

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 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 21st, day of February, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

I. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time I will ask for a motion to amend the agenda. We have a typo. The Condolences should be as item No. 4, she has it as item No. 5. The presentation to Mr. Gabriel Fuselier, I want it moved to Item No. 5 instead of the condolences at item No. 5.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edward to move Item No. 4 on the agenda, Presentation to Gabriel Fuselier for his services to the Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 to Item No. 5 on the agenda and move Item No. 5 on the agenda, Condolences to read as Item No. 4.

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

II. Councilwoman Nancy Carriere led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Before we begin I want to make sure that everyone’s phone is on silent. I will ask every councilmember to please speak into your mic, we are all guilty of it. Please try to make it a priority that we speak into our microphones.”

III. ROLL CALL: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSENT:** None.

IV. CONDOLENCES

Councilman Jody White: Olan Joseph Bienvenue

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Wendell Patrick Mason Sr., Deborah Ann Reed.

Councilman Faltery Jolivette: Wendell Patrick Mason Sr., Deborah Ann Reed.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: McKinley Babineaux Sr., Roy Lewis Jr., Josephine Irving, Michael Edwards, Jenitta Robert, Mercedes Richard Frank Guillory, Pastor Madelyn McCord, John Philip Olivier, Dr. Jack Douglas Ortego Sr., Brian Mark Olivier, Brandon A. Richard Sr., Deaconess Shelia Marie LeBlanc Dixon, Leonard Herman Tanner, Wendell Patrick Mason Sr., Tracy Ann Morris, Walter Milburn Jr., Willie Joseph Stoute Jr., David Minix, Louis Fontenot Sr.

Councilman Ken Marks: Craig Leger, Katie Barlett, Marie Hutchins, Edward Barron, Virginia Badeaux, Patti Nguyen, James Leblanc Jr., Polly Pickney, Dwayne Gilbert, Jewel Dawsey Kennison, David LeJeune, Paula Jester.

Councilman Alvin Stelly: Kevin L. Richard

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier: Marcel J. Babineaux, Dr. Jack Douglas Ortego Sr.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin: Polly Ann Randall Pickney, Agnes Richard Castille, Ruth M. Zerangue, Dorothy Frills, Edward Barron, Lieutenant Amanda Fournier, David Lejeune, Dr. Jack Douglas Ortego Sr.,

Councilman Dexter Brown: Olan Joseph Bienvenue, Deaconess Shelia Marie LeBlanc Dixon, Michael Edwards, Polly Ann Randall Pickney.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: James Ray Mouton, Junior Ceasar, Robert James ‘Bobby’ Matte, Eleanora Mary LaFleur, Lou Ana Francois Fontenot, Verline Dupuis Chapman, Michael Allen Pierce, Frederick ‘James’ Carrier, Shirley Mae Richard Miller, Melva Marie Cart, Beatrice ‘Bezzie’ Sattler, Susan Bergeron, Phillip Gobert, Reunold Patrick Vidrine

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

V. Presentation to Gabriel Fuselier for his service to the Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will ask that Ms. Nancy Carriere, Mr. Jessie Bellard and Mr. Gabriel Fuselier and Mayor Julius Alsandor, before I forget him, please come up to the front and give Mr. Fuselier his presentation here.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The St. Landry Parish Government the Parish Council would like to thank you for your services at Prairie Bass Gravity Drainage District No. 15 from February 5, 1992 to February 1, 2024. Congratulations and thank you for your services.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere thanked Mr. Gabriel Fuselier for his services.

Mayor Julius Alsandor thanked Mr. Gabriel Fuselier for his services.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you for your services with the drainage board and thank you for your services with the school system. I remember I meet you October 2nd, 1992 at Opelousas Junior High School. That is the day I started. It has always been a pleasure knowing you.

VI. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

There was no one to address the council

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 17th, 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In your packet you should have the lease and operating agreement between the Parish and Shannon Elliott for Lot B-12 at the airport. It is a Land Lease.”

a. Lease and Operating Agreement between St. Landry Parish at the St. Landry parish Airport and Lessor Shannon Elliott for Lot B-12.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve the Lease and Operating Agreement between the St. Landry Parish Airport and Lessor Shannon Elliott for Lot B-12.

