of utilities.

(k) That anyone applying for electrical service for a structure to be used for the sale of fireworks must provide with their initial application a copy of their current state fireworks license and a copy of their current parish occupational license.

(l) State law (R.S. 37:2150–37:2173) requires that all residential contractors constructing residences in excess of \$50,000.00 must possess a valid state contractor's license. The parish council requires that the contractor's name and valid state contractor's license number must be included on initial application for construction of all residential structures in excess of \$50,000.00. In the event that an applicant elects to self-contract construction of his residence, it will be noted on the application that he assumes the responsibility for complying with all state and/or local laws.

(m) Exemptions for certain farm structures. Louisiana Title 55, Public Safety Part IV of the Uniform Construction Code Enforcement is adopted, which provides for exemptions for certain farm structures. Said farm structures are defined as: Farm structures which are constructed on a farm, other than a residence or structure attached to it, for use on the farm including, but not limited to, barns, sheds, greenhouses, and poultry houses.

(n) The holder of an outbuildings/storage sheds, buildings and structures of an accessory character, miscellaneous structures, shall file one original copy of an affidavit with parish government and file one original copy with the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, attesting that the permit issued for said out building structures shall not be used as a residence, or used, intended to be used, or occupied for permanent living purposes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-009 (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)

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

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that Chris Trahan and Audrey Marie Guilbeau Trahan is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, Chris Trahan and Audrey Marie Guilbeau Trahan may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

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

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, 1 LOT T-190 (100x105) (.241 AC) THREE MILE LAKE SUBDIV N LOTS T-168 T-169 T-170 & T-171 S HWY 190 E LOT T-191 W LOT T-188 IN SEC 10 & 11 T-6S R-6E 1031206 1202498

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0402518875 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010 (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)

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

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

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

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, more particularly identified as LOT 1 OF BLOCK 46 OF THE ROOSEVELT SUBIDVISION, situated in Section 30, T-6-S, R-1-E, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, more particularly shown on a Plat dated July 5, 1945 recorded under Act No. 239005 of the records of the Clerk for St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8602770904 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011 (Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Comfort Lane in Opelousas, LA can be included on the list of

roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as "No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic" routes. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-14 lists the roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as "No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic" routes.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance amends St. Landry Parish Ordinance Chapter 44, Section 44-14 so that Comfort Lane in Opelousas, LA can be included on the list of roads that are designated as "No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic" routes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Chapter 44, Section 44-14 is hereby amended as follows:

The following roads are hereby restricted and designated as "No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic" routes:

- Andrepoint Road (Parish Road 6-10); (1)
- Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340); (2)
- Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340-1); (3)
- Begnaud Road (4)
- Belmont Drive; (5)
- Comfort Lane; (6)
- Country Ridge; (7)
- Darjean Road; (8)
- Dresser Loop; (9)
- Federal Road (Council District No. 1); (10)
- Fisher Road (Parish Road 4-110); (11)
- Fort Hamilton Drive (Parish Road 1-319); (12)
- Frank Road (13)
- Frilot Cove Road; (14)
- Gordon Street (Parish Road [6-45](#)); (15)
- Government Road (Council District No. 3); (16)
- Greg Drive; (17)
- Harmon Lane in Opelousas (18)
- Henderson Drive (19)
- Hidalgo Road (Council District No. 3); (20)
- Highway 1244; (21)
- Iseringhausen Road (22)
- Jacob Road (Parish Road 6-345); (23)
- Jeff Thibodeaux (Parish Road 6-345); (24)
- Judson Walsh; (25)
- Lawyer Road; (26)
- Littell Street (Parish Road [6-40](#)); (27)
- McClelland Road (Parish Road [6-35](#)); (28)
- National Road (Council District No. 3); (29)
- North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104; (30)
- Perry Drive (Parish Road 6-40-1); (31)
- Plantation Road; (32)
- Rainbow Drive; (33)
- Rolling Oaks Drive (Parish Road 1-397); (34)
- Sir Thomas Henry Drive; (35)
- Smith Lane (Parish Road 5-30); (36)
- Soileau Road (Parish Road 6-275); (37)
- Soileau Road from Hwy. 13 to Hwy. 757; (38)
- Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2); (39)
- West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection. (40)

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2024

A Resolution for Storm Water Management District

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Legislature has legislated a bill for the 2024 Regular Session which will bear House Bill Number HLS 24RS-300 and which authorizes a Storm Water Management District in St. Landry Parish to contract with any parish, municipality, waterworks district or other political subdivision or private water company operating a water system providing water service to customers in the district for the collection of fees by an agreement to shut off water service to any premises that is delinquent on the payment of the fees imposed by the Storm Water Management District.

