

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

- I.** Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order. He asked that the audience to please silence all of their electronic devices.
- II.** Councilwoman Mildred Thierry led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III. ROLL CALL:** Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere and Jimmie Edwards. *Councilwoman Nancy Carriere and Councilman Jimmie Edwards was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.*

**IV. CONDOLENCES:**

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry:* Ozie Felix Sr., Eloise LeDay, Ray Ford, Freddie Albert, Warren J. Lazard Jr., Summer Lalonde Le, De'Quin P. Zachary Jr., Betty Jane Thomas, Wilson Landry, Leonard R. Thierry, Joseph Jordan Jr., Ar'Mhiyah Za'Nae Joubert, Shirley Ann Jordan, Raymond Vincent Owens Sr., Baxter Blaine Iford Sr., David Keith Sebastien, David Mark Briley, Barbara Gail Holmes, Sierra Maneke Sims.

*Councilman Ken Marks:* Robert Bobby Soileau, Ronald Gene Ardoin, Martin Leger Sr., Shirley Janet, Darrayl Louis Sr.

*Councilwoman Vivian Olivier:* Leo Paul Henry.

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin:* Clay Bradford 'Brad' Jackson, William 'Bill' Robert, David Keith 'Sub' Sebastien, Norma Gail Soileau Phillips, Lou Ana Guillory, Ronald Gene Ardoin, Leo Paul Henry.

*Councilman Dexter Brown:* Baxter Blane Iford Sr.

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune:* David Keith 'Sub' Sebastien.

*Councilman Ernest Blanchard:* Samuel Aaron 'Sammy' McManus, Robert K. Hall Heartsease Armand Rozas, Ervin Lee Deaville, Betty Jeanne Knight Spell, Frances Ellyne Picou Bass, David'Scot' Simar, Elreen Semien, Bridget Sue Fletcher Caroll, Darwin Francis Fontenot Sr., Elvin Ray Fontenot, Gayle Fruge, Gerald J. Manuel, Faye G. Odom, Renee Bushnell, Mervin St. Andre, Allen Gus Miller.

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

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

*Mr. Kenneth Rozette*, 352 Government Road, Opelousas, 70570 spoke on behalf of Ms. Mary Boutte regarding her blighted property at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas."

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned*, "Are you the owner of 172 Harold Street?"

*Mr. Kenneth Rozette stated*, "Yes I am. We are in the process of getting it torn down and finishing to get it town down. We started on it already."

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. Cynthia do you want to give us a remark on this property.”*

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “Yes Sir, on this property I sent a letter out on August 23, 2023 and it was accepted by Nathan Boutee. I was informed that they were going to get it torn down and get that property cleaned up. It is in the same condition from August of last year. Parish Government would like to move forward on this project so we can get it torn down.”*

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time you are asking for a motion from this Parish Council to go ahead and start the proceedings on tearing the property down?”*

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer, “Yes Sir.”*

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, it is listed as item No. 1 on the agenda.”*

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We will move on and address it as item No. 1 on the agenda. Is there any other persons in the audience that would like to address the council?”*

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have a question, Mr. Rozette, as you can hear Ms. Cynthia contacted you and nothing has been done.”*

*Mr. Kenneth Rozette stated, “Yes it has, as you can see it was a whole house but it is not a whole house, we started the process of tearing it down. I said anybody else with the motion to tear it down, we started it. It is not like we did not make any progress on it. I want to start back on it this week coming in and we will finish tearing it down. It is not a complete house, it is already made in motion already where it is being torn down.”*

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “I went there last week and it is in the same condition as it was in August 2023.”*

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Mr. Rozette, are you are asking for an extension? Is that why you all are here?”*

*Mr. Kenneth Rozette stated, “Yes Sir. We would like to have an extension.”*

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “What time frame are you asking far?”*

*Mr. Kenneth Rozette stated, “Give me a 30 day extension on it. I will have it torn down, the remainder of it torn down because we have already started on it.”*

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We will deal with it on item No. 1 of the agenda.”*

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Since this house is in the district that I represent I would like to ask this council to give him at least 30 days. If he does not have it done in 30 days then we will move forward.”*

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We will deal with it on item No. 1 of the agenda.”*

*Mr. Kenneth Rozette stated, “Thank you all for your time.”*

## **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

## VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,* “Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer have some information.”

