

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES • AWAITING COUNCIL APPROVAL**

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

**MINUTES**

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

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

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2024.

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

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2024.

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

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

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Ernest Blanchard **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.  
**ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2024.

- **Appoint Jamie Speyrer as Finance Director**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ABSTAINED:** Nancy Carriere.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2024.

### V. **ADJOURN:**

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

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

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Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.  
**ABSTAINED:** None.  
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 6<sup>th</sup>, day of March, 2024.

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