WHEREAS, The St. Landry Parish Council resolves that it is in full support of the Louisiana Legislature Enacting House Bill HLS 24RS-300 in the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and making it a law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the Council is in full support of the Louisiana Legislature Enacting House Bill HLS 24RS-300 in the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and making it a law.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6th, 2024 @ 5:30 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardion.
- II.** Councilman Jody White led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.
- IV. Item for Discussion:**
 - **The council will go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation regarding the Courthouse and/or Jail Roof.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to go into Executive Session, Turn off the recording and all the parties leave the Council Chambers except the Council, Parish President Jessie Bellard, the Council Clerk, the Council Legal Attorney Garrett Duplechain, and Legal Attorney Brandon Letuille.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to return back to Regular Session. Turn on the recording and invite the Public to return to the Council Chambers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to pursue what Legal Attorney Brandon Letuille has advised to recoup damages on the jail roof and on the courthouse roof.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

- **Appoint Jamie Speyrer as Finance Director**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, this is my recommendation at a salary of \$90,000 a year. She has been doing the job for the last five months and I feel she is capable of that position so I am making that recommendation to the Council.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Questions from any Council Members.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So we not paying Ms. Caryn anymore right? She’s done.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, not since last year.”

Councilman Ken Marks asked, “I am sure the credentials are there but we do not know what they are, can you give us a background of your certifications?”

Finance Jamie Speyrer stated, “I have been doing book work for the last 23 years and been with Parish Government for 3 years. I started as a Finance Assistant at Community Action and took care of all their finances over there. I moved back to the courthouse to assist Caryn as the Assistant Director of Finance and now Jessie has appointed me as Director of Finance.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere asked, “I heard your experience but what about your educational part.”

Finance Jamie Speyrer stated, “I did go to college for 4 years but I did not get a degree. I do have college experience.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Appoint Jamie Speyrer as the new Finance Director with a salary of \$90,000.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.

ABSTAINED: Nancy Carriere.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

V. ADJOURN:

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

On roll call vote: YEAS Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 6th, 2024 @ 5:45 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST**

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

MINUTES

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was stated at our 5:30 p.m. special meeting.
- III. **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.

IV. Item for Discussion:

- **The council did not go Executive Session to discuss Lawtell Water District.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have a recommendation for the council to take Lawtell Water System and make them an Advisory Board and Parish Government assume the responsibilities of running Lawtell Water.

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Are they going to continue to meet regularly like they have in the past.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct, that will not change at all but it will just be in an advisory capacity.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard the revenue that is inside of that district, will it remain in that district.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Lawtell Water stays Lawtell Water nothing changes as far as the operations.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Can it move to another district and another water tower be repaired with the revenue that is in there.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Lawtell Water stays in Lawtell, whatever expenses are in it cannot be used for nothing else. Like any other district we have in the parish, it has to stay in that district and not used for any other purpose.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Maybe I am not understanding, you said it will be an advisory board. What is that going to consist of, will the board members still be the board members. ”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They will have the ability to tell us what is needed in that Lawtell Water District and advise Parish Government on what is needed to be done. They just not going to have the authority to hire and fire and do that type of activity anymore.

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Can you elaborate on was there an issue.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes there was an issue and everyone should have received the recordings.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Section 8-05 of the Home Rule Charter allows the Council to do this by Resolution. It may be an Advisory Board to provide advice regarding operations and of course, the Board would not have any Administrative or Legislative Authority, would be advisory only. So Section 8-05 of the Home Rule Charter allows the Council to do that by Resolution and there are certain steps in here to how to do it but you can do it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask you a question Mr. Bellard, the Louisiana Rural Water Association, have they come in and look at this water district and gave some recommendations of what needs to be done over there?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I believe they did, Yes sir.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Can we get their findings, I think we need to look at that. I had another Water District call today, which you received the same phone call that they would like to take over this Water District. People in Opelousas are complaining about their water, it is cloudy in the mornings. Why is it, maybe the chemicals they are putting in it. Everybody is complaining about the water that they drink. I am concerned about this Lawtell Water. We have heard different rumors nothing have surfaced here publicly in a meeting but we need to look at the situation.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Definitely, once I get that report from them, I will give it to the Council.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jody White for Lawtell Water District to become an Advisory Board and Parish Government take over the Finances of the Board.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

