

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th, 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 20th, day of March, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

- I. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II. Councilman Faltery Jolivette led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time I will ask that you please silence all of your electronic devices.

- 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**

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Christopher James Lavergne, James Raphael Bellard, Sidney Thomas, Shirley Jane Dupre, Charisse Hicks Guidry, Wilbert Tezeno, Dora Bell Pitre, Winston Joseph Vidrine, Sherry Ann Chachere, Paul Gus Dupre, Geraldine Vidrine, David De’Andre Iron Rideaux, Dwight Akeem Pelican, Jamison Arleigh Jean, Larry James Griffin, Jerome Allen Jr., Rose Mary McCarthy, Gladys Washington Cunningham.

Councilman Ken Marks: Mary Lou Lacassin, Juanita Williamson Reed, Roma Gail Miller, Huey ‘Paul’ Wayne Guillory, Nelson Edward Meche Sr., Bobby Lee Pickney.

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier: Larry Joseph Babineaux.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin: Huey Paul Wayne Guillory, Eugene ‘Sonny’ Clover Lafleur, Paul Gus Dupre, Winton Joseph Vidrine, Juanita Williamson Reed, Mary Lou Lacassin.

Councilman Dexter Brown: Michael Wayne Brown, James Raphael Bellard

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: Mary Lou LeDoux Guillory, Mark Cortina Sr., Ricky James Deaville, Loretta Pitre Fruge, Floyd Anthony Gaspard Sr., Iris D. Miller Myrtle Hebert Kuhlmann, Mary Lynn Nelson, Harold James Marcantel, Jessie Lee Dietz, Alma Jeanne Sittig Francois, Verna Mae Miller, Ricky Lane Guillory, Camron Fournerat, Kelly Lee Hogg, Melinda Joyce Chatman, Rhonda Jennings McCracken, Helen James Reed, Priscilla Ann Fruge Aguillard, Heather Elizabeth Joubert Bearb, Earlene Thibodeaux Fontenot, Judy Verrett Cochran.

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

V. **PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- **Laruby May- Class Action Lawsuit Against Insulin Manufacturers and Providers**
Good evening Mr. Chairman, my name is Laruby May. My address is 3216 Eleventh Place Southeast Washington D.C. My phone number is 202-869-3735. Good afternoon to all the members of the council. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you. As I mentioned before my name is Laruby May. I am the co-founder of a law firm called May-Joan Law firm. We are headquartered in Washington D.C. My firm along with Mack Law, Ben Crump Law and the Environmental Law Group, we represent jurisdictions parishes, municipalities across the country in the insulin litigation. For those of you who are not familiar with the insulin litigation, a little back ground on insulin. There are about thirty million (30,000,000) people across our country who are dependent on insulin because they are or because they have diabetes. What we know in this country is that since the inception

of insulin on to the market it originally is about 100 years old. Insulin is about 100 years old. It actually is one of those drugs that over the course of the 100 years have not had many changes in the composition of the insulin. What we know right now is that it cost manufactures approximately \$2.00 to manufacture insulin. The average cost across the country is about \$350.00 per valve. There is some jurisdiction in our country where people are paying \$1,100.00 - \$1,700.00 for a bottle of insulin. My father was a diabetic and so I know what it was like for my family to make sure that he had lifesaving medicine that he needed in order to save his life. Where we are right now, in August 2023 there was a multi-district litigation and some folks like to refer to it as a class action but it is really a multi-district litigation that was formed in the Federal District of New Jersey initially with 13 jurisdictions across the country that got together to sue the insulin manufactures. About 3 manufactures that have 99% of the manufacture of insulin and there are about 5 pharmacy benefits, CVS, Express Scripts that have heavy delivery services for insulin. From what we know we call the PBN's. The pharmacy benefits from manufactures manages and the manufactures actually have gotten together and conspired on spiking the cost of insulin. That is why insulin is costing so much. It only cost them \$2.00 to manufacture it but they are charging lots of money. What we do is go across the country for a jurisdiction such as St. Landry Parish who for every employee that St. Landry Parish has you are being over charged for every bottle of insulin that you buy every month for every employee that you have. What we do in this litigation as I said that started in August of 2023 is that we represent to help you get your money back. For every single place that you were over charged we file undeserved benefits, we also file injunctive relief so that we can stop the insulin manufactures and we can stop these pharmacies from conspiring together to over-charge you for all of the money that you are spending for life saving measures like people who are on insulin and they can't just stop taking insulin and be able to survive. Currently there are 14 Counties and or Parishes that have filed in this litigation. There are 6 State AG's who have filed in this litigation on behalf of state and there are what we call third parties which are unions that have filed in this litigation. We have had the opportunity to speak with Commissioner Carriere and other Commissioners in Parishes across the state of Louisiana. We have the capacity Mr. Chairman, we have the financial resources and we are on leadership in the MDL so we are at the table being a part of the lawyers who will actually go to court to litigate this case and we would consider it a great privilege and an honor to have the opportunity to represent St. Landry Parish. Thank you sir."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I just want to say that I met Ms. Laruby in Washington D.C. at a conference. They are representing Caddo Parish and they have signed with them and a couple of other parishes in Louisiana. This is the same thing like the OPIOID Lawsuit that we joined. Mr. Brown had given some information from the last conference of an attorney but no one had responded. When I met Ms. Laruby and she had picked up some other parishes then I asked her if she could come out and brief us on what is going on maybe we can join this lawsuit. We have a lot of constituents and a lot of family members that are affected by this. It is similar to the OPIOID. I think it won't cost the parish anything."

- **Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated,** "Absolutely. We would litigate this case on the contingency bases that we would not require any financial resources from the parish. We only recover is we recover on behalf of the parish."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Mr. Duplechain, had you received any type of respond whenever you had reach out to someone?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes I contacted the local law firms and there were no takers who were litigating in this area. Ms. Laruby May's Law Firm is the one that we found who is litigating and taking on clients in this area. If the council wishes to we can put this on the agenda for April so the council can vote whether they want to go as a client in the insulin class action lawsuit against insulin manufacturers and providers. If a recovery is made the parish will benefit monetarily from this. Whatever paperwork or contract agreement that Ms. Laruby's Law Firm requires the parish would have time to get here by April. If this is on the agenda for April at the full council meeting when the council will have an opportunity to vote if they want to enter the class action lawsuit against the insulin providers as a client. Are there any other questions the council may have on this?"