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next item you should have in your packet. I am not sure if Mr. Garrett had the chance to get with you all. I know we had put it in the packet. The project at the Trustee Dorm right here on Bellevue Street, we own the property. The back side of that property we will need like another foot to put a fence up. Other than that we would have had to drill through some concrete and a bunch of other stuff. We have the owner of the

property in the back here, Mr. George Severson. Garrett has some information to swap out some property so we could put the fence up and he can have another piece of property right next to it to even up the score. Garrett has the legal part of it.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “There is an Act of Exchange Conveyance that I have passed out to each councilmember. It is an Act of Exchange conveyance where the neighboring property which is the office of Attorney George Severson who is here this evening, will exchange with the parish a few feet, a certain parcel. So Parish Government and Mr. Severson will each exchange a parcel of ground. I have read the Exchange Conveyance, it looks good, it looks complete and I have gone over it with Mr. Severson. The transaction, I believe is ready to be completed.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to authorize the Act of Exchange between the St. Landry Parish Government and Attorney George Severson for the completion of the building of a fence necessary for the business of St. Landry Parish Government to avoid any setback, litigation or complications resulting from building the fence over the boundary line to foster goodwill between neighbors.

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There are properties to be awarded on the highest bidder. We opened bids on Monday night for some adjudicated property. There were 10 pieces of property, you should have a copy in front of you, to award the property to the highest bidder. We had two situations where we had tie bids with different names but it come out to be Husband and Wife that did not know the husband had put the bid in. It is all under the husband’s name. It is all in here. The exact same amount of money up to the penny. It was an error on their part but everything was straighten out.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So you had a total sale of \$19,633.75.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is correct, yes sir. Ten pieces of property.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Does anyone have a questions? Do you need a motion for that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the sale of the 10 pieces of adjudicated properties to the highest bidder.

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

Adjudicated Property Sale

Parcel No.	Address	Owner	Amount
8103445100	Narrow St.	Kenyon Paul	\$ 601.00
8102202000	806 Melancon St.	Kenyon Paul	\$ 510.00
8129116188	1120 Pandora St	Jeremiah Bolt	\$ 2,500.00
8401936014	U.S. Hwy 71	Jamarcus Johnson	\$ 3,000.10
0105142000	Napoleon St.	Tammy Sam	\$ 2,500.00
0300129500	701 Mills St.	Jamarcus Johnson	\$ 6,000.50
0200904815AN	Vautrot Road	Jamarcus Johnson	\$ 2,000.15
8101053500	318 Westwego St.	Xavier Boxie	\$ 510.00
0400023700	843 Burton St.	James Romar	\$ 500.00
8104372510I	Laurie Street	Oneil Guidry Jr.	\$ 1,512.00
Total			\$19,633.75

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are trying to take care of some Adjudicated property every Friday. This is some property that have been condemned or giving trouble to the Municipality or to the Sheriff’s Office as it relates to drug activity. The last 3 weeks we have been tearing them down in a day. Friday we will be in Eunice on Gaspard Street. This past

week we were in Krotz Springs on Seventh Avenue then we were on Blanchard Street in Opelousas and Raymond Street last week. We take them down in a day. The crew and myself, we go out and take them down and save us some money. At the same time we clean up the area. If you all have a piece of property that is adjudicated that you all know of in your district that needs to come down and we are not aware of please let us know so we can go and take care of that. That is all that I have.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is it any way possible when you are doing those properties we can know about it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, we have been notifying the councilperson in that district. We can send out a text message to all of the councilmembers the day before.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I did not know about Planters Street. I was just wondering.”

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Vote to appoint Stephen Daste to the St. Landry Parish Planning Commission Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Stephen Daste 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

2. Vote to authorize the process to go forward with the process to remove dilapidated buildings and clean up the property located at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas, LA 70570.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the approval to go forward with the process to remove dilapidated buildings and clean up the property located at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas, LA 70570.

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

3. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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 Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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: 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

4. Vote to approve the Final Subdivision Plat approval for Gardner Farms Estates Phase III Lots 26-42 located on Chris Road.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve the Final Subdivision Plat Approval for Gardner Farms Estates Phase III, Lots 26-42 Located on Chris Road.

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

5. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for two-year term. (04-20-2024 – 04-20-2026).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the 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, 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

6. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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 Ken Marks to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise 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, 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-02-2024 - 04-02-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-02-2024 – 04-02-2029).