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,* “If you look before you I have placed two packets on two properties. Ronald Tate and Percy Wyble. The Assessment Listing with all of the Assessment information also photographs of the property. The first property is Parcel No. 0106410700. It belongs to Ronald Gene Tate. It is at 136 Victoria Loop. I have been dealing with this property for quite some time. Parish Government had to end up going and clean up debris and we spent 3 days there cleaning it up. I spoke with the daughter, Rhonda Tate and they came and payed the cost to clean up the property but they were informed at that time that they had to demolish that resident, it is in very bad shape. Every time weather comes tin and debris is flying everywhere. At this time Parish Government is coming to you all asking if the council would approve for us to begin the process and have the Council Clerk to send out a notice. I also have an address for the daughter because no one lives at that resident. Her name is Rhonda Tate. Her address is 1218 South Washington Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. That is where you can send any material to notify the family.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,* “I am familiar with that property and it is in horrible condition. I have one question because I know that Mr. Tate is in the Nursing Home. Is the property his or is it for his children?”

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,* “It is Mr. Tate’s property. His daughter Rhonda and his son have informed me that they are caring for the property and they informed Parish Government and I check with them periodically. Just this morning I went and take updated photographs and they are the photographs that are attached. Mr. Tate is in a Nursing home at this time.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,* “So you need a motion on two separate properties.”

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,* “Yes Sir, this is the first one at 136 Victoria Loop.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to send a letter to Ms. Rhonda Tate in care of her father, Mr. Ronald Gene Tate. The letter regarding cleaning up the property at 136 Victoria Loop should be mailed to 1218 South Washington Street, Opelousas, LA 70570 regarding Mr. Ronald Gene Tate’s property at 136 Victoria Loop.

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

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned,* “Do I have any councilmember that would like to speak on reference to 126 Mayflower Drive?”

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,* “That is what I am going to next. You will see the photographs attached to this property. We have gone out there more than one time with the investigators. They have built makeshift little houses and homeless people and individuals and different people are staying on that property. We went out there and they were suppose to start getting it cleaned up and he did not. We have photographs from today and the only thing he moved is something from the left side. What he is doing is moving it all to the back of the house and covering it with tarp. It is not just debris it is makeshift houses. Parish Government is coming before the council to ask if we can proceed with cleaning this property and start the process.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,* “I am familiar with that property. Ms. Cynthia you have gotten numerous complaints from me because the neighbors are complaining. It is an eye sore.”

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated,* “I have gotten complaints from you and some of the neighbors. It is a very bad situation.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I am all in favor. I am asking a question because it is not the house it is all of the debris. What are we going to do to prevent him from continuing to pack up all of this garbage? I know you said the makeshift houses but what about the garbage?”*

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “We can’t prevent anything all we can do is monitor the situation and try to correct it. There is no running water, electricity or anything there. We are just going to try and monitor it and keep it under control. That is the only thing that we can do.”*

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have a motion for her to proceed with the Mayflower address?”*

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to authorize the Council Clerk to send a letter to the Resident on Mayflower Drive authorizing them to clean up their property.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ms. Cynthia, do you have anything else?”*

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement Officer stated, “I would like to announce to the council that we are having a Community Clean Up day in the Lewisburg area so please let everyone know. We will be out there on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the parking lot of the Old Western Store.”*

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

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Jody White to accept the Parish President’s Report.

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

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**\*Items passed through committee.**

### **1. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Mary Boutte.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to grant a 30 day extension to Mr. Kenneth Rozette to allow him to clean the property at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas, LA 70570.

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

### **2. Vote to appoint Stephen Quebedeaux 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 Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to appoint Stephen Quebedeaux for one appointment to the 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, “Mr. Quebedeaux is in the audience. Would we like to have him come up and introduce himself?”

*Mr. Stephen Quebedeaux addressed the council and stated*, “How are you all doing? My name is Steve Quebedeaux. I have been living in St. Landry Parish for 51 years and I own a Convenience Store on HWY 167. I have been a farmer for 17 years and I have 2 kids. Thank you all very much for allowing me to be on this Committee. I am hoping I can move it forward as the previous person did.”