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, "Ms. Laruby I appreciate you being here and bringing this to our attention. Do you know if our State AG have filed?"

Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated, “Your State AG has not filed.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “After litigation it seems like there is a problem not just with insulin but with medication in general that is lost for production and high cost to the client. What measures do you see that we can eliminate or improve the situation from what currently is going on?”

Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated, “That is why this litigation not only seeks to recover the damages and the money that you spend but we are also looking at injunctive relief that would prohibit this from happening in the future specifically by the defendants in this case. In this litigation specifically about insulin, what we want to do is tell the pharmaceutical manufacturer world. The way that it works usually the excuse that the manufacturer use is what they say is we created this medicine in 1990 and over the past 10 years we had to do more research and more science and that is costing us a lot of money but we have past that on to the consumer but again what we know in insulin the formula for insulin have not changed in almost 100 years. So there have not been any research or any science that you have had to spend money on. That is why this litigation is not just about the money but it is about the injunctive release to kind of stop them from being able to do this in the future.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Is there an overseeing arm from the Federal State or Local Side?”

Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated, “No sir, this case is in Federal Court but in terms of the Legislative I think that the President, Mr. Biden just issued an Executive Order to regulate the cost of Insulin. I think that is in part because of this litigation. Sometimes the Legislature leads us in the law and sometimes we as lawyers lead the Legislatures. When we go out and fight these lawsuits that gives them an opportunity to look at and being able to pass laws and legislation that allows for this to be prohibited.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Have your law firm been successful in previous litigations problems?”

Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated, “Yes sir we have. My law firm personally have and also our team, yes sir.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I would like to know who benefits from the recovery? Is it just Parish Government or does it pass down to the consumer?”

Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated, “So Ma’am when we get the recovery for St. Landry Parish that is your determination on how you decide on what you do with your proceeds that is not our responsibility. Our job and our privilege quite frankly Ma’am is to go and fight and make sure that the money that St. Landry Parish has been over charged has been returned back to the parish. Once the money is returned to the parish that would be a determination. It is a little bit different from the OPIOID Litigation from what you all were a participant in. The litigation was by the state and the state got the money and the state decided to divvy it down to you. In this litigation if you were to choose for us to represent you, you would be the Plaintiff, so the recovery would come directly to you. That is above my pay rate Ma’am to say what you all should do with the money.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any other questions? Thank you Ma’am. I think that you will be on the agenda in April, Mr. Duplechain advised.”

Laruby May with the Class Action Lawsuit/Insulin Manufacturers stated, “Yes sir. Thank you very much and thank you for your time.”

- **Betty Randell- Blighted Property at 237 Smittys Road, Opelousas, LA 70570**

There was no one from the Randell family to address the council.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, do you have any comment on this?” Do you

know anything about it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If I am not mistaken this is just giving them the opportunity to come and speak.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “She is not in the audience so we will move on.”

- **Baderia Investments-Blighted Property at 3512 Hwy 182, Opelousas, LA 70570**

There was no one from Baderia Investments-Blighted Property to address the council.”

- **Johnny Toussaint-Blighted Property at 123 Park Street, Opelousas, LA 70570.**

Mr. Johnny Toussaint addressed the council. He stated, “My Name is Johnny Toussaint, 308 Natches Blvd; Opelousas, LA. 337-678-2672.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You were sent a letter in reference to some property that you own at 123 Park Street?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “I don’t own the property. I am the tax payer for that property.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You pay the taxes on it.”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “That is right.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard do you have one of your people here that is involved with this? Ms. Cynthia.”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “I previously spoke with Mr. Toussaint. This case began March 28, 2023. I sent him a letter and his brother Peter Tyler is deceased. Mr. Toussaint has been in charge of the property at that location. After the letter was sent to him he and his wife did come to the office to speak to me. He had back surgery and he wanted some time to take care of the property. We are a year later and that is why it is on the agenda for us to move forward to demolish it and get that property cleaned.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You want a motion from this council to proceed with demolishing that property at 123 Parks Street?”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “Yes Sir. It is item Number 3 on the agenda.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do you have any other comments Mr. Toussaint?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “I still don’t understand what you all are talking about. This property have a lot if heirs. To my knowledge according to the law everybody who is in the Heir property of that particular place suppose to be contacted. I only pay the taxes on the property. The property is not in my name.”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “I researched the property and I did not find any Succession’s done or anything. The property is listed to Mr. Tyler and he is deceased. As Mr. Toussaint has come numerous times we have spoken throughout the past 12 months and he stated that he was going to get it cleaned and take care of the property.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “But yet that has not happened is what you are stating.”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “They told me the Mobile Home was supposed to be demolished and I have started on the Mobile Home but I never completed it because the surgery that I was suppose to have is backed up, I have the paper right here. The Physician told me not to do any kind of strenuous work until the procedure and I am suppose to have the procedure on the 27th of this month.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Toussaint, we have a procedure that we are following. By law we can follow that procedure and it will be dealt with on item #3 of this agenda.”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint questioned, “So how will it be dealt with?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have an un-open Succession for the deceased owner and the address according to the Tax Assessor’s Office is in care of Johnny Toussaint which is you. Do you have anything that you would like to say about whether the Parish is going to take care of this or will you take care of it?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint questioned, “What will it cost me for the Parish to take care of it?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If the Parish has to do it they are going to put a Lien on the Property. If the property is sold that Lien will have to be paid.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “How long have that property been vacant? Is this a picture of the property?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “Yes, that is a picture of the property.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You are here to contend that we don’t have no right to do it. We are going to go through the proper procedure to go ahead and take care of this property. Mr. Bellard do you have any comment on this?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “One more thing, the Legislature passed a bill.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am not going to argue with you here. You can take that up with the Attorney and with the Parish President’s office. We will deal with it on Item #3.”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint questioned, “Who is the Attorney?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Garrett Duplechain.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The only question that I have Mr. Toussaint, do you know where the Heirs are to this property? Do they have any Heirs for Mr. Peter Tyler?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “The Heirs are spread all over the place.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You have many Estates that have that situation. It is not uncommon where you have a lot of Heirs when it is an un-open Succession. You are paying the property taxes so we know it is going to stay in the name of the deceased person. It is an Estate that have not been open, there are many times they are not open if you have a lot of Heirs. Does anyone live on the property?”