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

8. Authorize the Parish President Jessie Bellard to present the council with updates on the repairs to the Daronne Bay Bridge and the Courtableau Bay Bridge.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, do you want to comment on that tonight or do you want to bring that up at the committee report.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We can do it at the committee but we already updated what we could. It has been pushed up on the priority list on the Off System Bridge Replacement Program. That is the first one that is getting replaced. As soon as they start that is the one that they will start with. That is not to say that the one by Solid Waste is not being worked on, that is a different pot of money. The state appropriated us \$8,500,000.00 through the ARA Fund that the state receives. The bridge by Solid Waste will be redone or put a new bridge next to it. That is two separate projects at separate times.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Does the Landfill Bridge come under the ARA Money?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is under the ARA money, correct. Not on the Off System Bridge.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “There are three bridges by chance under the Off System Bridge. I think that we do three per year, is that correct?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We submit more but we only get a couple, yes. We submit a lot more than that but of course we don’t ever get them.”

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

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.

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.

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.

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

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

Ordinance Pulled

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

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "This ordinance was introduced in 2023. We have made some revisions to it and it has been incorporated into an ordinance that we will be having a hearing on at next month's meeting. We are pulling this ordinance."

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

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

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

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

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

Ordinance Pulled

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

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "That will also be in that new mobile home Park Ordinance."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "That is correct. If you will pull it, it will be revised in the new ordinance next month."

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 10–6 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 10-6. - Permit required; affidavit; exemption; failure to acquire permit.

- (a) All persons building or locating a residence, commercial building, mobile home, movable dwelling, or structure of any kind upon a lot in the territory outside the municipalities of the parish shall apply at 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 permit by all persons building or locating a residence, commercial building, mobile home, 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 of 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:

EXPAND

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) Commercial permit fee schedule for new/renovation/addition/demolition or structure of any kind:

EXPAND

Value of Structure	Schedule of Fees
\$0.00 to \$50,000.00	\$250.00
\$50,001.00 to \$100,000.00	500.00
\$100,001.00 to \$150,000.00	750.00
\$150,001.00 to \$200,000.00	1,000.00
\$200,001.00 to \$250,000.00	1,250.00
\$250,001.00 to \$300,000.00	1,500.00
\$300,001.00 to \$350,000.00	1,750.00
\$350,001.00 to \$400,000.00	2,000.00
\$400,001.00 to \$450,000.00	2,250.00
\$450,001.00 to \$500,000.00	2,500.00
\$500,001.00 to \$550,000.00	2,750.00

Value of Structure	Schedule of Fees
\$550,001.00 to \$600,000.00	3,000.00

Add \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 above \$600,000.00

***Greater than or equal to \$600,000.00 plus \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of project cost.

Example:

\$1,000,000.00 project cost permit cost would be \$3,000.00, plus $\$400,000.00/1000 = 400 \times \$1.00 = \$400.00$ plus \$3,000.00 permit cost

(3) Parish Government Administrative Fee, herein after 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. PGAF shall be deducted from the parish governments approved plan review and inspection fee schedule herein after referred to as "PRIF". The PGAF shall be immediately deducted from PRIF paid by 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 PRAF shall be non-refundable.

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

a. New residential construction:

EXPAND

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:

EXPAND

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

c. Residential renovations or additions:

EXPAND

Building Square Footage	PRIF	PGAF
0 to 500	\$500.00	8%

Building Square Footage	PRIF	PGAF
501 to 1,000	550.00	8%
1,001 to 2,000	1,150.00	8%
2,001 to 4,000	1,350.00	8%
4,001 and above	1,550.00	8%

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

EXPAND

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

e. Miscellaneous inspections construction fee:

EXPAND

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

(e) The permit will be issued by St. Landry 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. All mobile homes or movable dwellings must be anchored to tie downs and must have skirting around it for St. Landry Parish Government to approve final electrical power to the mobile home or movable dwelling.

(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) 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.

(k) 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 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.

(l) 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, shed, greenhouses, and poultry houses.

(m) 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.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-002.**
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 21st, day of February, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002
(Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)

- **Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Since some of the councilmembers did not make the previous hearing this ordinance is the same as the Solar Farm ordinance that we passed two years ago. The only difference is that we added the section expanding the authority to make decisions with Mr. Bellard the Chairman and the Council Clerk. The second part is the negotiators. The Bellard wanted some help on this so the chairman and two councilmembers selected by the chairman will serve on the committee along with the Tax Assessor. That is basically the changes in the ordinance except for the name. It includes Wind Energy and any generated energy.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is also creating the Energy District which is comprised of the councilmembers like we had the road program.”