V. ADJOURN:

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

On roll call vote: YEAS Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6th, day of March, 2024.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Administrative Finance Chairman Harold Taylor was absent for this meeting.
A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to appoint Councilman Ken Marks as temporary Chairman of the Administrative Finance Committee.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.
ABSTAINED: None.
Motion passed.
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation was said in the Special Meeting.
3. **Roll Call:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Ken Marks, and Ernest Blanchard.
Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.
4. **Person to address the Committee.**
No one to address the committee at this time.
5. **Parish President & Finance Reports:**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is a Resolution for the Storm Water Management District. This District we spoke about is in the State Legislative right now and will become a Bill. We need a Resolution as a support for that Bill. We are receiving other Resolutions from other Municipalities and other Water Districts. What this does is it allows us to have a Storm Water District. That District will be the Council. Kind of like we have the Road District and now we the Entergy District, so this District will be the Council. I do not believe in appointing people to boards that we should be taking care of ourselves. This is a very important project that we need to make sure we are all involved in and this board will be able to bring anything to the people for a vote. If we decide to do, my recommendation to charge \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water that is used because everybody that uses water goes into the drainage. We have drainage districts that have taxes. What I am going to propose at the right time is to bring to the people a proposition that will allow the water districts if they are inside the municipality or not that they charge \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water. That would bring in approximately \$3.6 million dollars a year that we can bond out to do a parish wide drainage plan. This would not affect the drainage boards that we have in place now. All these boards stay in place as long as they collecting the tax and do what they supposed to do with their stuff. We will just have a parish wide plan that everybody will have to follow. This money would go to that plan and start draining out water like it should be but doing it parish wide not in isolated districts. These districts could still do their own work and whatever they been doing but now we have a lot of area in our parish that is not covered by a district. We need to find a way to fund it, \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water, and the average household would pay about \$5.00 or \$6.00 a month. The more water you use the more you pay but the more water used end up in a drain somewhere that we have to deal with down the line. That was an idea that came out and this Resolution supports a Bill that the State can pass to give us the ability to go to the people and create this Storm Water District Board.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Mr. Bellard will everyone in the parish pay this?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Anybody that uses water.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “So any town water you would pay \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct over and above what your normal rate would be. It’s not going added to what you normally pay; we will not go above what is guaranteed.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “So in other words if your flat rate is \$17.00 then it would be from \$17.00 on up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct we wouldn’t worry about the one that is already there just anything additional. The drainage plan would include the municipalities now because all of our water at some point run through the municipalities. So we would take care of the municipalities as well when it comes to the main arteries not drainage ditches but the major arteries.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That wouldn’t change the drainage tax.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, that stays in place as long as the people want it to be in place. If they satisfied with the work then it stay in place as long as the people want it. These drainage districts are doing the work in their districts every one of them. This will just compliment what the whole parish wide system does.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Are you referring to just the drainage or the water system as well.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is strictly for drainage. Our plan would be to pass that fee as long as the people would vote for it. We would not put a fee on the books; we would bring it to the people. Then everyone in the parish would pay that \$1.50