Mr. Johnny Toussaint stated, “No.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Let’s move on. Thank you Mr. Toussaint. The next person to speak is Ms. Doris White. Would you come up please Ma’am?”

- **Ms. Doris White addressed the council and stated,** “My Name is Doris White. 3867 Hwy 167, Opelousas, La. My phone number is 337-826-7578. I am speaking for myself today but I am expressing the views of many of the homeowners, farmers and businessmen in the Plaisance Community who have been inundated by the Solar Company. We are very disappointed and some of us are very angry at the way this was handled because we were not notified that they were in consideration. We talked to councilmembers and they told us that they did not know anything about it and the next week you all voted to approve it. We know this council knew about this sort of a takeover of the community by a British Company. It has altered our community and we are very, very disappointed in it. I have a couple of questions about that and one of them is how much taxes will the parish get from the Solar Company?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The way that it works, number 1, there is no zoning in the parish. Anybody who wants to do this type of project it is up to the person who owns the land. That is nothing to do with Parish Government, the landowner have the right to place things on his or her property. We can’t tell them not to do it.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “I understand that but it had to be approved before the company could come into the parish, right?”

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

Ms. Doris White stated, “It had to be approved by the Parish Council.”

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

Ms. Doris White stated, “We did not know anything about it and should have known about it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have Public Hearings. The company themselves had Public Hearings. They had it at the Yambilee and other places.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “I was there and the councilmembers were not there. We went to 2 or 3 of these hearings. They are not meetings because it was already decided when we went to the meetings. They already showed us who had leased their properties.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The way that this works and at the time we were new to it, five years prior to them coming to the parish the land was leased. That has been done years ago and they put a hold on the land and they pay rent to the landowners until they decide if they are going to do the plan or not. At the time we were at the Yambilee it had not been approved by this council or this government. Here is the thing, the money part, the revenue part of it is the land itself become commercial property.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “It is. A Farm Community has been changed into a Commercial Property. Our homes, our community, this is what we are objecting to.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “There is no zoning Ma’am. We have no right to tell people what to do with their property because we don’t have zoning in our parish. If the landowner wishes to do that then there is nothing that we can do. You asked about the taxes and how much we will collect on taxes so the Farm Land is one-tenth of the value. Now it is Commercial which is assessed at \$5,500.00 per acre. The landowner pays the taxes, the new rate of tax and the company pays back the landowner whatever they incur. So Ad Valorem Tax is also assessed and all of the equipment that will be placed on the property so at that time it is a 65-35 split. Sixty-Five percent of that was through a Pilot Program so they paid 35% which is about \$450,000.00 per year to the Parish as a whole, not just to Parish Government but to the taxing entities within that Government. So the School Board, the Tax Assessor’s and Sheriff, everybody gets a piece of that. That is \$450,000.00 per year for the next 15 years, after that it goes back to 100%. Then the sales tax, everybody gets on the Sales Tax on a Local Level. I think that project is \$150,000,000.00 - \$175,000,000.00 project. They have to pay the local sales tax on that property on the goods that they buy. As far as revenue for the Parish it is a great revenue source on the initial onset and for the next 15 years. We don’t get anything for the sale of the electricity.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “Okay, I know that and we don’t get any lower electric bill even.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No Ma’am, they are selling it to a company, yes, Ma’am.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “Yes, throughout the country. The other thing is this, have any of these taxes been earmarked for the Plaisance Community?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The money that comes in from the sale taxes for the Parish Government is a 2 cent Sales Tax for our Road Program. Whenever they are going to start paying the Sales Tax that comes directly to us and it is put into the Sales Tax Fund for the Road Program. That Ad Valorem Tax and all that other tax that comes in is our General Fund, Jail, Health Unit and those taxes so that is where they are earmarked.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “So Plaisance Community does not benefit from it? Even though we are the ones who are putting up the resources.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well we are doing roads in the parish and some of the roads are being done in the Plaisance area.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “Right and they are also being done in the Palmetto area too.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is revenue that is generated in the parish and we move the money like it needs to be done for parish at a priority basis, yes Ma’am.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “The reason that I am here today is because I know that it is a done deal. We are all very disappointed with it but it is a done deal with the Solar Energy but now I hear that they are trying to come in and put Wind Mills.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, Ma’am.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “I strongly object to this and I know the people in the Plaisance Community object to it and throughout the parish they should object to it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So the wind project, they have talked to me a couple of times and they already have 12,000 acres leased.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “In the Parish?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “In the Parish, yes Ma’am. That is a different program.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “I know it is a Canadian Company this time. First a British Company and now a Canadian Company.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They have several. They have several companies and they have several Solar Companies that is still contacting us now. There is an area between Lawtell and Eunice and it is some kind of a trough that runs through there and they lease land from Acadia Parish all the way into Evangeline Parish. They took pretty much all of our Parish land that people wanted to lease out for the Wind Mills, yes Ma’am. We have not started negotiations with them, we have not even drafted an ordinance for that but the Energy Board that was put in place last month which is the council is the one that is going to take that up whenever it is time.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “We should be informed about this in a more decisive way then we were informed about the Solar thing.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We put it on Facebook, we put it in the paper, we put it on our Website, we do all that we can. We do above and beyond what the law requires is what I am saying.”

Ms. Doris White stated, “It should be on the TV’s and in the newspapers but nobody reads the newspapers.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do Ma’am, we do put it out there.”

Ms. Doris White, “It should be on Television also. I hope all of you all realize what this is doing to our parish. These Windmills are terrible. It is bad enough to have 100 acres of Solar Panels in your back yard and in your front yard.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. White, let me stop you here. Your 5 minutes are up and whenever we have the Public Hearing that is when you need to come please Ma’am. I understand where you are at. Thank you. Next we have Ms. Lynnette Chavis, would you come up please.”