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 32-51, 32-52, 32-53, 32-54, 32-55, 32-56, 32-57, 32-58, 32-59, 32-60, AND 32-61, AND TO ADD SECTIONS 32-62, 32-63, 32-64, 32-65, 32-66, AND 32-67, IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS IN ST. LANDRY PARISH TO CREATE THE ST. LANDRY PARISH ENERGY DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the Governing Authority of the Parish of St. Landry (the "Parish"), State of Louisiana, is a home rule charter government and a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the “State”) pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the Louisiana Constitution (1974); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority adopted Ordinance No. 2022-017 (the “Solar Farm Ordinance”) on December 21, 2022, establishing regulations and permit requirements for solar farms located in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Solar Farm Ordinance presently governs the regulations and permit requirements for solar farms in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority seeks to develop a strategic and unified approach to address the vendors and developers seeking to establish energy generation systems, including but not limited to solar energy, within the boundaries of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive and coordinated effort through the establishment of a special energy district will ensure the best opportunity for the Parish to facilitate and oversee the development of new energy generation technologies that will be in the best interest of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority desires to establish a special energy district within all of the territory within the boundaries of the Parish to most effectively achieve these goals; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 1-02 and 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter (the “Home Rule Charter”), the Governing Authority 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, the Governing Authority desires to create a special district with the authority to negotiate, procure, and oversee any type of renewable energy project or energy-producing system within the Parish to be designated the “St. Landry Parish Energy District” (the “District”) for the purpose of promoting renewable energy projects within the boundaries of the Parish, carrying out the provisions of the previously adopted Solar Farm Ordinance, and as amended (the “Amended Ordinance”), providing and encouraging a cohesive development of, supporting, and regulating renewable energy projects in the Parish; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish; that CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 32-51, 32-52, 32-53, 32-54, 32-55, 32-56, 32-57, 32-58, 32-59, 32-60, AND 32-61 IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES shall be amended and supplemented to delete any and all references to “Solar Farm(s)” and replace and insert “Energy Generation System” in place thereof, and shall now read as follows:

ARTICLE III. – ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS

Sec. 32-51. – Purpose; CREATION OF ENERGY DISTRICT

- a. The purpose of this article is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating Energy Generation System Projects located within St. Landry Parish.
- b. Under the authority of the Home Rule Charter there is hereby created a special energy district within St. Landry Parish, to be named the “St. Landry Parish Energy District” (the “District”), having geographical boundaries conterminous with that of St. Landry Parish, less and except the incorporated areas therein. The District shall have the authority and jurisdiction to oversee all proposals, approvals, and establishment of any Energy Generation Systems within St. Landry Parish, including but not limited to solar farms, wind, and any other renewable energy source or project, and shall have the authority to promote, negotiate, enter into, or amend contracts or obligations for renewable energy projects for the benefit of St. Landry Parish,

and to consider and oversee all other matters in connection therewith. The District shall have the authority to approve, negotiate, modify, and renew tax abatement and payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) obligations or agreements. The District's governing authority shall be the St. Landry Parish Council (the "Governing Authority").

Sec. 32-52. - Definitions.

For the purposes of this article the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Solar energy:** Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar collector.
- b. **Solar energy systems:** A device or structural design feature intended to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling, electricity generation, or water heating.
- c. **Solar farm:** The use of land where a series of solar collectors and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area on a parcel of land for the purpose of generating photovoltaic power. A Solar Farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more solar collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.
- d. **Energy Generation System:** Any use of land, development device, structural design, collection system, or project for the purpose of energy generation within the Parish, including but not limited to projects involving solar, wind, and any other renewable energy source, system, or project.

Sec. 32-53. - Permits and fees.

