

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 17th, day of January, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Temporary Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilman Jody White led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSENT:** None.
- IV. **APPOINT LEGAL ADVISOR GARETT DUPECHAIN AS TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER TO HOLD THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain as a Temporary Presiding Chairman to hold the Election of Officers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time the St. Landry Parish Council shall appoint its Chairman for the year 2024. The floor is now open for nominations, are there any?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would like to nominate Mr. Wayne Ardoin.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I second that.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion and a second to nominate Wayne Ardoin as the Chairman for the St. Landry Parish Council for 2024.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor second by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to close all nominations for the St. Landry Parish Council Chairman for 2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time we will need a motion and a second to appoint Wayne Ardoin as Chairman of the St. Landry Parish Council for 2024.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Wayne Ardoin as Chairman of the St. Landry Parish Council for 2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time I will turn the gavel over to Chairman Ardoin so the council can vote on a Vice-Chairman.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “First of all I want to thank each and every one of you all for your trust. I promise you I will try to conduct this meeting in an orderly manner and try to lead this council forward. I want to welcome the new members that are here tonight. I hope like

Councilman White advised or stated that we all can try and work together and move this parish forward. Thank you. At this time I will ask for nominations for Vice Chairman for the St. Landry Parish Council.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I will nominate Jody White.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have a motion for Jody White, do I have a second.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “Second.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have a second, are there any other nominations?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I would like to make a nomination. I will nominate Ms. Nancy Carriere. She has been here for several terms. She has served as Vice Chairman on a couple of occasions.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have a second for Ms. Nancy Carriere?”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I second.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have a second from Mr. Alvin Stelly for Ms. Nancy Carriere. Do I have a motion for nominations to be closed?”

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to close all nominations for the St. Landry Parish Vice Chairman for 2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time you have to cast your vote on two candidates for Vice-Chairman of the St. Landry Parish Council. We will take Ms. Nancy first because she is a woman. I would like for her name be presented first. Roll Call Vote.”

<i>Councilman Jody White</i>	Jody White
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	Nancy Carriere
<i>Councilman Faltery Jolivette</i>	Jody White
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	Nancy Carriere
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	Nancy Carriere
<i>Councilman Ken Marks</i>	Nancy Carriere
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	Nancy Carriere
<i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	Jody White
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	Jody White
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	Jody White
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	Jody White
<i>Councilman Ernest Blanchard</i>	Jody White

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to nominate Councilman Jody White as the St. Landry Parish Council Vice-Chairman for 2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

V. CONDOLENCES:

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Arthur Pickens Jr., Joseph Ledet, Joseph R. Reed, J.D. Hampton, Rose Mary Broussard, Bernadette Thomas, Christina Marks Melancon, Glenn Eugene Bearb, Suzanne ‘Susie’ L Guilbeau, Alvin Sonnier, Mona B. Giron, Rose Mary Chavis, Shelia Campbell Richard, John Quinell Davis, Tracy Salton.

Councilman Faltery Jolivette: Mona R. Giron, Alvin Sonnier.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: J. D. Hampton, Joseph R. Reed, James Chambers, Taunya Jeanette Smith, Joseph Ledet, Anna Bell Carmouche, Arthur Pickens Jr., Betty Nezat Pitre, Anna Ruth Fontenot Vidrine, Irma Ledou Speyrer, Shelia Campbell Richard, Rose Mary Chavis, Lakeisha Deshon Lewis, Clifton Richard, Henry John Noel Sr., Michael Ford, Sidney Davis Jr., Ruby Ann Lafontaine, Mona B. Giron, Nancy Lee Williams, Alvin Sonnier.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Glenn Eugene Bearb

Councilman Ken Marks: Bobby Joe Ortego, Alfred Wiltz III, Cheryl 'Dee' Hooks, Austin 'Neg' Lalonde Jr., James Leblanc Jr., Melissa Bazar, William Stelly, Kiyoe "Kimmie" Kimura Sonnier, Carolyn Rose Dupre, James Bagon, Joycelyn G. Johnson, Hunter J. Higdon, Sue T. Devillier

Councilman Alvin Stelly: Dale Andrus

Chairman Wayne Ardoin: Dennis James Marks, Willie Nezet LaVergne Fruge, Harry Skipper Ortego Jr., Lenora Darbonne, Kiyoe "Kimmie" Kimura Sonnier, Desiree Portier Noel, Paul Allen Gautreaux, Berniel "Bea" Guilbeau, John E. Soileau, Leon 'Sonny' Ray Sr.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Eugene Guillory

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: Robert Lee Cooley, Nettie Mae Guillory Arvie, Rex Allen Bennet, Celma 'Clair' Roy Richard, Charlene Mary Foret Whittington, Michael W. Brown, Jerry James Guillory, Francis Zaunbreacher Fruger, Randy Fruge, Susan F. Leger

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

VI. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Stephen Daste addressed the council. He stated, "Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the council. My name is Stephen Daste. I live at 1562 S. Market Street. I am an 18 year Opelousas resident. I am originally from New Orleans and I re-located here after Hurricane Katrina. I applied for the St. Landry Planning Commission Board when the board was getting formulated a couple of months ago toward the end of last year. At that time the way I understood the qualifications were to be a St. Landry Parish Resident so I applied for the appointment. A couple of weeks ago I spoke to the attorney who said that I was not qualified to be appointed because I was not a registered voter in the parish. Since then I have changed my registration and my registration is pending now with the Secretary of State's Office to be registered as a voter in St. Landry Parish and hopefully that will make my consideration applicable again."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Are there any questions for Mr. Daste? After speaking to Mr. Duplechain we have his application and we also have the Secretary of the State's registration where he registered for St. Landry Parish. We have not verified it with Mr. Byron Stelly. We have four slots and there are three that will be filled hopefully tonight and next month we will take up Mr. Stephen Daste. We cannot amend the agenda to start with because he has not been varied by our present Registrar of Voters. Thank you Mr. Daste and welcome to St. Landry Parish."