- *Ms. Lynnette Chavis addressed the council and stated*, “Hello, my name is Lynnette Chavis. My address is 201 Laurie Street. My phone number is 337-212-8817. I am here as well as one of my neighbors in reference to our street, Laurie Street off of Charles Burr Lane. We have spoken to Mr. Bellard before and we have not received a clear answer of who owns our little road/subdivision. The owner was Laurie and John Deville and they both passed away. When they were living they were taking care of the road, the road is horrible now it has deep wide craters. We spoke to the son, Brent. Brent is telling us that he signed the papers over to the parish. We don’t know who owns it and we have been having to repair our road. We have vehicles that we have to keep repairing and we signed

a contract when we first moved back there. Certain things are not suppose to be back there such as old mobile homes. We have people that brought land from other people and they are dumping there. They have an old trailer that is back there and they are not taking care of their property. They have a truck that have been back there and old vehicles that are not suppose to be back there, no 18 Wheels, nothing suppose to be passing back that way. We are trying to find out if we can get our road fixed but we first need to know who owns this road. That is in Dexter Brown's District."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Brown, can you horn in here and give us some answers."

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, "Yes sir. That is just south of Charles Burr Lane. Mr. Bellard, I want to say a couple of weeks ago you had sent Mr. Barry Soileau out there to go and survey the road and he had brought a report back to you or did you go with him?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No I did not talk back to Barry in reference to that. I will look it up and I will talk to Barry in the morning. If I am not mistaken this is that road that we talked about that is private. If it is a private road we are stuck like the rest of them. I am looking at the Tax Assessors Website and normally some private roads the land owner owns to the middle and this one does not show that. It does not show anybody owning the actual road. This might be another situation like we had on Anointing Drive. It could be something like we did on Anointing Drive, the same situation where the landowner never did pay taxes on it so we treat it as adjudicated property. If we can do that then it is a different ball game. We will dig into it some more and get with Garrett and figure this out."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "So you will get with her Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will get with Garett tomorrow morning and we will figure out who owns the road."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard is going to get with you and see if we can come out with something."

Ms. Lynnette Chavis stated, "Okay, thank you."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Thank you, I am trying to get to all of the ladies first, next to speak is Ms. Cindy Stelly."

- **Ms. Cindy Stelly addressed the council and stated,** "Good evening Mr. Chairman and members of the council. My name is Cindy Stelly and I reside at 646 Latania Street in Krotz Springs. My phone number is 337-308-0314. I am also the Executive Director at the Port of Krotz Springs. With me tonight representing the Port we have our Vice President Cheryl Carter, Our Treasurer Ken Vidrine and Commissioner Senic Batiste. What I want to speak to you all about tonight is on behalf of the Port is Ordinance 006-2024 which would require all Boards and Commission Members appointed by Parish Government as well as their Clerical Staff to attend Legal and Finance Training once a year. The Port feels that the 3 Commissioners on this board appointed by you should be omitted and excluded from this group and should not be required to attend this yearly training, this would also include the Port's Clerical Staff as well. Port of Krotz Springs was created by State Legislature in 1956 and it is therefore governed by the state. If the Port was ever to have an issue with anything legal or financial the reprimand would come from the Legislature Auditor's Office and not Parish Government. Our appointees already do the required Sexual Harassment Training and they also do the yearly Ethics Training which does have a section on Public Bid Law. These appointees from time to time, the Attorney General's Office will offer some training and they have attended that as well. One of the topics is Public Bid Law. Some year's back Parish Government had sent out letters for Boards and Commissions they appoint to provide financials. In 2014 the Port did receive a letter asking that we provide the agenda and minutes of our board meeting along with financials. For 10 years now Port of Krotz Springs have complied with that request every month since then. The Port does understand that Parish Government may have boards that they govern and make appointments to that are not adhering to certain policies and procedures the proper way and understand that you know that this needs to be corrected. The Port respectfully asking that when the council votes on Ordinance 006-2024 that you exclude any appointees made to the Port Board by Parish Government and

also exclude it's clerical staff from attending the required yearly legal and Finance Training that is being proposed. Thank you."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Thank you Ms. Stelly. Are there any questions for Ms. Stelly? Thank you Ma'am, thank you for your time. Mr. Bellard."

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, "I thought we had pulled that."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard I think that it is up tonight. We had the Public Hearing on it earlier and tonight we have to vote it down or vote it up. The sponsor is Ms. Nancy Carriere. I don't know what she has decided to do with it. Okay, does that answer your question? Next person to speak is Mr. Tyler Cormier."

- **Mr. Tyler Cormier addressed the council and stated,** "I am Tyler Cormier. I live at 244 Billeaux Road. My Phone Number 337-356-9240. What I am here tonight far is to share some knowledge about Fire District Boards in the State of Louisiana. Fire District Boards in the State of Louisiana have Board Members elected by the Parish Council and also the municipalities if the district falls within the municipality. Tonight we are electing 3 members to the Fire District 4 Fire Board. Two of those members live within the parish and one of those members live within the municipalities. My only concern is that if one of those members that live within the municipalities is voted in then there will be 3 members on that board within the municipalities and they would have a vote and only 1 within the parish so this would offset the 2-2 ratio that the state shares that we should vote on. That is all the information that I have here."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "As I understand there are 2 appointments to make and there are 3 people who applied. Mr. Cormier of course can advocate for which two. You are one of the candidates?"

Mr. Tyler Cormier stated, "Correct, myself and Matthew Hughes are two of them that are in the parish."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Each of the three applicants of course can speak to the council and advocate for their appointment and which appointment they think can be made. When it comes time to vote then the council will have a final decision on which of the 2 out of the 3 are going to be appointed to that Board. They will certainly take what you have to say into consideration and then the council is going to follow the law, the statute and the ordinance and that means that the council is going to have a final decision on which of the 2 out of the 3 they are going to appoint to the Board."

Mr. Tyler Cormier stated, "Absolutely. Just to be clear one of the concerns I have was that the person within the village could not be voted on but we did clarify that you can potentially have 3 members from village or potentially 4 members from Village or 4 Members from Parish seated on the board. That is just my opinion that the balance should be shared equally. That is all that I have."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Thank you sir. The next person to speak is Mr. Gordon Miller."

- **Mr. Gordon Miller Addressed the council. He stated,** "My name is Gordon Miller. I live at 117 Canal Road, Opelousas, LA. 337-385-7868. My first question is that I was trying to get the contact information for the Parish Civil Engineer that is in charge of the roads and the drainage within the parish. I want the contact number for the Parish Engineer that is a Professional Engineer. Can you answer that for me Mr. Ardoin?"