- (a) Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of an Energy Generation System, a permit must be obtained by the developer from St. Landry Parish Government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan therefore has been approved as provided for in this section.
- (b) The developer shall submit an Energy Generation System Permit Application along with the plans for the proposed project. Each Permit Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, a drainage study, an environmental study, and a traffic plan.
- (c) The Parish Engineer shall review the Permit Application and site plan.
- (d) If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the plan and project, the developer shall be given sixty days to correct the problems cited by the Parish Engineer for rejection of the plan and project, and then the developer may resubmit the Permit Application to the Parish Engineer for approval. If the Parish Engineer approves of the plan and project, the developer shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted before obtaining Energy Generation System permit. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal before the public meeting.
- (e) After the community meeting, the Permit Application and site plan shall be presented to the St. Landry Parish Council at a council meeting to approve or deny the permit.
- (f) If a permit is granted hereunder, the developer of the Energy Generation System shall pay a fee of \$1,000.00 to the St. Landry Parish government for any project consisting of 500 acres or less, and for a project consisting of more than 500 acres, the fee shall be \$1,000.00 plus an additional \$1.00 for each acre in excess of 500 acres. The applicable permit fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, including buffer zones and access roads.
- (g) A permit issued under this Ordinance may be transferred or assigned, with the assignee being obligated to all requirements of the permit and this Chapter. However, written notice of such transfer or assignment shall be made to the St. Landry Parish Government, and the identity of the new permittee shall be noted in the parish records.
- (h) The issuance of a permit under this article shall serve as the agreement and acknowledgment by the permittee, and its successors and assigns, as well as the property owners, that the St. Landry Parish government shall have standing to enforce any and all provisions and obligations of this article.
- (i) A permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance if construction has not yet commenced on the Energy Generation System.

Sec. 32-54. - Single or multiple tracts.

- (a) An Energy Generation System may be operated on a single contiguous tract or multiple contiguous tracts, either with ownership by the developer/applicant, under one or more leases in which the developer/applicant is a lessee, or any combination thereof.
- (b) Any permit issued for an Energy Generation System which relies upon one lease agreement shall become null and void upon the termination of said lease agreement, unless the lease agreement is terminated because the developer/applicant has conveyed ownership of the property previously subject to the lease. In the case of a permit issued for an Energy Generation system that relies on more than one lease agreement, if one of the lease agreements is terminated the permit shall become null and void only to the part of the project that is affected by the lease termination by being on the land subject to the lease that was terminated.

Sec. 32-55. - Traffic plan.

- (a) The plan for a proposed Energy Generation System shall include a traffic plan for the movement of vehicles that will use parish roads during the construction, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Energy Generation System.

(b) The plan shall provide for the remediation of any damages occasioned to parish roads during the construction or erection, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Energy Generation System.

Sec. 32-56. - Drainage plan.

(a) The proposed Energy Generation System shall include a drainage plan.

(b) The drainage plan shall include a hydrologic and hydraulic (H&H) analysis to establish that the Energy Generation System shall not have any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners, or, alternatively, the drainage plan shall establish a plan for remediating any adverse impact on the parish drainage system or adjacent property owners that may result from the construction of and the operation of the Energy Generation System. The plan shall also include an ongoing schedule of water sampling and testing of water runoff from the project site.

Sec. 32-57. - Buffer zones.

(a) The plan for a proposed Energy Generation System shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the project.

(b) The buffer zone shall include a setback of not less than 150 feet from the center of any adjacent public roadway.

(c) The buffer zone shall include a setback of at least 150 feet from any residence, unless otherwise waived by the homeowner, and 50 feet from any adjacent property line used for residential purposes at the time of the application.

(d) Each buffer zone shall include a stand of trees or shrubbery between the operational area of the Energy Generation System and the adjacent roadway or property owner to screen the Energy Generation System from view, the sufficiency of which is subject to review and approval as part of the plan.

(e) The buffer zone shall be maintained in such a manner so as to not present a nuisance as provided for otherwise in the Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 32-58. - Secured access and lighting.

(a) The proposed Energy Generation System plan shall include a plan for secured limited access to the project by a security fence no less than six feet nor no greater than eight feet in height.

(b) Lighting. To reduce light pollution, lighting shall be limited to the minimum lighting reasonably necessary for the Energy Generation System's safe operation, and the lighting shall be directed downward where reasonably feasible.

Sec. 32-59. - Decommissioning plan.

(a) The plan for a proposed Energy Generation System shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of project upon the cessation of operations of the Energy Generation System.