per 1,000 gallons beyond what their normal rate would be. Anybody that uses it would pay.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “It comes to mind like your private water comes like Plaisance Water.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It would be with them too. That is why we want to bring it to a vote of the people so we can do the whole parish.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard I know that we have some waterways that are State and Federal. Would that revenue have to go to those waterways because I do not want to take over State and Federal drainage canals?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No that is one thing we do not want to touch however we will take care of ours, I am talking about the laterals and some of these bayous we do not have any funds for that. In our parish, we have zero dollars for these bayous and laterals that hold our water. We digging our ditches and the water gets from the ditch and get to the lateral and that is it. It stays there because we do not have the money to go any further so I am not in favor to do any State and Federal waterways because we do not have enough money to do that.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “My question would be will we be assisting the drainage boards that are in place to go further with their revenue.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is to enhance what we already have in place but on a parish wide basis because we have a lot of area in the parish that is not covered by a drainage board.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I just want to bring real clarity to this, if my rate is \$20.00 per month and I receive 5,000 free gallons a month with the \$20.00 then I do not pay \$1.50 for those 5,000 gallons but if I use 6,000 gallons I would be charged \$1.50 more, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I just want to make a statement. Are you familiar with Lawco Water System? We are about to have our second rate increase and people are already griping about that second increase.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes and I could see it but when it rains like it did the other day, my phone do not stop ringing and it comes from people that has drainage problems. They think that the government has all this money to fix the problems and I would love to say that we do but we do not have it. There is no dedicated money for drainage in our parish other than these drainage districts. As a parish, we have a parish wide road program but we do not have a parish wide drainage program. Again, this will be one of those things we will bring to the people for a vote. We could actually put a fee on it and not have to bring it to the people but that is not what I want to do. I want to bring to the people let them decide if they want to pay it or not. I am not in favor of just saying we will add this to your bill because I do not believe in that. Let people vote on it and if they want it that is fine and if not we will go to plan B whatever that might be. I do understand what you are saying and I think most municipalities are increasing their water rate but everything is up. All the chemicals cost a lot more money.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “How will we handle it like the City of Opelousas will cut you a check every month for how much water usage the people in the city has used.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is our plan hopefully.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have two questions, one is because we have drainage boards that are collecting a tax dollar for that district, are we going to be prioritizing because let’s say the drainage board that is collecting a tax have bigger issues than other areas. Are we going to be saying you getting money already?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “My plan is to hire an engineer firm to come into the parish and come up with a parish wide plan which would draw out what needs to be done in our parish and work with the drainage boards to make it happen from the North to the South. So no we would not go into a district and say anything to that district other than this is what we coming with and they can help us follow our plan. The plan will be simple it will start on the North and end on the South but we do not have a plan so the plan have to be developed first.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am glad Mr. Ardoin brought up about the city and Mr. Blanchard brought up about how the rates are going up. We have some citizens that have water leaks, it has exceeded that percentage of water, and they have not paid that water bill to the city. If they have a water leak that is not their fault and using up water and constantly running up their water so it was look like they used 20,000 gallons and that is another fee. I am glad you said that we would let the voters decide.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they have a water leak and it is running up their water meter that is their problem not the city problem. If it is on their side of the meter and it is running, that is their bill. It is up to them to fix their own leaks. If it is running on the other side of the meter on the city side than it is a city problem. If it is running their water bill high then they should have fixed it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I understand that but I know situations where let’s say the tenant has moved and they left with a \$4,000 dollar water bill or a \$3,000 dollar water bill and we want to collect \$5.00 or \$10.00 extra. It may add up to about \$50.00 more dollars that they owe us, how are we going to handle those situations.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “At the end of the day we can only collect from people we can collect from like the city does now. The city will collect the money and they will give it to the parish in their own collection way. We will have that across the whole parish. Some people do not pay their water bills but I do not think we can fix that. If the city cannot collect it from them then we cannot collect it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “When we do collect it will it be funded through the school board office or how we will collect this money.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Probably so. It is already setup so it does not pay to reinvent the wheel. I would be thinking that would be the school board job to collect the taxes and then go from there.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “If I understand you right, everybody will have to pay but at the end of the day do you separate the money between the 13 districts.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It will be a part of the parish wide plan.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “In other words stay in the parish.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes sir. Our first objective is to get the plan then whatever the engineers development the plan start on that part and work our way where it needs to be at, I would like to believe that 3.6 million dollars that we figured it would be we could bond out approximately 32 million dollars and start a project and get something going parish wide. So everybody would get the effects of this. I think it would take some time because we have bayous that has never been cleaned out over the time. If we do not start doing, something now we will never get ahead of this. Once it passes the State, then we can create the board but it will be the council. It could be next year.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have one small question, we talked about the city because they will be involved in this how will that effect with the gullies and all because that is some drainage that is not a bayou.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Technically they are, see right here that gully is Bayou Y Harbor it would the major arteries which would be concrete in the City of