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Miller, I think that we have 2 Engineering firms that are involved with the road in St. Landry Parish."

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, "An employee that works for the parish, an engineer like the DOTD has engineers."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I can't answer him. Mr. Bellard, do you have an engineers that works for Public Works?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, ‘No sir.’

Mr. Gordon Miller questioned, “So the Parish have never had an Engineer that is in charge of drainage or the roads??

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The only thing that I can answer to you is that we had engineering firms that do that kind of work for the parish.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “Yes sir but that would be a contract.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “As far as employees no. No employees.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “No employees. So it has never been considered a position within the parish?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Not that I know of, no sir.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “Along the same lines in 2014 after the flood of 2014 and again in the flood of 2016 we talked about drainage parish wide. We are in March of 2024 and in District 4 where I live and many areas of the parish where our homes and our property is we have seen no improvements. When we get a large rain and we get 14 and 15 degrees and we get a 5 or 6 inch rain or greater we see the flow of the water in the coolies and laterals going backwards. The same reason that I spoke to some other people that I know and neighbors have not spoken to the school board but it goes beyond the drainage district #10 because the water flows in that direction towards Washington and towards the bayou. There must be a blockage somewhere because the water is backing up trying to find its own level.”

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “He can contact my office.”

Mr. Gordon Miller stated, “Thank you very much Mr. Bellard.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The next person to speak is Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director of the St, Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District.

Mr. Richard LeBouef, Executive Director stated, “Richard LeBouef, St. Landry Parish Solid Waste. I live at 728 Dufilho Road, Opelousas. 337-523-2900. I don’t want to waste the Council and the Parish President’s time this evening by chiming in exactly what some of our Commissioners are feeling like the Port of Krotz Springs on the Ordinance 006-2024. The only issue is Number 2, the second part, there is something else that is written on it that all clerical and office staff of Boards and Commission shall receive 1 hour and those could possibly get pulled. I would like to say if the council does vote it down then there is no problem. But if it doesn’t I would like it to state only those boards and commission appointed by the St. Landry Parish Government. That is all I have.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any questions for Mr. LeBouef? Thank you Mr. LeBouef. Are there any persons in the audience that would like to speak? Okay we will move on.”

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 21st, 2024** as transcribed.

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **the Special Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Minutes from March 20th, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Harold Taylor. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of March, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to approve **the Special Meeting @ 5:45 p.m. Minutes from March 20th, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** Harold Taylor. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of March, 2024.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Before Ms. Fontenot gets up tomorrow morning I just want to advise you all that we have a Press Conference in this building right here to announce that \$1,800,000.00 of Appropriated Money for Law Enforcement throughout the parish. So everybody is welcome to attend. We will have Law Enforcement, The Sheriff, The DA and everybody here so we can let people know that we are trying to what we can to help Law Enforcement in the Parish. Ms. Cynthia is going to talk about the Demolition.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned “What time is the Press Conference.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “10:00 a.m.”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “I have 3 properties in addition to what we have on the agenda. These are 3 properties that I have been dealing with since 2023. The first property is going to be Parcel No. 0500463000. This property belongs to Mr. Earl Deville. He lives in Addis Louisiana. I did send him a notification August 19, 2023 about the abandon building and overgrown grass. This property is located pass the Boudin Stop on HWY 167 on the right. It was an old grocery store. The property is a big eye sore for the parish. I am coming tonight to request for the council to proceed and ask the council clerk to send notification for any family member to appear before the council so we can proceed with demolition and cleaning up that property. It is on the corner of St. Amand and HWY 167. The notice was received, the certified letter on August 25, 2023 and Mr. Deville had someone come to the office and say they would clean up the property and no one has done anything to the property. We would like to proceed with that.”

- **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to EARL E DEVILLE EST advising to come and address the council regarding the demolition of his property on Corner of ST. AMAND ROAD/ HWY 167, OPELOUSAS, LA. Parcel #0500463000. NOTE: DEMOLITION/DEBRIS REMOVAL/SHREDDING (OLD STORE)**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Earnest Blanchard to authorize the Council Clerk to send a notification to the family of Mr. Earl Deville to come and address the council regarding the demolition of their property on the corner of St. Amand Road and HWY 167 in Opelousas, La. **Parcel No. 0500463000.**

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “Just to let you all know I did put these packets on your desk with photos of the property.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We have them here.”

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “The next Parcel is 0104431000. This property belongs to J.C. Doucet. That is at 138 Boudreaux Road. You will see the photos of the property. It is overgrown and the roof is falling in on the house. The windows are busted and it is in very bad shape. We would like to move forward and request that the

council approve for the council clerk to send notice to any family member to appear before the council so that we can proceed with demolition and clean up the property.”

- **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to J C DOUCET & WILLIE B DOUCET advising to come and address the council regarding the demolition of their property on 138 BOUDREAUX ROAD, OPELOUSAS, LA. Parcel #0104431000. NOTE: DEMOLITION/DEBRIS REMOVAL (STRUCTURE)**

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to send a notification to the family of Mr. J.C. Doucet to come and address the council regarding the demolition of their property at 138 Boudreaux Road in Opelousas, La. **Parcel No. 0104431000.**

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “The next property is Parcel No. 0106587500. This property belongs to John Taylor Vidrine. I sent notice and Mr. Vidrine did accept my certified letter on April 12, 2023. Nothing has been done to the property and it is in very bad shape. It is on HWY 167 pass the Plaisance Community pass the Perron HWY on the left. We would like to request to the council that they forward this and ask the council clerk to send out notice to any family member to appear so we can continue with demolition.”

- **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to JOHN TAYLOR VIDRINE advising to come and address the council regarding the demolition of his property on 4573 HWY 167, Opelousas, LA. Parcel #0106587500. NOTE: DEMOLITION/DEBRIS REMOVAL (OLD MOBILE HOME)**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to authorize the Council Clerk to send a notification to the family of Mr. John Taylor Vidrine to come and address the council regarding the demolition of their property at 4573 HWY 167, Opelousas, LA. **Parcel No. 0106587500.**

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to accept the Parish President’s Report.