(b) Decommissioning of the Energy Generation System shall begin no later than 12 months after the project has ceased to operate as an Energy Generation System. For purposes of this provision, temporary cessation of operations of the Energy Generation System due to circumstances beyond the control of the developer, such as force majeure or commercial decisions by the developer's customers, for a period of less than 12 months would not trigger any decommissioning requirements.

(c) The decommissioning plan shall provide for the removal of the solar panels, wind mills, ancillary structures, and other infrastructure utilized in the operation of the Energy Generation System.

{d) The decommissioning plan shall provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the property of the Energy Generation System,, as determined by the EPA, DEQ, or the St. Landry Parish Government.

{e) Any lease forming a portion of the application for the original permit shall include reference to the decommissioning plan and the funding thereof as a necessary term therein.

(f) The decommissioning plan shall provide for a decommissioning fund with sufficient funding to remediate all the property encompassing the project and restoring said property to its original purpose. The developer shall present documentation to St. Landry Parish Government that the decommissioning fund is established.

Sec. 32-60. - Legal fund established.

One and one-half percent of the proceeds derived from the payment-in-lieu-of taxes for ad valorem taxes from all taxing bodies shall be deposited into a special fund to be used to pay all legal fees and cost associated with potential litigation arising from the Energy Generation System's construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning.

Sec. 32-61. - Economic development fund established.

One and one-half percent of the proceeds derived from the payment-in-lieu-of taxes for ad valorem taxes from all taxing bodies shall be deposited into a special fund to be used for economic development projects in St. Landry Parish in unincorporated areas and small incorporated municipalities with populations of less than 4,000 residents.

Sec. 32-62. – Responsibilities and duties.

(a) The Parish President shall be charged with negotiating the terms and conditions of any and all agreements and contracts for establishing an Energy Generation System, including but not limited to the following:

1. Tax abatements, leases, and related payments in lieu of tax agreements.
2. Terms and conditions regarding removing energy-generating equipment at the end of operations or the equipment's end-of-life period.
3. Engage with community leaders and citizens to keep them informed about the establishment of an Energy Generation System to ensure community feedback and public comment.
4. Provide an updated legal and regulatory framework for consideration for adoption by the Parish Council.
5. Ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of agreements entered into by the energy-producing entity and the Parish of St. Landry.
6. Ensure compliance with all state and federal laws and local rules and regulations.

Sec. 32-63. – Authorization of officers.

The Parish President, the Chairman of the Parish Council, and the Clerk of the Parish Council are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 32-64. – Severability.

If any provision of this Article shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Article, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

Sec. 32-65. – Repeal.

All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 32-66. – Recordation.

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Clerk of Court's Mortgage Records of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana.

Sec. 32-67. – Publication; effective date.

Upon its adoption, this Ordinance shall be published one (1) time in the official journal of St. Landry Parish. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-003.**
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 21st, day of February, 2024.

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

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government must review and approve all new subdivisions located outside of incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish, as per the subdivision ordinances in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the public have sufficient notice of the development and location of new subdivisions in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 40-186 in Article VIII of Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 40-186. – Notice to the public and suitability of the land.

- (a) **When a new subdivision is being planned and developed in St. Landry Parish, outside of incorporated municipalities, a notification sign stating that a new subdivision is**

being planned and developed shall be placed by the developer at the location of the new development.

- (b) The parish council shall not approve the subdivision of land if the site is not suitable for platting and development purposes of the kind proposed if determined that it is not in the best interest of the public from results of investigations generated by the developer and public agencies concerned. Land subject to flooding and land deemed to be topographically unsuitable shall not be platted for residential occupancy, or for any other uses that may increase flood hazard, endanger health, life or property, or aggravate erosion. Such land within the plat shall be set aside for such uses as shall not be endangered by periodic or occasional inundation or shall not produce unsatisfactory living conditions. In applying the provisions, land below the flood elevations as established by FEMA flood maps shall be considered subject to flood.
- (c) Fill may be used to raise land in areas subject to flood if the fill proposed does not restrict the flow of water so as to unduly increase flood heights or floor levels may be elevated to safe heights.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-004.**
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 21st, day of February, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-004
(Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This ordinance takes the place of the previous ordinance. It was put in the right form, the first one was not. They had to amend it so this one takes the place of the previous one.

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Mr. Chairman, I want to understand that we are pulling and omitting Ordinance 2022-017.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Correct.”