Mr. Richard LeBouef addressed the council. He stated, "My name is Richard LeBouef. I am at 728 Dufilho Road, Opelousas, 70570. The President and I have not had a conversation since a couple of weeks but I want to tell you that we addressed concerns at the Committee Meeting on litter and who was responsible. Mr. David Beaugh was here two weeks ago and we had a conversation about the Litter Ordinance and Solid Waste in general. Chapter 38 is pretty clear how it lays it out. Simple littering all the way up to gross littering could be up to a \$5,000.00 fine, I am asking Mr. Duplechain if that is correct. The subject of the jail time is up to 30 days in jail and there were five on the docket two weeks ago. I was informed and I want you all to know that we are starting to move in the right direction. What we can do as Solid Waste, we are reactivating but we are not an enforcement agency. I will follow up with the District Attorney and we will follow where those were at and we will see what kind of prosecution happens and we will bring it to our Commission and we will go ahead and try to see if we can get some of

those things published and try to get some traction. I think if we take and enforce these convictions and get them out there a lot of that money comes back to the council and come back to the law enforcement agency and it is divided among. We have three teams that are out there with three deputies and four trustees per unit. We have 200 hours per month per trustee team that is out there. I think that those guys do a really good job, we would be in a bind if we would not have the Sheriff helping us out with that. I want to tell you all that Mark Kidder and Spencer Cornette are doing an admirable, beyond admirable job. We haven't seen any traction at all. I was notified by Judge Doherty about two weeks that there were five on the docket and I can give you my word that we will follow up to see where that goes. Evidently the efforts that are going on are not going by the waste side and it is not being wasted. If we can get one of these guys that revenue comes back. From simple littering all the way to gross littering you can see in the ordinance up to \$5,000.00 and some of the revenue can come back to the parish for beautification, litter abatement and even pay a deputy salary. If there are any questions Solid Waste is not in the prosecution or the ticket writing business but we would love to see somebody as a litter bug all over the paper. I think a domino effect will be in stake."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Are there any questions for Mr. LeBouef?"

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Thank you Mr. LeBouef for what you do and your team as well for our parish. I would like to put this on record if I can, for the Christmas Holidays, I have picked up boxes along my road. People have ordered different things and they just come on the country side and just throw it. The Recycling Center is near me on Hwy 190 could you expound to the public whereas they could take the boxes and bring it to the recycling bend instead of throwing it down the road please."

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Just to clarify on what Mr. Brown said. We have one on North CC Duson Street in Eunice and we have one at 2717 Hwy 190. The beauty of that is St. Landry Parish have a Landfill. They tested the sales tax and if you were in Iberia or in St. Martin Parish you pay 3 months in advance per quarter for trash pick-up. Those three things, the land fill, abatement crews and the two recycling centers are there for not only card board but for HDP, Plastic and pretty much anything but glass. We leave bins out at night so you can drop them in. The beauty of those two centers are if you have a child or you have someone that are going to a school you can stop and you can sell whatever you have. You don't have to take the money you can take it and will it to whatever entity you want to support a school, a charity or a nonprofit and it is very simple. We take and we drop a bin at a business or a school and we have a pick up route that does that. There is no sense that it should look like that because people just don't care. I sold everything that I have in Vermilion Parish, I am off of Dufilho and Mr. Brown is my Councilman, we are committed. I think if everybody would take a stance and actually care and look around I think St. Landry would be a better place."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "The boxes that the people have, not just from Christmas but for everything, just bring them to the recycling center and put them in the bins."

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Just wait until 8:00 a.m. and get paid for what you will put away, it is that simple."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I don't know if this is possible but I do know that we have a lot of furniture, refrigerators and large waste pick up. I don't know if people realize that they will actually pick it up at their driveway. Is there any way possible we can have a sticker placed on every trash can that is out there so we can bring awareness if it does not fit in a trash can you can call this number and we will come and pick it up. We have to do something to stop them from throwing it on the parish roads and on state highways. We can open up a furniture store with used furniture that they throw out every day. I just don't know if they realize that you don't have to drive to Beggs. Somebody who lives on the far end of the parish that is a good ride. How do we bring awareness? What is the simple step to this? I know that we advertise it and we speak about it and it has come up several times, is there any way that we can get a sticker on these trash cans?"

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "The easiest way is for me to get with the Commission. We have a meeting one week from tomorrow and I will ask for a mail out through-out the parish and we can state those concerns. I can come back and get with the members of the council and see if there are some other things that you would want to address aside from our Commissioners and the Mayors. This council appoints four of Solid Waste Commissioners and the Mayors appoint five. The whole thing is that we need to work together. Whenever this change was in affect that was all labeled in the push cards that actually went out on those trash cans what to do. They

called the landfill daily. I realize logistics is the problem but a lot of times people just don't have the means to load it up in a truck, they don't have that capability. We found out a couple of things, if you have a freezer or you have an ice-box for us to pick up it has to be empty, it cannot have food in it. That is another thing that we have to address. I am seriously thinking if we move forward together, I will ask the commission to see if we can get that done, I think that is an easy fix. If we can get somebody ticketed, prosecuted and see if there are ramifications and not like the little kid that touched the stove and he never gets spanked there is no repercussions then it is okay. My first six months here we picked up almost 6,000 tires in three different places. They use to cost the citizens \$15.00 - \$20.00 per tire to take and be remediated, we worked out a deal with Colt. We bring them every week, sometimes two loads and all we pay for is the fuel, time and wear and tear on the vehicle, the residence no longer pay for that. We use their chips, the tire chips that are ground up in our sales to aid in the drainage for the trash. We are using that product. You have a guy off of 104, in your district if I am not mistaken Mr. Lejeune, the guy had 1,400 tires in that curb. He did not get arrested, he sat on the tailgate of my truck and he open up his shirt and he counted 20 one-hundred dollar bills and put it down and he paid the fine and walked off, it happens every day. Mr. Brown called me one afternoon about Wisdom Road. It looks like someone was behind a truck and threw them out one at a time, they were all equal distance from each other. It does not cost you any additional money, not only the residence of this parish pay for that if you bought anything in St. Landry Parish you help pay for the trash pick-up, it is that simple, you don't have to pay a quarter in advance. In St. Martin Parish they roll up to your house and you don't have that correct sticker they leave the trash. The next time you are not paid up, they will pick-up your garbage can and you won't have a can anymore and that does not happen hear."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "When they have trash pickup the driver could report that they have an ice-box or a sofa, I think that is some of our problem because it is not being reported so people are just pushing it to the road and nobody reports that and it stays there for two or three weeks."