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. **The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 237 Smittys Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Betty Randell.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to go forward with work on the Blighted Property at 237 Smittys Road, Opelousas, LA 70570. Betty Randell.

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

2. **The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 3512 Hwy 182, Opelousas, LA 70570. Baderia Investments, LLC.**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to go forward with work on Blighted Property 3512 Hwy 182, Opelousas, LA 70570. Baderia Investments, LLC.

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

3. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 123 Park Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Johnny Toussaint.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to go forward with work on Blighted Property at 123 Park Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Mr. Johnny Toussaint.

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

4. Vote to re-appoint John Auzenne, Randy Wagley, Mitchell Wyble, Perry Fontenot and appoint Calvin Dale Vidrine for five appointments to Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-02-2024 – 04-02-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to re-appoint John Auzenne, Randy Wagley, Mitchell Wyble, Perry Fontenot and appoint Calvin Dale Vidrine for five appointments to Ward 1 South Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four-year term. (04-02-2024 – 04-02-2028).

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

5. Vote for two appointments to the Coulee Croche Fire Protection District No. 4 for a two-year term. (04-20-2024 – 04-20-2026). Applicants are: Tyler Cormier, Tommy Faul Sr. and Matthew Hughes.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to re-appoint Tyler Cormier and appoint Matthew Hughes 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 20th, day of March, 2024.

The votes were as follows

| Councilmembers | Applicant | Applicant |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Councilman Jody White</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Faltery Jolivette</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Ken Marks</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |
| <i>Councilman Ernest Blanchard</i> | Tyler Cormier | Matthew Hughes |

6. Vote to re-appoint Senic Batiste, Kenneth Vidrine, and Denise Cannatella for three appointments to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission for a four-year term. (01-15-2024 – 01-15-2028)

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Senic Batiste, Kenneth Vidrine, and Denise Cannatella for three appointments to the Greater Krotz Spring Port Commission for a four-year term. (01-15-2024 – 01-15-2028)

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

7. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District for the remainder of a four-year term expiring 09-02-2026.

On roll call vote: YEAS: 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 20th, day of March, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to authorize the ratification of Ms. Sabrina Ardoin to be re-appointed to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board of Commissions nominated by Mayor Kevin Colligan of Cankton and Mayor Nick Degeyter of Leonville.

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Teche Vermillion Pumping Station. (No Term Set).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the Teche Vermillion Pumping Station. (No Term Set).

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

10. Vote to appoint Charles Richard and re-appoint Charles James for two appointments to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-01-2024 – 04-01-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Charles Richard and re-appoint Charles James for two appointments to South St. Landry Community Library District for a five-year term. (04-01-2024 – 04-01-2029)

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 20th, day of March, 2024.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (05-15-2024 – 05-15-2028)

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, 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 20th, day of March, 2024.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-012

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Who put that on the agenda?"

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Who is the Sponsor?"

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We don’t have a Sponsor. I was asked to put that on the agenda by Garrett.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The agenda went to print before it could be pulled off. I think our Council Clerk wanted to make sure she was not knocking someone ordinance off of the agenda but again the agenda went to print before it could be pulled off.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do we have a Sponsor for this Ordinance?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we withdraw this ordinance.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “We don’t need a motion because we don’t have a Sponsor for this Ordinance.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “With no Sponsor it goes away.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Is that the way you want to handle it Mr. Duplechain? I have no problem with that. Moving on to item No. 10 on the agenda.”

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE PULLED

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.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, because of the concerns and the amendments that have been suggested perhaps we need to urge Ms. Nancy to withdraw this Ordinance or pull it until we can get our heads together and make some kind of comprehensive ordinance that can handle what we need to handle. There is more than 2 Districts out of 52 that is going to have some special concerns and needs. Personally I think it can be dressed a different way. That is part of the discussion. Ms. Nancy would you consider pulling it until we can get our heads together.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Mr. Taylor, after I just looked at and consideration I will put it because we do need to change some of the wording in it. I will pull it for now.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Ms. Nancy I understand you are pulling it. I respect that but also urge this council to put something in place some type of training to make sure the these boards understand what their responsibility are. Sometimes we want to take action and they have know knowledge and no understanding what their responsibilities are and what they suppose to and not suppose to do when they serve on these boards. It is difficult to tell them they did wrong when they have no understanding of how or why. I am asking that we hurry up and get this through, not this one but we understand what we really want. Thank you.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I agree. In three weeks we will have it correct.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, you all did receive a letter from me today regarding this issue. Sixty-six out of Ninety-nine Board Members have not completed their training. Most of them have not done it at all, ever. I am not blaming them I am blaming us because we put people on boards and we don’t tell them anything of what they need to do or how to do it, there is nothing. The laws have changed so somebody have to do it. I will make reference to one particular board that I was under the impression that they get an audit done every year like most of them should but it is not an audit it is a review. They have a bookkeeping firm that takes care of their books but there is nobody teaching them how to manage the day to day operations of their organization. There is no internal control and there is nothing established. That falls back on us. So that is why I drafted that letter today to make sure that the council is aware that 66 out of 99 of our board members have not completed their training. I am required to turn that in to the Ethics Board and I will. I did talk to the Ethics Board and they gave me their word that they were going to

send a letter to each one of these Board Members advising them what needs to be done as far as the Ethics is concerned. They are not going to fine them or do anything to them they will just give them their letters saying that this is what needs to happen. If they don't complete their training then it will be a different ball game. I am obligated to let the Ethics Board know what is going on. I still go back to the other part of a Board collecting money every single day by selling water and the money is saved in a drawer right next to the drive-thru window and the check books signed by the two board members who can sign a head of time where there is blank checks signed and just placed in the drawer. Nobody ever told them that they could not do that. We have to do a better job of that part and that is one of the main reasons why I am bringing this up.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-006 **Ordinance Pulled**
(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.

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.**

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

- A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-008.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Timmy Lejeune. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of March, 2024

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

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

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

ARTICLE XIII. – MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

Sec. 40-351. - Definitions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Park trailer means recreating vehicles primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreating, camping, or seasonal use. They are built on a single chassis, mounted on wheels and have a gross trailer area not exceeding 400 square feet in the set-up mode. Each park trailer is certified by the RPTIA member manufacturer as complying with ANSI A119.5. Two

different types of park trailers are offered. One type is less than eight feet, six inches in width and is designed for frequent travel on the highways, while the other is wider than eight feet, six inches (usually 12 feet in width), and must be transported with special movement permits from the state highway department. The eight feet, six inch unit typically is expandable when it reaches its destination, utilizing slide-outs or tip-outs. The wider units, being less mobile, are usually sited in a resort or RV park location for an extended term, typically several years.