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

WHEREAS , this Ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 2023-005.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT:
St. Landry Parish Ordinance number 2023-005 is hereby repealed.

- **A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-005.**
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 21st, day of February, 2024.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “These are the properties that will be up for sale.”

ORDINANCE No. 2024-005
(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

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

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

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government shall offer for sale the following adjudicated properties with a minimum bid of \$500.00, plus the amount due on any liens, judgments, mortgages, and/or encumbrances that may be on each adjudicated property.

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

PARCEL #	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER
1	8400122200 441 VICTOR ST	DOROTHY MAE SHAW GREEN ETAL
	1 LOT 16 (50X143) BLK 3 SHELDON HAGEN SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON VICTOR ST	
	1 LOT 16-A (50X143) BLK 3 SHELDON HAGEN SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON VICTOR ST	
	775953 (I-34-256) 1142342	
2	0400265000	MRS ELZINE PERSLEY
	1 LOT 7 (48X120) BLK 53 KROTZ ADD 1202498	
3	8100294850 HWY 357	L. AUSTIN FONTENOT JR
	1 LOT 16 (50X231.2) PEDIGO SUB DIV FRONTING OF 50.0' ON LA HWY 357	
	831542 (TAX 11-212)	
4	0105055755 250 ANNOINTING DR	JONETTA A TYLER
	1 LOT 67 (92.99X183.37) (.391 AC) VIDRINE HIGHLAND HEIGHTS N LEMELLE	
	S ANNOINTING DR E LOT 68 W LOT 65 & 66 IN SEC 51 T-6S R-4E 1030242	
	(MH 2002 SUNSHINE 28X80 SERIAL ALS42044A/B)	
5	0102072500 747 MERRILL ST	BETTINA MOORE HADNOT
	1 LOT 69 (50X100) BERNICE LASTRAPES SUB DIV N MERRILL ST S LOT 77 E	
	MORRIS W LOT 70 FRONTING 50' ON	
	MERRILL ST 1019410 1036691	
6	8602486295 LEE ROAD	TRANCCA RENEE JONES & BRYAN
	BUSHNELL * DWAN BOUTTE	
	2 LOTS BEING THE E/2 OF LOTS 7 & 18 (104X183.7 EACH) J T MILLER SUB	
	DIV	
	IN SEC 50 T-6S R-1E 890456 (F-39-491) 965519 (H-42-580)	
7	8500436500 AVE A	CLEOTIS DAVIS & CLARA MALVEAUX
	2 LOTS 237 & 238 (75X120 EACH) EVANGELINE SUB DIV 1 IN SEC 54 T-5S R-4E	
	720012 (U-29-206)	

8	0200274000	LANDRY ST	LEONCE MAYFIELD
1 LOT 16 BLK 5 (50X146) J B SIBILLE SUB DIV 328304 1202498			

9	8103440510	NARROW ST	JAMES LEONARD JONES III
1 LOT (46X180) N W MCPHERSON S AUGUSTUS E RY FRONTING 46' ON RAILROAD AVE			
1141678 (LOT 9 BLK 7 NARROW ST			

10	8100650007	1632 DUSON STREET	DELORES JACKO ETALS
1 LOT 18 (50X150) BLK 12 COLORADO SOUTHERN ADD N LOT 7 & 8 BLK 12 S DUSON AVE			
E LOT 16 BLK 12 W LOT 19 BLK 12 FRONTING 100' ON DUSON AVENUE			
899817 (M-39-732) 945480 (G-41-809)			

11	0100119500	915 W. PARK AVE	GILBERT AUSTIN, JR
1 LOT 11 (50X148) BERNICE LASTRAPES SUB DIV N PARK AVE S E W PRINCE FRONTING 50' ON PARK AVE			
696475 (V-25-280) *			