Opelousas and in Eunice. All of these major waterways that run through them. That is what we will be taking care of, so the City would not have to worry about that anymore. That would be part of the plan because all of our water runs through them so if the Bayous and Concrete gullies are blocked up then our water do not flow. We have a problem in your district right now behind Opelousas General, it is all blocked up in the city but it backs up the water into the parish. It all works together we just have to have a parish wide plan.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Mr. Bellard we talking about the major waterways as far as drainage but what about the small ditches?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The ditching as far as in the municipalities?”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not going to say that we cannot do them but the plan would be for the major arteries in the parish to get the water to flow. We will be digging ditches to get to the arteries as far as parish is concern so we expect the municipalities to do the same thing. What we trying to do is when the water gets to the major arteries it takes off and get out of our parish.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “So we talking about 1 or 2 things for the municipalities to work with us to get the smaller drainage areas to the big outlet.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will take the water from the major arteries and take them out but I feel it should be the responsibility of the municipalities to bring the water to the major arteries like we do in the parish now.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “I understand it is about drainage from the North end of the parish to the South end of the parish and drainage is an issue that could never end. Always working on it but just an idea to hit the major arteries North to South if you had to give the first task what kind of time would that take years?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would give an example of Bayou Mallet and Bayou Caron, it is two years that we have been working on that. The Core of Engineers stopped us and put all kind of roadblocks in place. We had to hire a consulting firm to deal with that. Once we get the plan in place unless we have a miracle from the core it may take two or three years before we see some kind of progress. It is not because we going slow but the next step Core of Engineers, which are always wetlands and these little birds in a tree. I am so tired of hearing about those birds in a tree but we stuck.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Bellard correct me if I am wrong but when we were in D.C. we had a group that represent St. Landry Parish to request assistance in trying to move forward with the Core of Engineers to expedite the authorization of cleaning these canals.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I did not know that there is a Federal side and a State side of the Core of Engineers. It was on the Federal side to ask for assistance to ask the State and the Feds said no.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct, the State side we good but the Federal side is not as easy but we making some headway. The biggest issue is some of the trees that they do not want to see down. I do not care we can leave the tree up. I just want to get the canal done but they do not want us to put as much mulch on the side but whatever they want we have to do it but it cost so much more money to do it their way, which lessons the project. At the end of the day, we have to get it done so if they say we cannot put no more than 3 inches of mulch on the side then that is what it is going to be. Just give us some guidelines to follow and stick to those guidelines as well. Do not tell us to be this, then next time I meet with you there is another rule. I think we will be ok with the consulting agent we have now.”

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Mr. Bellard I would like to know if this has an opportunity to expand to regions that do not have any coverage of a drainage board. Is there an opportunity for that to occur?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Meaning outside of our parish?”

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, “Example Port Barre has a drainage district to the North and one to the South but nothing where we live.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This will be parish wide the entire parish. This is a parish wide plan that consist of every piece of ground in our parish. It will work in conjunction with the boards that are already in place now. With the boards and this that is enough resources to make some things happen.”

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2024

A Resolution for Storm Water Management District

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Legislature has legislated a bill for the 2024 Regular Session which will bear House Bill Number HLS 24RS-300 and which authorizes a Storm Water Management District in St. Landry Parish to contract with any parish, municipality, waterworks district or other political subdivision or private water company operating a water system providing water service to customers in the district for the collection of fees by an agreement to shut off water service to any premises that is delinquent on the payment of the fees imposed by the Storm Water Management District.

WHEREAS, The St. Landry Parish Council resolves that it is in full support of the Louisiana Legislature Enacting House Bill HLS 24RS-300 in the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and making it a law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the Council is in full support of the Louisiana Legislature Enacting House Bill HLS 24RS-300 in the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and making it a law.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday March 20th, 2024** to approve **Resolution No. 006-2024** - Resolution for Storm Water Management District. **On roll call vote: YEAS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None. *Motion forwarded.*

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None. *Motion carried.*

- 6. Forward all applications received for three appointments to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission for a four-year term. (01-15-2024 – 01-15-2028)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** to forward all applications received for three appointments to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission for a four-year term. (01-15-2024 – 01-15-2028)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None. *Motion forwarded.*

- 7. Discuss starting the process to replace Dr. Jack Ortego on the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District and authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026. (Chairman Wayne Ardoin).**

A motion was made by Councilman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

8. **Authorize the ratification of Ms. Sabrina Ardoin to be re-appointed to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board of Commissions nominated by Mayor Kevin Colligan of Cankton and Mayor Nick Degeyter of Leonville.**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** authorize the ratification of Ms. Sabrina Ardoin to be re-appointed to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

9. **Discuss advertising for a Board Member for the Teche Vermilion Pumping Station. (Councilman Ken Marks).**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Teche Vermilion Pumping Station
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

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

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We received a letter in our package regarding Fire District 6.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That matter has been resolved by the board. I got word this afternoon.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It had some English in it and it was sad to read some of the stuff they were accusing each other of there.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Once it got to the board over there they took care of it. I think we just got it today but the board members took care of it at a board meeting. Those members are no longer with the Fire Department.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ok so that resolves that situation. Can we discuss the possibility of bonding out Road District 1 of 11A money because it is coming so we can do projects in Road District 1 of 11A?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Correct, we can start the process now. It does take a little while so by the time the process is done the money should be coming in.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Some of the streets in Linwood and Flag station is in bad shape and Suzanne Dejean Drive.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you want we can meet with William and come up with the roads and a proposal.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ok, thank you.”