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "That is coming into play. Mr. Timmy and I had that conversation on the last part of the Committee Meeting. That easy button, the problem was first that it was being done and it stop being done because a lot of that stuff whenever Morgan and Morgan got there and they got that call it had disappeared but it is back on, it is back on the books. You should see some relief on that end. Mr. Bellard and all of the members of the council that were with us, I was unable to be here, it was enlightening, Mr. Beaugh had a legitimate claim and he had a litter problem and if everyone felt like that we would not have the problem that we are having."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Beaugh is in the audience. I told him he could speak but I am glad that you are here to answer questions."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "One of the things I remember that Mr. Beaugh mentioned in his neighborhood is the day that Chick-Fil-A opened he found some trash on the road. I think what he seems to be concerned about was the little trash. If we could get someone to drive around the parish and pick it up. That is what I remember him basically talking about."

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "That is what litter abatement is doing. A lot of problem that we are having are on Nap Road and Nap Lane. That is what litter abatement is out there for. The people that are leaving that on that road, those are the people that have the problem."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I agree with you but it is to catch them."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "We have to realize that it is not just at a resident where we are finding these large items on the side of the road or dumped in the ditch or somewhere. You are finding it where there is no home, you are finding it along the roadside. What we need to do is every means of getting this information out there of what we have available for these larger items. We need to continue putting it out there and putting it out there. I reposted it again last week the number for Morgan and Morgan who have the contract with Bayou State for large items. All you have to do is call them because I have utilized them several times myself. You schedule the pickup and all you have to do is bring it to the road. If we keep putting that information out along with the other good ideas that might be implemented and you have to keep doing it over and over. I have realized that a lot of times people are not really reading, they are just looking and go on. A good example, we did not have garbage collection on Martin Luther King. I took about one hour to one hour and a half sending personal text to different ones telling them no garbage pickup. On Monday morning I get out of my house and start

driving along and garbage cans are all out. I said oh, they did not read. We are going to have to realize that we are going to keep putting this out there over and over until they are going to catch on.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Mr. LeBouef I like Timmy’s idea as far as some type of advice that gives them a number ASAP. My concern is the Citizens of this parish. We have to take ownership of what is going on. We need to report it to someone what we see and where it is located and do it on a regular basis to where we can put this to a stop. I really believe and years ago we always had neighborhood watch, I am just talking Citizen Watch, I am talking about anybody that sees anything that needs to be addressed and they have one number to call and it will be processed and taken care of. Is that possible for your department?”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “For our entity to go ahead and actually pick it up and get it moving, absolutely. John have been working closely with Mark and Spencer as well. I was driving down Matte Lane, I picked up the phone and I called Spencer Cornette. In 35-40 minutes he called me back and said not only did we find it, I issued a citation, I will not say where the person live but it was done in less than 40 minutes. You are correct, the normal people who want and take care and take pride in ownership in their places, renters are not, it does not matter those are not the people that we will have a problem with. We have issues at the parish line. Someone took a whole roofing job. They came and pull up a trailer and put all of the shingles on two sheets of plywood. They put some 1 x 4’s and nailed them together and chained it to the bridge on the St. Landry Parish side and drove off and left us a Christmas Present, twice, that is what we are faced with.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “I would hope that somebody somewhere saw something and need to report it. With a designated number, one that is on the can and that is the one that would be used for that as well.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “Again, Morgan and Morgan is the 337-331-5375 and again on Mr. Lejeune deal I will get with the Commission and see if we can get a group made out parish wide.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Will you institute the investigation or appoint people to go and take care of it.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “That would be the two investigators. Those guys are doing their job. If we could get some prosecution and get it to stick. Those guys are working in 40 minutes and it was done.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. LeBouef mentioned about the prosecution side. There are 5 on the docket and one of them for sure is a \$1,000.00 fine. I was surprised because normally we don’t get that. From my understanding Chad is not letting them go to the DA’s Office and pay it, they can come to court. That is even better, they have to go and see a judge. It is really starting to take effect, it is just taking a little time but now that the cycle is turning I thing we will see some every month in court.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “Mr. Bellard, if you don’t mind we can get together at the end of this week or next week and talk to Mr. Pete and see if Solid Waste could actually take that side and do some kind of publication and see where we fall in our realm. If you would be alright with that it would be great to see some kind of action.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “He is pushing the docket and making them go to court, so that is good.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any other comments from any councilmembers? Mr. LeBouef, I want to tell you thank you, you have always been on top of it. I have a couple of questions, you know I have call Mr. John Guidroz and he is Johnny on the spot. When he threw that refrigerator out on Hwy 190 with everything in it, even the mayonnaise that is un-call for. Let’s go look and see, you all bank account is fat.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “I am sorry.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You all bank account is fat. Your bank account at Solid Waste is fat. My question to you, this is a Rural Parish, Evangeline Parish has it, they have like a yard where they have some big dumpsters where people could go and dump. In the

Arnaudville area, the Cankton area and of course we can't leave Ward 6 out, you all know where I am coming from. Where we can have some property where there could be some big dumpsters where people would not have to drive all the way to the Beggs area to bring their stuff that they want to bring, I am talking about old roofing, refrigerators, mattresses, whatever, those big items. Could we possibly look at that?"

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Absolutely. The problem that we had at the Eunice City Barn, I think Mr. Blanchard is aware of that."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I understand that but there is nothing in Arnaudville, Cankton and the Sunset area. We could look at the Melville and Krotz Spring area on the eastern end. Possibly look at that, get that commission to look at that."

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "The issue is when you are putting out those dumpsters."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Well put those big dumpsters out and have a yard and have someone. Evangeline Parish, we call them a Rural Parish sometimes at least they have a yard in some locations through-out their parish."

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, "Those are permitted. If you let me respond to that. The issue is DQ gets involved whenever it becomes not just an issue of Bulky Waste. If it is anything that is going to generate 'leeching' then it can't be left on the side of the road, it has to go straight to the land fill and that is the issue."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I just want you to look at the possibility. People are paying, they are paying at the cash register everyday whether you live in St. Landry Parish or you don't live in it, you are still paying that tax, that .8% tax to Solid Waste Commission. My next question is: Mr. Bellard, correct me if I am wrong but we just spent a bunch of money for the Trustee Dorm. These Trustee's that are there could we possibly get more of them involved in picking up litter on the side of the road? Are they utilizing all of their trucks that are available or the deputies that are available?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "If I am not mistaken I think they are getting what they can right now. I am not part of that program, Mr. LeBouef is. We have Trustees but not everybody can go out and do what they do."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "You all are the inside track of the whole thing. We as the council don't know what all you all have out there. I am looking at the other part of it where we approve 'X' amount of dollars for a Trustee Dorm where we can have more Trustees out. Do we see them out in the rural areas? We see them more in the Municipal Area picking up trash. Am I correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am just going to say it like this, I see them all over the place, I travel all over the parish."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Well I do also."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I think Mr. LeBouef has the resources to pay for another Deputy but the problem is that the Sheriff don't have enough Deputies. We might have enough Trustees but not enough Deputies to go out."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Let's try to come up with something possibly. I am just kicking that around to you. Do you understand?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Me and Mr. LeBouef will get together and we will figure it out."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "It is not a pretty sight. You all went and picked up that furniture in front of Doctor's Hospital today, I am glad because it is an eye sour. People are traveling from one end of the country to the other end and come through St. Landry Parish and we have a sofa sitting in the median or a refrigerator sitting off of Hwy 190. That is not a pretty sight. We need to have more pick up's or a place where people can go and it would be more convenient for them instead of having to drive to the dump. What time do you all stay open on Saturdays?"