Ordinance Pulled

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-006
(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If I may in reference to this ordinance 2024-006 can we add in there if the boards already have a firm that does their bookwork they would be exempt from this training. In other words we have some boards that have John S. Dowling do their books. If we can exempt them and just require anyone else who does not have a firm doing their financials.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Garrett I understand what Mr. Bellard is asking but the ordinance also says that if you don’t have this training. My suggesting is that we ask the Author to pull it and let us rework it and have it on the agenda for next month. Ms. Nancy would you consider doing that?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes, I would like to include what Mr. Bellard said.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “If Councilwoman Carriere would pull it that is fine but I did want to add something that I went on line and looked at since we have discussed it earlier. I think the board needed to know. Under Louisiana Legislative Auditors require training for public employees and public officials of the state and local entity under planning commission is state board member training R.S. 33:103.1, all appointed members of parish and municipal planning commission and appointed members of advisory boards of these commissions shall receive at least 4 hours of training prior to taking office or within a year of taking office. Training shall concern their duties, responsibilities, ethics and substance of the position held or to bel held. I just wanted to not that being that we discussed this earlier about people taking the training or not. I just the board members to remember that R.S. 33:103.1 under Planning Commission.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any other comments? I have a motion to pull this ordinance and bring it back to the next committee and full council meeting.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “The proper procedure would be that she can pull it without.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Are you alright with that Ms. Nancy Carriere?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes.”

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 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 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.**

- A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-007.**

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I just want to clarify something. When it says that we can sell it for whatever we deemed to be sold I just want ever body to understand that that is the assessed value that the tax assessor puts on it. So we are not determining nothing. It is whatever the tax assessor place on adjoining land owners. I just want to make sure that is stated.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-007
(Sponsored By: 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 QUITIN DOYLE is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, QUITIN DOYLE 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 QUITIN DOYLE, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows: A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in 1 LOT (50 x 150) N JEANSONNE S MRS JEANSONN E EDWARDS W NIMITZ ST FRONTING 50' ON NIMITZ ST 1021295, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8602199500 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

- **A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to Adopt Resolution No. 003-2024.**

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 21st, day of February, 2024.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Bellard, can you give us an overview of what will be done with the \$5,500,000.00.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “From what I am being told again they say here is the money but they have all kind of strings attached to it. They are doing some modeling right now and they are predicting that maybe we will have to do some detention or retention ponds in our parish or a couple of other things. They are not really telling us everything just yet but they are wanting to use that money to hold back water instead of letting it flow down the bayous but they have not decided. That is why they are doing the modeling. I brought up the issue with Teche Vermilion but until they do the modeling they really don’t know. We are just waiting to see what they want to do with it. They have the money and that is what they want to do with it.

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “Will they do a Hydraulic?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They are doing the study and they are doing the modeling for us. After that is done then they will make the recommendations.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Will you keep us up to date.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Van is working on that project.”

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2024

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish is a finalist for \$5,500,000 in funding through the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Program Round Two, and there are documents and requests that St. Landry Parish needs to sign regarding the funding and acceptance of the grant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council, that Jessie Bellard, St. Landry Parish President, is authorized to sign any and all documents and requests for disbursements pertaining to the Watershed Initiative administered through the Louisiana Office of Community Development.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.

- **A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere seconded by Councilman Jody White to Adopt Resolution No. 004-2024.**
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 21st, day of February, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2024

A RESOLUTION TO REASSIGN THE POLLING LOCATION FOR PRECINCT 21A

WHEREAS, The current polling location for Precinct 21A is the Opelousas Fire Substation #3, located at 109 S. Union St., Opelousas, and

WHEREAS, There have been several issues that have arisen in recent elections about the suitability of that polling location, and

WHEREAS The St. Landry Parish Council wishes to be responsive to the needs of the voters in Precinct 21A while also maintaining proper emergency response capabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the St. Landry Parish Council, in Regular Session assembled, does hereby reassign the following polling location for Precinct 21A as follows:

From: Opelousas Fire Substation #3 at 109 S. Union St., Opelousas,

To: Opelousas Civic Center, at 1638 Creswell Ln., Opelousas, with said Opelousas Civic Center polling location currently being used as the polling location for Precinct 21 and thus qualifies as a consolidated polling location for Precinct 21A under applicable State statutes.

- **A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to Adopt Resolution No. 005-2024.**
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 21st, day of February, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2024

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the St. Landry Parish Council that a number of deaths in St. Landry Parish have been linked to the consumption of Kratom.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the St. Landry Parish Council that Kratom is sold in some stores in St. Landry Parish, and the public must be made aware of this fact.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the public should be made aware by various forms of communication and media that a number of deaths in St. Landry Parish have been linked to the consumption of Kratom, and that Kratom is sold in some stores in St. Landry Parish.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON THE 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, February 7th, 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **February 7th, 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 21st, day of February, 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, 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 21st, day of February, 2024.

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