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

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

Sec. 40-352. - Enforcement; penalties.

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

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

Sec. 40-353. - Conflicting regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Responsibilities of management.

(1) The person to whom a permit for a park and/or subdivision is issued shall operate the park and/or subdivision in compliance with this chapter and shall provide adequate supervision to maintain the park and/or subdivision, its facilities and equipment in good repair and in a clean and sanitary condition.

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

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

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

(b) Responsibilities of occupants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Application.

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

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

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

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

(4) Manufactured home/mobile home standards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) All manufactured home/mobile homes located in a special flood hazard area must comply with all federal, state, and local requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, even if flood insurance is not purchased.

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

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

(5) Restrictions.

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

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

Secs. 40-358—40-365. - Reserved.

- ***ARTICLE II. - PERMIT AND INSPECTIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOME, OR MOBILE HOME, PARK OR SUBDIVISION***
- ***Sec. 40-366. - Permit required; display.***

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

Sec. 40-367. - Application for permit.

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

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

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

Sec. 40-369. - Inspection required.

Application for the initial permit for existing manufactured home parks, mobile home parks,

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

Sec. 40-370. - Inspection fee.

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

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

ARTICLE III. - PARK PLANNING REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 40-378. - Date of manufacture.

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

- **Secs. 40-379—40-384. - Reserved.**

ARTICLE IV. - DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS

Sec. 40-385 - Review of site plans.

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

Sec. 40-386. - Minimum area.

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 40-388. - Recreation area.

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

Sec. 40-389. - Streets.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 40-390. - Pedestrian access walks.

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

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

Sec. 40-391. - Lot limits.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) *Outdoor living areas*. Each space shall be provided with an outdoor living and service area. Such areas shall be improved as necessary to ensure reasonable privacy and comfort. The minimum area should be not less than 300 square feet with at least a dimension of 15 feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Footing or foundation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. All piers or blocking shall provide a minimum spacing of ten feet, center to center, measured along the frame rail of the unit installed thereon.
2. All such piers or blocking shall be not less than eight-inch by eight-inch by 16-inch solid or hollow loadbearing concrete or haydite units. Where hollow units are used, all voids shall be placed in a vertical position.
3. Shims, if required, shall be placed between the beam frame and the pier to provide a level and rigid unit installation.

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

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

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

- a. *Types.* Anchors shall be bolted in concrete, screw auger or anchor driven or any other type manufactured and approved for such use.
- b. *Size.* All anchors shall be galvanized high-tensile steel, not less than five-eighths-diameter, with a drop-forged closed eye. All anchors except as required in subsection (3)a of this section, shall be not less than four feet in length, installed to full depth, according to the manufacturer's recommendation, with only the eye protruding above grade for connecting the tie down system.
- c. *Connection to frame.* Connections to the unit I-beam frame shall be a five-eighths-inch or larger drop-forged closed eye bolted through a hole drilled through the frame or by any other approved and adequate wrap-around or clamp method.
- d. *Turnbuckles, straps or cables.* Not less than five-eighths-inch drop-forged turnbuckles with closed eyes and screw pins shall be attached to the frame above and ground anchor below and securely tightened in place. Steel straps or cables may be used in lieu of turnbuckles if they are of equal or greater strength and are securely tightened in place with a tensioning tool and clamped.

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

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

Secs. 40-396—40-399 - Reserved.

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

Sec. 40-400. - Required; standards.

Every park and/or subdivision shall contain a water system, public sewer, or Louisiana Department of Public Health approved private sewer system, and gas piping system consisting of piping, equipment,

and appurtenances, which shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the regulatory codes and permits office.

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

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

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

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

Secs. 40-403—40-407. - Reserved.

ARTICLE VI. - ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Sec. 40-408. - Generally.

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

Sec. 40-409. - Power distribution lines.

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

Sec. 40-410. - Installation requirements.

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

Secs. 40-411—40-415. - Reserved.

• ARTICLE VII. - HEALTH AND SAFETY

Sec. 40-416. - Fire protection.

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

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

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

(d) *Requirements for fire hydrants.* Fire hydrants are optional, if a public water supply system is

available and capable, and where required by the fire district or St. Landry Parish Government, shall be installed in accordance with the following requirements:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 40-417. - Refuse handling.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Parks and/or subdivisions shall be maintained free of accumulation of debris and stagnant water which may provide rodent harborage or breeding places for flies, mosquitoes, and other pests.

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

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

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

Sec. 40-419. - Mail distribution.

An area shall be provided, developed, and maintained for mail distribution in accordance with the

requirements of the U.S. Postal Service so as to provide for mail distribution for the tenants of each individual lot.

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

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

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

Secs. 40-421—40-425. - Reserved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

certificate of occupancy then PRIF shall be paid upon completion of all required inspections. PGAF shall be deducted from PRIF in subsection (d) (4) and PGAF shall be non-refundable.

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

a. New residential construction:

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

b. New commercial structures/renovations/additions:

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

c. Residential renovations or additions:

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

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

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

e. Miscellaneous inspections construction fee:

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

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| Swimming pool | 200.00 | 8% |
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(e) The final permit will be issued by the parish government upon receipt of approved permits from the parish health unit, stating that the applicant has complied with all regulations and rules of the parish health unit, state health codes, and all ordinances of the parish with regard to sewerage, water and sanitation systems. On the completion of the final permit a green tag for the electrical box will be issued.