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “We stay open until 4:00 p.m. On weekdays we are open from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You know how it is sometimes, we cannot find the right time for them to go and dump. Maybe if they had it closer to their house they could run over there and dump it and be finished with it.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “I agree with what you are saying Mr. Ardoin but I will tell you this. The thing about our bank account being fat, let me just address that, the issue with that is it is called closure-post-closure-fund. You have closure-post-closure fund that Solid Waste can’t touch. That is for a 30 year onset if something happens to the landfill at any time.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, may I have the floor please. Can we discuss this at a Committee meeting, we have been here for 37 minutes. I am just asking a question.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Taylor, I understand where you are coming from and I thoroughly agree with you. It is time for this to come to a head because it was not good the other night when Mr. Beaugh had to come and stand up and speak about our problems that we have in the parish. With that I will ask if there are any other comments from any councilmembers. Thank you Mr. LeBouef.”

Mr. Richard LeBouef stated, “Thank you. Again, once we get a pride issue and those guys are doing their jobs and that is where a lot of the problems are at, not just the litter abatement team. Thank you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the next person to address the council, Mr. Tom Mhire.”

Mr. Tom Mhire addressed the council. He stated, “Tom Mhire, 9312 Hwy 182. I would like to handout a handout to you guys. What we are handing out right now is a letter that we have written to myself and Mr. Todd Mott. We own the property adjacent to the Kennerson Development that is up for your approval. Should you decide to approve their application for development my request to you is to include this letter in your approval. What is in this letter is basically, I will call him Mr. Merrick because I can’t pronounce his last name, Mr. Merrick has written myself and Mr. Todd Mott his commitment to maintaining our drainage rights through the Bordelon Property. A little history, about 15 years ago Mr. Bill Gillette who previously owned Mr. Mott’s property secured a verbal approval to dig a shallow ditch from the corner of the Southeast corner of the Cleco Substation on Hwy 182 to Kennerson Road to assist in the drainage of his property and my access road. What is in this letter is Mr. Merrick’s commitment to maintain that drainage right. He will either do that by maintaining the existing ditch or re-directing or working with an Engineering Firm to re-direct that ditch such that we will maintain our drainage rights. I am confident Mr. Merrick is a man of his word and he will do that but why I want this as part of your approval is that what happens if Mr. Merrick sells this property, we don’t know who will do that. I would like this as part of your approval should you decide to approve this project, any questions?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any questions for Mr. Tom Mhire.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, I understand what he is saying but the council and the Parish Government have to act in order whatever the law requires. This is not required by the statue or by the ordinance. I am just going to caution the council that you can approve the subdivision like it is but if you start making changes by adding this in there, we can’t enforce this.”

Mr. Tom Mhire stated, “What do you mean Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is an agreement that you made with the owner of the property. It cannot be subject to the council’s approval or subject to their approval based off of what the deal that you made.”

Mr. Tom Mhire stated, “If I understand you the law correctly this ditch, this drainage ditch has been in place for over 15 years. The law if I am not mistaken says that once something is in place for at least 10 years it is considered a natural drainage.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is not a problem, the problem is that the council cannot vote on the issue that is not part of the ordinance. The ordinance as much as anybody can agree or disagree the council have to act according to what the ordinance says. This is not subject to the ordinance it is an agreement between you and the owner. I will just tell you if the council passes this we can’t enforce this so I am just letting you know. We can’t enforce this, it is not part of our ordinance.”

Mr. Tom Mhire stated, “You can’t enforce the law that says that if a drainage ditch is in place.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is a civil issue between the parties.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain, you want to ‘horn’ in on this please.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The council is not going to enforce a signed promise. This is a letter signed by a Mr. Merrick Kopicheck. It is a promise to someone that the council can’t enforce a signed promise. If it is a public drainage ditch it will remain public and it will remain under the obligation of the local government to maintain the drainage, the public drainage, if it is not a contract even if it was a contract it is a signed letter. If you have concerns and again I am just going based on what you are saying, you have concerns about drainage I would make the concern known to the Engineer and the council. The best thing that you could do if you want something would be to contact and retain and get advice from an attorney if you want to. Doing this yourself probably you would be better served if you contacted an attorney for advice from this, if you want something enforced. I hope that answered your question. We only have limited information here, this just basically came up on the last five minutes. When the engineer speak to the council we will have a lot more insight into this. I basically understand what you are saying but this is the signed letter.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain, are you finished?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Jarrell, do you want to comment? I asked you before the meeting about this because Mr. Mhire had called before he came to the meeting. Do you want to comment on this? It is on the agenda later on for us to accept.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “This would be a private drainage easement. This should not be something that the parish should accept as an easement to take over because it is not a parish drainage. This was done privately.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was a gentleman’s agreement and it has come to light.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “At this point he does not intend to block the drainage to impede his drainage but we do intend possibly to reroute that drainage to make it more sufficient to make it better.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So they can all get along over there. You have Mr. Mott and Mr. Mhire involved.”

Mr. William Jarrell stated, “It is not something for the parish to accept as a drainage easement or anything.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any questions from any councilmembers on this matter? Whose district is it in? Is it in your district Mr. Taylor?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Yes. I see no objection with adding this because the ordinance will be recorded anyway. It will be part of the document, at least you will have something recorded that there is an agreement between you and Mr. Mott and Mr. Merrick, is that correct? It would seem to me that you would do some sort of servitude on this, it seems to me but I am not an attorney. If you are satisfied that the letter will cover your concerns I see no objection. We may not be able to adjudicate anything on it but at least it will be filed.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It will be stipulated in the subdivision which we will go ahead and approve tonight.”