11. **Adjourn.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Dexter Brown, and Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairwoman Vivian Olivier called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. Ex-Officio Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** None.
3. **Person to address the Committee:**
No one to address the committee at this time.
4. **Public Works Report:**

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “This is the monthly report from February. We boom axed 5 roads and cleaned culverts on 12 roads. We did culvert insulation on 2 roads. We moved debris on 30 roads and we did ditching on 4 roads. We did grading on 114 roads and placed material on 8 roads. We did patching on 35 roads and we did 29 street signs, trimmed 5 roads with trees, and 16 washouts. January was a rough month for St. Landry Parish. We are behind in our grading in a lot of areas but March should be a productive month.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jody White to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

5. **Forward all applications received for two appointments to Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two-year term. (04-20-2024 - 04-20-2026)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** forward all applications received for two appointments to Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two-year term. (04-20-2024 - 04-20-2026)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

6. **Forward all applications received for five appointments to Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-02-2024 - 04-02-2028)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** forward all applications received for five appointments to Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-02-2024 - 04-02-2028)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion forwarded.

7. Forward all applications received for two appointments to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-01-2024 - 04-01-2029)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** to forward all applications received for two appointments to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-01-2024 - 04-01-2029)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

8. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-15-2024 – 05-15-2028)

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2024** to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-15-2024 – 05-15-2028)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

9. Discuss ditching. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Soileau, I been receiving quite a few calls wanting to know why their ditches are not being cleaned? Do we have parish equipment for cleaning of ditches? Do we have someone capable of running that equipment?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Yes mam.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Is it possible that we can get some of them done a little quicker because some of them looking at it as if they are being overlooked. I tried to explain to them whenever you call in a work order, we as council members do not have the authority to schedule any work. The only we do is communicate the information between public works and the council member. I just want to make that clear even though some things have been brought to the attention of the council member that is not saying that council member has not reported it. It is a matter of the storm, the freeze, and so many other things it delayed some things but I want them to understand it is being reported.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Anytime one have a question about their ditches feel free to call me. Give them my name and number, I would be glad to go meet with them.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will make this clear, the council has nothing to do with day to day operation work. You cannot blame a council member but you can call and talk to me and blame me all you want but I will just be honest with everyone that we have over 900 miles of road. Which that gives us over 1800 miles of ditching and we have one culvert cleaner and one man running the culvert cleaner. It is impossible, we will never catch up on ditching and I am not promising anybody a single thing about ditching. So if somebody have a problem with their ditching please tell them to call me and I will explain to them we are doing all that we can with what we have with 1800 miles of ditching in our parish. It is done on a priority basis. The council has nothing to do with day-to-day operations of work. They will call and file a report and those reports are seen by public works as soon as it is filed. Just because it is not done in, a timely matter does not mean it is not going to be done. I cannot make any promises on that.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Thank you and Mr. Soileau I would like thank you on every time I have called you to go and check on something you let me know you have been there and I appreciate that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, Mr. Soileau is advising me that Muscadine Road is on the list for the ditching and do you have any idea on when they will start.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It should be within the next two weeks.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Soileau I told you before the meeting but I want to discuss it in an open meeting. There is some progress that is going on the south end of the parish off Highway 182, Thank you DOTD. You realize that Thelma Drive parallels Hwy 182, what people are doing is cutting off on Borel Road and Thelma Drive and you have three intersecting streets in that subdivision. Brand new streets maybe 3 years old but it is not like it used to be but people are complaining that they coming through there. What is happening is they are being flagged and they have to wait for a period so of them are lost and cutting off on Thelma Drive. They have young children running and riding bikes, I just do not want to see anybody get hurt. I know we cannot put any signs up with no thru traffic because they paying taxes like everybody else but maybe the Sheriff office can get involved. So please could you contact the proper authorities to assist these people. Thank you sir.”

10. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “On Jessie Richard Road, the contractor service the road and dug most of the ditches down there.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “They just did what the primary issues were as far people having drainage and sewage issues but we will do the whole road.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “So that project not complete.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Oh no we going do the whole road.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I know they have to take some dirt out of an area and it kind of look ruff right there but there is intention on correcting that issue.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “Yes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was asked to remind everyone, I believe Sherell sent the invitation out but it is next weekend and I want to remind everyone of the Ladies and Gentlemen Leadership Club. Thank you.”

11. Adjourn.

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Timmy Lejeune, and Jimmie Edwards **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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

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