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

(g) Whoever undertakes construction of a building or moving of a building onto a site in the parish without first obtaining the permit provided for in this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in an amount as established by the parish council from time to time or imprisoned not less than 30 days or both, at the discretion of the court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-009
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R. S. 47:2202 (B)

- **A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-009**
On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard.
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere and Timmy Lejeune. **ABSTAINED:** None.
WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 20th, day of March, 2024

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

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

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

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, 1 LOT T-190 (100x105) (.241 AC) THREE MILE LAKE SUBDIVISION N LOTS T-168 T-169 T-170 & T-171 S HWY 190 E LOT T-191 W LOT T-188 IN SEC 10 & 11 T-6S R-6E1031206 1202498

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-010
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R. S. 47:2202 (B)

- A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-010.**
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 20th, day of March, 2024

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

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the

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

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Comfort Lane in Opelousas, LA can be included on the list of roads in St. Landry Parish that are designated as “No Truck or 18-Wheeler Thru Traffic” routes. ORDINANCE NO. 2024-011

- **A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-011.**

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 20th, day of March, 2024

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

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

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

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

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| Andrepont Road (Parish Road 6-10); | (1) |
| Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340); | (2) |
| Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340-1); | (3) |
| Begnaud Road | (4) |
| Belmont Drive; | (5) |
| Comfort Lane; | (6) |
| Country Ridge; | (7) |
| Darjean Road; | (8) |
| Dresser Loop; | (9) |
| Federal Road (Council District No. 1); | (10) |
| Fisher Road (Parish Road 4-110); | (11) |
| Fort Hamilton Drive (Parish Road 1-319); | (12) |
| Frank Road | (13) |
| Frilot Cove Road; | (14) |
| Gordon Street (Parish Road 6-45); | (15) |
| Government Road (Council District No. 3); | (16) |
| Greg Drive; | (17) |
| Harmon Lane in Opelousas | (18) |
| Henderson Drive | (19) |
| Hidalgo Road (Council District No. 3); | (20) |
| Highway 1244; | (21) |
| Iseringhausen Road | (22) |
| Jacob Road (Parish Road 6-345); | (23) |
| Jeff Thibodeaux (Parish Road 6-345); | (24) |
| Judson Walsh; | (25) |

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| Lawyer Road; | (26) |
| Littell Street (Parish Road 6-40); | (27) |
| McClelland Road (Parish Road 6-35); | (28) |
| National Road (Council District No. 3); | (29) |
| North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104; | (30) |
| Perry Drive (Parish Road 6-40-1); | (31) |
| Plantation Road; | (32) |
| Rainbow Drive; | (33) |
| Rolling Oaks Drive (Parish Road 1-397); | (34) |
| Sir Thomas Henry Drive; | (35) |
| Smith Lane (Parish Road 5-30); | (36) |
| Soileau Road (Parish Road 6-275); | (37) |
| Soileau Road from Hwy. 13 to Hwy. 757; | (38) |
| Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2); | (39) |
| West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection. | (40) |

XI.

RESOLUTION NO. 006-2024

No Action Taken

A Resolution for Storm Water Management District

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

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

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

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, I meet with Mr. Bellard this morning and we talked about this. I have a couple of issues, one is there is probably a better way you can do this than using utility companies to collect our fees. The Legislation had not even been adopted is that correct Mr. Bellard at this moment?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, it has not. The Resolution is to support it.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I understand but we don’t know what it says. Don’t you think we ought to see if they pass it then we take a look at it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “You all have a copy of the law from what I understand. Evidently you all did not get it.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I did not get a copy. I have a couple of other concerns. Are we going to pay these Water Systems an Administrative Fee to collect it for us and to shut the water off? There are too many loose ends on this item. Can we delay this until we can sit down with the bill and discuss it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I brought this up at the meeting last week. I don’t know why it is on the agenda tonight. It passed the council last week at the Special Meeting.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. Sherell, can you tell us why this is on the agenda tonight.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “This Resolution was not on the Special Meeting.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes it was.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Would one of you all please come forward. This is the second time that we have had something on the agenda and I am advised that it should have not been on the agenda.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “I think the council voted in favor of it and now it is in written form.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I know it was discussed at that Special Meeting but I don’t think that we voted on it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes you all did.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Chairman, the council voted in favor of it and so now it can be signed because it is in written form.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is right here in the minutes. The meeting agenda is right here. It states the Resolution and everything and the council voted on it at the Special Meeting last week.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, I will wait until everyone speaks but I would like to speak again.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do we have any questions from any of the councilmember regarding this Resolution 006-2024 in reference to the Storm Water Management District. The House Bill that is going to the Legislature?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “My final point is this, we have 12 active Gravity Drainage Districts which is chartered of the State, they operate under the State Statute. We have 5, one that is operational but they did not renew the tax and four that have been inactive. It covers 2/3 of the parish and these folks pay an Ad Valorem Tax to clean those Districts. Now we are asking those same people, those 2/3 people to tax themselves again to do services in districts that does not have a tax, that is kind of a double taxation and I have a problem with that. I think we need to work through this besides doing it all today. I certainly would want to go back to my constituents and say I voted to support something that is going to tax you all twice. I don’t see the logic in it. Thank you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, you all approved the minutes of the meeting that states the Resolution that you all approved last week. It is in here.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is not enough members to pass that. That was in the Committee Meeting. Ms. Nancy, Faltery, Dexter and Ernest, they are in the Committee Meeting.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It was in a Special called Meeting that I called last Wednesday for the council. It is whatever you all want to do with it. Again every councilmember knows that we had meetings downstairs and in the Courthouse and we talked about this and every councilmember had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions. I definitely understand the consideration from the council but at the end of the day we let the people vote on what they want in our parish. If we are going pull back stuff and not let people vote on it then who are we? All I am saying is this if you all don’t want to pass a Resolution then don’t pass it because it is up to you all that is all that I am saying.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am a little confused. I abstained on that vote.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Where does this council stand on this Resolution 006-2024? Do I have a motion to “Stop it” or “Go along” with the Resolution? Do I have a motion?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I thought we voted on this already.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was brought up in Finance and Administration.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “We voted to move it to full council.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It was put on the agenda as per Mr. Duplechain and Ms. Sherell. It is in the Finance. Where do we want to go with this on Resolution 006-2024?” Do I have a motion to stop it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I make a motion to stop it.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Mr. Chairman, you can’t present negative motions. If nobody makes a motion it dies without a motion. You can’t vote negative on this.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. Nancy was the only one that had Abstain on this, am I correct.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Correct.”

No Action taken on Resolution 006-2024.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Moving on.”

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, March 6th, 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 20th, day of March, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **March 6th, 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 20th, day of March, 2024.

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor 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 20th, day of March, 2024.

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