Mr. Tom Mhire stated, “Actually that is what I am asking for.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “I was just curious do we have a Drainage District in that area?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “That is my district. Yes we have, Drainage District No. 14. I just need to make sure because I don’t have the map in front of me to see if that ditch is in that area.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “They may have not accepted that as a lateral or anything, probably not, on the gentleman’s agreement as they stipulated in the sub-commission. I am not an attorney and don’t claim to be an attorney but I am going by what Mr. Taylor is saying also. To be honest with you and be honest with Mr. Mhire. You have been there but Mr. Merricek who said that you might leave and Mr. Mhire might leave before.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Stipulating to something is actually agreeing to it and saying that it is part of the record. We are not going to enforce anything on there. I want to make sure that everyone knows that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Just put it as part of the record.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It can be part of the record but it cannot be enforced.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Can we do it like that Mr. Jarrell? Are you going to stipulate it on all of the lot sales? There are going to be some lots that are going to be sold there right? “

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They are not going to be required to. They are not required to by our ordinance. That is what I am saying, we are making an issue out of something that does not exist as far as our ordinance is concerned. Once we change our ordinance and we make those stipulations then we have to hold them. Every time somebody comes in our parish to do a subdivision we get off the ordinance. If we are going to make some changes in the ordinance we have to follow our auditors in place now, we cannot change it midstream, it is giving us a black eye in community. Nobody want to come to our parish to do a subdivision that is all that I am saying. We have to follow the ordinance and then change it if you all don’t like it but as of what we have in front of us right now this is not part of the ordinance and we can’t enforce it.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “That is correct. The fact of what we are seeing right here is that this is a civil agreement that was made between two or three entities, however many. You cannot take that civil arrangement and then start putting it in on your ordinances. Everything that we vote on from this point on, anybody making an agreement with themselves would be able to stand here and ask us to add their agreement to our ordinances. I don’t think that the civil arrangement can be added at this point. It is totally right that he keeps the paperwork for his civil arrangement and in case a problem comes up later where the ditch is blocked, not taken care of or whatever the situation may be that is when Mr. Garrett said you would seek your litigation at that point with an attorney. That is a civil matter.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. White is right on that. It is a civil agreement and we can’t enforce it, it is outside of the public arena. Mr. White got it right on that.”

Mr. Tom Mhire stated, “I understand that. I guess what I am requesting is that if you should you elect to approve this you just attach this letter as part of the record.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yet it cannot be stipulated. You will have it as a record.”

Mr. Tom Mhire stated, “It is not just in my hand but it is part of the record. Then if I have a problem I pursue a civil issue with whomever, I doubt if it is going to be Mr. Merrick but whoever, but it is a part of the record. That is my request. Thank you.”

Mr. Ken Simeral addressed the council. He stated, “Thank you guys. Ken Simeral, 318 Pirates Cover Road, Arnaudville, La. I won’t keep you all very long. In December we were here and the council requested in reference to Jessie B. Road Abandonment, the council ask for two questions to be answered by the attorney. The first of which was how many years does a road need to be un-maintained before it become abandon and reverted back to the original homeowners. There was a Committee Meeting and I did not hear the results of that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Duplechain, do you want to ‘horn’ in on this, please.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes, So in the case while the courts maintain that if the public have not used the road for over 10 years then it is abandon. As the courts maintain in the case law it is not whether not the local parish government has maintained and worked on the road in over 10 years it is whether or not the public has used the road in over 10 years. That is a question that if someone believes that this road has been abandon, the public have not used it in over 10 years and it is listed as a public road they would have to file their lawsuit and prove that in court. If they prove their case that the public have not used that road in over 10 years and the court could determine that it has been abandon. That is why roads are abandon by ordinances so that the public could know for sure what is a public road and what is a private road in this particular case, Jessie B. Road is listed as a Public Road in our list of roads. Have that road been abandon? Well according to the courts it is whether or not the public have gone over 10 years without using that road and that is burden of proof that an individual seeking to have that road declared abandon would have to make in court if they can prove their case in court. As it stands right now Jessie B. Road is listed as a Public Road.”

Mr. Ken Simeral stated, “There is a section of Jessie B. Road that is a Public Road. We agree with that, north of this particular property. The property that we are talking about has not been used in over 50 years which we indicated last month. The other question that I have which is the second question and I will get straight to it: If that road is determined to be not abandon then it also should show where it was dedicated by those landowners many years ago to the parish as part of the road system. We have no indication that that was ever done. So a road has to be dedicated in order to be abandon in the first place. We have not found any record nor any landowner along this section that ever remembers that road being used for over 50 years. At that time it was a farm road not a farm to market road, it was used by one particular landowner which were the Young’s that particular property has now been divided into several tracts. I indicated last month that those sales and those surveys show it all as an abandon road. Your answer was that it was the survey and my answer to that is that we have 4 to 5 closed properties referencing not referencing any of the properties as bounding Jessie B. Road. That is all that I have to say.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, do you have any comments on that road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is simple. It is a Parish Road. The people who are adjacent to the property or adjacent to the road if they would get it as an abandon road it would be only if they have no objections to it being a public road. As of right now we are treating it as a public road and we are doing what we need to do to make it right.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “And you all are working that road.”

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

Mr. Ken Simeral stated, “They have been working that road since the day after I left here. They are working there today cutting all of the trees down. What we would like to ask..... Mr. Bellard please, this is my 5 minutes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Ken, let me explain something to you. We are not going to argue here.”

Mr. Ken Simeral stated, “I don’t want to argue, I don’t want to argue.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If you want you can get an attorney to file suit against the Parish Council or the Parish Government.”

Mr. Ken Simeral stated, “I am not going to do that, I am not going to do that. That is the determination at this point of the council and he has answered the question. I am asking now for some sort of survey and whatever work that is going to be done because as of today the trees and the fencing along the back side of my property is now being removed, it is gone. So now I need to know where the parish have the right-of-way so that I can put the fences up so that I can put my animals back, this is 80 acres of land that we own. This is not just some little homestead, thank you all. I don’t have any other comments.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Just to clarify, we are not paying for no survey. If anybody who owns property in the Parish of St. Landry can have it surveyed by whoever they choose. Parish Government is not paying for a surveyor.”

Mr. Ken Simeral stated, “I had this property surveyed. I am sorry, I had this property surveyed and it shows it is an abandon road.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Simeral, would you please, before I ask that you be removed from here. Mr. Kyle, do you want to get up and speak? You have 5 minutes also.”

Mr. Kyle Simeral addressed the council. He stated, “I live at the property in question. Sorry my voice is going out. This has been an ongoing issue. When I moved there the road was overgrown with trees and you could not pass anything through there. I spoke with the local neighbors when I brought the place, before I brought the place. Today I reached out to a man named Dejean, Lotis Dejean. Mr. David Dejean’s son, Mr. David is dead. I asked him about the road in question and he said that is my property. I said excuse me, he said that is my property, I thought you were over there working on your fence. I said no sir you need to go drive and take a look, the parish opened up. He said well that is news to me. He said because when my father was alive that was not a road. He said when I was in high school, since I was in high school, now this man is 53 years old, he told me verbatim, nobody has gone down that road since I was in high school that was not family or owned property on said road. Now, that being an issue the Dejean man had been contacted by other landowners in the area and giving them permission to use that to access their field, not a public use, only personnel and private. That was an agreement between a dead gentleman and the landowners in the area which most of now are elderly. One being Gerfie whom I brought 4 acres from and the other being Mr. Brian Duhon which I purchased 6 acres from and the other one is Mr. Fall who leases the land to a Lejeune and Ms. Shirley Olivier who also leases land to a Lejeune. They are the only people that are cattle farmers that would even try and use that and it was only accessible by tractor or off road vehicle. You can clearly see it on all of the maps and paperwork.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Are there any questions for Mr. Kyle? Mr. Kyle, do you and your father live on the same property?”

Mr. Kyle Simeral stated, “No sir, he lives in Arnaudville, I live on the property and I am there every day. The other thing we were under the impression was that you all were going to have a special meeting and give us some answers, we figured that work would stop. If anybody had a problem with anything you would Cease and Desist on what you are working on.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, you want to re-address this thing at a committee meeting in February?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Sir. I am comfortable with what we are doing right now. Like our attorney said if they have somebody go file something in court and the court says that it is abandon then good, that is less for us to see about. As of right now it is a parish road, we are required to take care of it whether or not we want to. So it is there and that is what we are doing.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you. Are there any questions from any councilmembers? Thank you Mr. Simeral.”

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 20th, 2023** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

- a. Authorize the Preliminary and Final Approval of a 2.807 Acre Tract Subdivision being partitioned as lots 1-7 located on Ryan Road, Port Barre, LA.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It passed through the Committee for approval so we are just asking the council’s approval.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Preliminary and Final Approval of a 2.807 Acre Tract Subdivision being partitioned as lots 1-7 located on Ryan Road, Port Barre, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

b. Authorize the Preliminary Approval showing a Subdivision of a 40.937 Acre Tract of land being partitioned as lots 1 – 42 off La Hwy 182 located on Kennerson Road, Opelousas, La.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Preliminary and Approval showing a Subdivision of a 40.937 Acre Tract of land being partitioned as lots 1-42 off La Hwy 182 located on Kennerson Road, Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This is the one that Mr. Mire was here with Mr. Merrick. The letter that they have in agreement will follow with this. It is a Civil Matter but the letter will be attached to it. Are there any objections?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That was not part of the motion.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That was not part of the motion, okay. It has passed. Item C.”

c. Update on Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for first Responders on Ballot.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, I think that you brought that up at the last meeting.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You all should have that in your packet for review. Our Tax Assessor is asking us to either say ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ to it. The difficult position that it puts the Tax Assessor in is to define what is a First Responder and the definition is so broad, pretty much anybody can be a First Responder and cut their taxes, I am not against it, I come from First Responders but the problem is that every year is has to be done. It is a big process and the people in our parish voted against it, that is how the ballot came out. I am recommending that we do not do it and leave it as is.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do we need a motion to that effect?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, Sir.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Opt out of the Ad Valorem Tax Break for First Responders.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

d. The Port of Krotz Springs Appointing Authorities

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was in your packet. Do we need a motion to that to make it as an Ordinance for a later date?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not sure. Mr. Stelly just brought it to my attention. That is why I brought it to you all attention, the law changed regarding how the Port Authority Appointments are done. They have a 4 year term on them now whereas before there were really no term. He just brought it to my attention so I brought it to you all. I think Mr. Garrett Duplechain should have more information.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “For the Parish Council the pertinent part of this statue, State Statue would be A1E. If I could draw your attention to ‘E’ on this Statue 34:1451E. It says 3 Commissioners who shall be residents of St. Landry Parish appointed by the St. Landry Parish Police Jury, which means the St. Landry Parish Council, one of whom shall be a minority race. ‘E’ would be part that the council would play in the appointment of 3 of the 11 Commissioners.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any questions in reference to the ‘E’ section of the Revised Statue? At this time we appoint 3 members.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Three members, perhaps advertisement is sent out asking for 3 members or however it is usually done.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The 3 members that we have in place right now do you have a list of them Ms. Sherell?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Yes I have provided it to everyone. It is highlighted in yellow.”

Councilman Harold Taylor, “Mr. Chairman, could we just suspend this until our next meeting. We can bring it back to the Committee meeting.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any objections? We do not need a motion to that, we will bring it up at the next Administrative Finance Committee Meeting held in February 2024.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Before we go to the next one about Demolition I just have a statement to make in reference to Opelousas General. Right now they are on Supplemental Power, they are actually pumping water into the system. The pressure got low so today at noon they started pumping into the system with portable water that we have been providing. I want to thank the chief for allowing us to use trucks and pumps and everything that we have been doing to keep O.G.H. up and running. We did well until noon then the pressure was lost so they had to start pumping. That is what is happening right now and I think that we are going to come around this by tomorrow but I just wanted to give you all an update on that. Anything dealing with the demolition Ms. Fontenot will discuss.”

- e. **Demolition of Property-Owner: BADERIA INVESTMENTS, LLC located at 3512 Hwy 182 Opelousas, La 70570. Description (1 Lot (.5388 AC) N.E. DIMMICK S. Hwy 178, W. Hwy 182 IN Sec 174 T-7S R-4E 1161093).**

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is known at Kappy’s Korner Ms. Fontenot.

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “Yes it is.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I want to thank you for following up on it. It is an eye sore for the people in St. Landry Parish. Would you please give us your findings?”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “Public Works did go out and clean the debris and I did go back out. We have not had any more contact and I attempted to contact to contact them again. Our initial notice went out to them since October. What we are asking at this time is for approval from the council so we can go out and get a demolition and give notice to them appear if they would like to appear for a hearing so we can move forward on demolition of the property.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So you are asking for a motion from this council to start the demolition?”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “Yes.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Demolition of Property-Owner: BADERIA INVESTMENTS, LLC located at 3512 Hwy 182 Opelousas, La 70570. Description (1 Lot (.5388 AC) N.E. DIMMICK S. Hwy 178, W. Hwy 182 IN Sec 174 T-7S R-4E 1161093).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Jody White. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

- f. **Demolition of Property-Owner: TYLER PETER located at 123 PARK STREET, OPELOUSAS, La 70570. Description: (1 LOT 9 (50 X 150) DONATO SUB DIV 551025914562 (Y-39-216) 953615 (R-41-74).**

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “This is property that is belonging to Mr. Peter Tyler. He is deceased. His brother Johnny Toussiant lives at Natchez Blvd did receive information. He has been caring for the property since the death of his brother. He did come to the office a couple of times stating he was going to clean the property. They have an old Mobile Home on the backside of the property and they have an open sewer. They have a hole in the back property of the house and it is deteriorating every day. People are going in and out bursting the windows. The Parish Government is asking for a Demolition Order from the Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Demolition of Property-Owner: TYLER PETER located at 123 PARK STREET, OPELOUSAS, La 70570. Description: (1 LOT 9 (50 X 150) DONATO SUB DIV 551025914562 (Y-39-216) 953615 (R-41-74).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “I have one more that we would like to add. Ms. Betty Joyce Randall, you will see it in your packet. The property is located at 237 Smittys Road. You will see an attachment in your packet that I have provided to you all with the Assessment from the Assessor’s Office and the description and photographs of each property. You can see the condition of the property. This property is the legal description. It is 1 lot 6 (4 AC) N & W Arceneaux S. Harris E Gravel Road Fronting 206.2 on Gravel Road in Section 25 T-7S R-3E. (MH 1975 CODO (14 x 50) Vin-C6630417) 996908.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize to Demolition the Property-Owner: Ms. Betty Joyce Randall located at 1 lot 6 (4 AC) N & W Arceneaux S. Harris E Gravel Road Fronting 206.2 on Gravel Road in Section 25 T-7S R-3E. (MH 1975 CODO (14 x 50) Vin-C6630417) 996908.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “I have one other item. In your packet I did include another list of sales for properties. Parish Government is initially requesting a special ordinance needed to initiates the sale for our next sale for April 4, 2024. They have a list with Parcel Numbers, Physical Addresses, Legal Description and the Present Property Owner. All of these are adjudicated properties that the parish would like to move forward to initiate a sale. We need a special Ordinance for that to begin that process.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have any councilmember that want to volunteer to go ahead and sponsor this ordinance that Ms. Fontenot is asking.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I will sponsor it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, do you have anything else? Do I have a motion to accept the Parish President’s Report?”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the Parish President’s Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Authorize the approval of the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Ryan Lagrange.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to authorize the approval of the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Rayan Lagrange.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

2. Authorize the approval of the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and John Angelle.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the approval of the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and John Angelle.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

3. Vote to appoint Tony Effingger, Roderick Sias and Harold Forman to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to appoint Tony Effingger, Roderick Sias and Harold Forman to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

4. Authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If I am in order, Mr. Duplechain, this is to re-advertise and the gentleman came here to night. He was not fully registered to vote and we did not have the verification from Mr. Stelly. Do we need to re-open if this gentleman have ask?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Since there is one slot left to fill I would go ahead and re-advertise. We know that we will get at least one response to it. By then he will be registered to vote in St. Landry Parish.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the Council Clerk to re-advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

5. Vote to appoint Claude J. Guidry for one appointment to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five-year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to appoint Claude J. Guidry for one appointment to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five-year term. (01-18-2024 – 01-18-2029).

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

6. Authorize the Council Clerk to attend the Police Jury Association Conference in Lake Charles, La.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to attend the Police Jury Association Conference in Lake Charles, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Harold Taylor. **ABSENT:** Alvin Stelly **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

7. Vote to appoint Ronald Milburn, Greg Lafleur, Willie Pickens Jr. and Dominic Vidrine to Fire District No. 3 for a four year term. (01-01-2024 – 01-01-2028).

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We had five applicants. Mr. Ryan Chachere turned in a letter today which we have a copy of it. He did not want to be re-appointed to this board. So I need a motion to appoint the 4 applicants.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Ronald Milburn, Greg LaFleur, Willie Pickens Jr. and Dominic Vidrine to Fire District No. 3 for a four year term. (01-01-2024 – 01-01-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

8. Vote to appoint Charley Andrepont and John Brown for two appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2026).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Charley Andrepont and John Brown for two appointment to Fire District No. 6 for a two-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2026).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

9. Vote to appoint Dwayne Kennerson, Damian Herpin, Bryant Fuselier, Donald Dejean and George Lanclos for five appointments to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for a four-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2028).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to vote to appoint Dwayne Kennerson, Damian Herpin, Bryant Fuselier, Donald Dejean and George Lanclos for five appointments to Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 for a four-year term. (02-17-2024 – 02-17-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

10. Vote to appoint Eva Noel for one appointment to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for the remainder of a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Eva Noel for one appointment to the St. Landry Gravity Drainage District No. 14 for the remainder of a four-year term. (06-21-2021 – 06-21-2025).

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTAL
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-017
(Sponsored by Councilman Harold Taylor)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-017 TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS IN THE PARISH TO CREATE THE ST. LANDRY PARISH ENERGY DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003
(Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-186, WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VIII – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, IN CHAPTER 40 – SUBDIVISIONS, IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE DEVELOPERS TO PLACE A NOTIFICATION SIGN AT THE LOCATION OF THE NEW SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT A NEW SUBDIVISION IS BEING PLANNED AND DEVELOPED

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-004
(Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-005, AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE NOTIFICATION SIGNS AT THE LOCATION OF NEW SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE BEING PLANNED AND DEVELOPED TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-005
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-006
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)**

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.

XI. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-038.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Henderson Drive in Arnaudville, LA can be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes.

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 Henderson Drive in Arnaudville, 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
Country Ridge	6
Darjean Road	7
Dresser Loop;	8
Federal Road (Council District No. 1)	9
Fisher Road (Parish Road 4-110)	10
Fort Hamilton Drive (Parish Road 1-319)	11
Frank Road	12
Frilot Cove Road	13
Gordon Street (Parish Road 6-45)	14
Government Road (Council District No. 3)	15
Greg Drive	16
Harmon Lane in Opelousas	17
Henderson Drive	18
Hidalgo Road (Council District No. 3)	19
Highway 1244	20
Iseringhausen Road	21
Jacob Road (Parish Road 6-345)	22
Jeff Thibodeaux (Parish Road 6-345)	23
Judson Walsh	24
Lawyer Road	25
Littell Street (Parish Road 6-40)	26
McClelland Road (Parish Road 6-35)	27
National Road (Council District No. 3)	28
North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104	29
Oscar Rivette Road	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

- **A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-044.**
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-044
(Sponsored By: Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

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

WHEREAS, LA R. S. 40:1730.28 mandates that Parish Governments adopt the latest editions of nationally recognized codes and standards in the State Uniform Construction Code, and adopt them by reference;

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council shall adopt by Ordinance the latest edition of the State Uniform Construction Code;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 10-4, Adoption of State Uniform Construction Code, in Chapter 10, Buildings and Housing, of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 10-4. - Adoption of state uniform construction code.

In accordance with the requirements set forth in R.S. 40:1730.28, the following technical codes are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein as fully set out as the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code for the administration and enforcement of any construction which occurs, or which is to occur, in St. Landry Parish, with the exceptions and amendments that are described in the most recently amended and compiled publication of L. A. C. 55:VI:301 (Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code) by the state department of public safety:

- (1) International Building Code (IBC), 2021 Edition, not including Parts I- Administrative, Chapter 11 Accessibility, and chapter 27- Electrical. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state. The appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices shall be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption.
- (2) International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2021 Edition, not including Parts I- Administrative, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state. The appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices shall be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption.
- (3) (a) International Residential Code, 2021 Edition, not including Part I-Administration and VIII-Electrical. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state. The enforcement of such standards shall be mandatory only with respect to new construction, reconstruction, additions to homes previously built to the International Residential Code, and extensive alterations. The appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices shall be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption.
- (4) International Mechanical Code, 2021 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state. The appendices of the code provided in this Paragraph may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices must be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption.

- (5) The International Plumbing Code, 2021 Edition. The appendices of that code may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices shall be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption.
- (6) International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state. The appendices of the code provided in this Paragraph may be adopted as needed, but the specific appendix or appendices must be referenced by name or letter designation at the time of adoption.
- (7) International Energy Conservation Code, 2021 Edition, and all optional compliance paths contained therein, and the standards referenced in that code.
- (8) National Electric Code, 2021 Edition.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-045.**
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-045
(Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)

ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT PARTICIPATION

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

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was formed to promote drainage and flood-risk reduction within the boundaries of the district; to promote and support a unified effort to address drainage and flood issues in the region in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District has the responsibility to identify local public sources of revenue for project funding, watershed programming, and local match requirements for the provision of drainage and flood risk reduction projects;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was established to cooperate with local, state, and federal entities engaged in planning and construction of drainage and flood reduction and mitigation projects in the state and region; and to cooperate with local and state entities engaged in establishing best practice development standards for flood-risk reduction and mitigation in the region;

WHEREAS, the foregoing coordination embraces outreach with local communities to build support for regional watershed management approaches, located within and outside of the district, that can more effectively address mounting water risks within the district boundaries;

WHEREAS, coordination among St. Landry Parish and its district partners within the Acadiana Watershed District are critical to reducing flood risks and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of St. Landry Parish;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission is hereby designated as the public fiscal agent and administering entity for the Acadiana Watershed District and whose office shall serve as the domicile for the same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acadiana Watershed District will enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Acadiana Planning Commission for the purpose of St. Landry Parish becoming a full participant and member of the Acadiana Watershed District

and designating the Acadiana Planning Commission as the administrator for the Acadiana Watershed District.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-046.**
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-046
(Sponsored By: Chairman Wayne Ardoin)

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 28-16 in Chapter 28 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 28-16. - Loud, unnecessary, etc., noises.

(a) *Unnecessary noise prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person or legal entity to make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others, within the parish. Whoever violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or subject to imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

(b) *Non-exclusive enumeration of unnecessary noise.* The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noise and noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive, namely:

(1) *Horns or signal devices.* The sounding of any horn or signal device, except when said horn or signal device, at the time used, has as its purpose the signaling of unsafe or dangerous situations or to summon the assistance of law enforcement or when used in conjunction with a permitted event.

(2) *Radios, televisions, etc.* Radio, television, phonograph or any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity.

(3) *Yelling, shouting, etc.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling or singing, particularly between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any hospital, dwelling, hotel or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity.

(4) *Animals, birds, etc.* The keeping of any animal, including, but not limited to, dogs, birds or fowl, which by causing frequent or long-continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity.

(5) *Defect in vehicle or load.* The use of any automobile, motorcycle, or other vehicle so out of repair, or loaded or modified in such a manner as to create loud unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.

(6) *Amplification from a motor vehicle.* The operation or permitted operation of any sound amplification system which emanates unreasonably loud or excessive sound or noise which is likely to cause inconvenience or annoyance to persons of ordinary sensibilities, when both the following exist:

a. The sound amplification system is located in or on any motor vehicle on a public street, highway, or public park.

b. The sound or noise emanating from the sound amplification system is audible at a distance of greater than 25 feet which exceeds 85 decibels.

c. The sound amplification system is being operated without first having obtained a permit to do so.

(7) *amplifying devices*. The use by any person or legal entity conducting any public place or business to operate therein or in connection therewith any radios, loudspeakers, amplifying devices or any other such things of similar nature when the sound or noise emanating from the sound amplifying device exceeds 85 decibels at a distance of greater than 50 feet from the building emitting the sound or noise. This standard for determining excessive noise from amplifying devices is in effect twenty-four hours a day, but particularly after the hour of 11:00 p.m. and before the hour of 8:00 a.m.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt Resolution No. 001-2024.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2024
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Local Government Assistance Program

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Landry Parish Council of St. Landry Parish Government that Parish President Jessie Bellard is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded;

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

- A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Resolution No. 002-2024.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2024

WHEREAS, Highway 178 and Highway 182 are State Highways in St. Landry Parish.

WHEREAS, State Highway 178 is in dire need of repair starting from its intersection with State Highway 182 in the area of the Town of Sunset, and running East and West from its intersection with State Highway 182.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that all legislators in the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, whose districts include St. Landry Parish, are hereby requested to secure assistance from the State of Louisiana for repairing State Highway 178, starting from its intersection with State Highway 182 in the area of the Town of Sunset, and running East and West from its intersection with State Highway 182.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **January 3rd, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

XIV. ADJOURN:

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17th, day of January, 2024.

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