**3. Vote to appoint Samuel Bradley Grimmett for one appointment to the Teche Vermillion Pumping Station. (No Term Set).**

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Samuel Bradley Grimmett 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

**4. Vote to re-appoint Frank Albrecht 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 Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to re-appoint Frank Albrecht 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

**5. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three- year term. (06-10-2024 - 06-10-2027).**

A motion was made by Councilman Faltery Jolivette, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three- year term. (06-10-2024 - 06-10-2027).

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

**6. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to JEREMY KEITH QUEBEDEAUX advising to come and address the council regarding the clean-up of his property located at 541 MUSHROOM ROAD, ARNAUDVILLE, LA. Parcel #0301042300A.**

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to JEREMY KEITH QUEBEDEAUX advising him to come and address the council regarding the clean-up of his property located at 541 MUSHROOM ROAD, ARNAUDVILLE, LA. Parcel #0301042300A.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

**7. Further discuss Lawtell Water District No.1.**

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “It was on the Public Works Committee this past month. I think you had put it on the agenda.”

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, “I did.”

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, “Do you still want to speak about it?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I do. I am requesting authorization from the council to allow our attorney to go to Lawtell Water and explain to them what are their responsibilities and their duties there so they will understand exactly how that facility is suppose to function as Board Members and how to conduct a meeting. I spoke to our Attorney and he said that the board has to authorize that visit. At this point and time right now I am requesting from the Board to give the attorney the authorization to go to Lawtell Water and speak to the Board Members that are there. I am making that a motion.”

**Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated,** “Before we vote on it Mr. Duplechain do you have any comment?”

**Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated,** “My comment is that I am fully familiar with Robert’s Rule of Order and conducting a meeting in case the Public Body needs some instructions on that. The rest is up to the council.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Mr. Lejeune, considering the issues that we have had previously do you think that this is going to resolve the issue? What are your thoughts on this?”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune started,** “Mr. Taylor my thoughts are that it is a step in the right direction. Something have to start somewhere and I think that it will open the door for the right direction. If it doesn’t then we are going to have to take further action. That is my thought on it.”

**Councilman Harold Taylor stated,** “Thank you.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Since we are discussing it, last month there were some discussion about two replacements or two people resigning so is that the case or not the case since we are discussing it.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I can’t answer that question Ms. Nancy.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “Someone brought it up.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I understand that but until we receive a letter or some type of document that says that they no longer want to serve then they are there until the council decides that they are not going to serve or they are there until the term limit is expired and they are voted back in or they are voted out.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “That is fine, I just wanted to be clear about it.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “That is usually how it works.”

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated,** “That is fine. Last month there were some chatter about two people resigning and we did not get any letters.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I understand. That is perfect.”

**Councilman Ken Marks stated,** “Mr. Lejeune, I am all for notifying Boards and Commissions of their duties and their responsibilities but I also would like to see if our attorney, besides verbal, is going to give them anything written down where they can follow the Protocol step by step or will it will just be mentioned to them.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “I am good with whatever this council wants to do. We have to have something there.”

**Councilman Ken Marks stated,** “I agree.”

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated,** “Every argument that they had and every discussion that was discussed and everything that was talked about with this Water District was all brought to the attention that we don’t know and we don’t have the knowledge and we don’t understand. This way they are going to understand and they are going to know and they are going to have knowledge and they do have a phone number now that they can call. We are trying to give them the tools that they need so we don’t have the issues that they had. If the issues that they had

continue to go forward then we are going to make decisions that have to be made for this district because ultimately it is a Parish Government Water System. Mr. Jody, are you on the same page with that?"

*Councilman Jody White stated*, "Yes, I am totally on the same page with the fact of the Lawtell Water District having several small problems that apparently have been going on for a while before my tenure here. I think that it is to the best interest to start this way with our attorney speaking to them to make sure that meetings are being ran right and if the people within the meetings cannot cover the job then in the future we have to make more moves."

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, "Does the Board have an attorney?"

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "No Sir."

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, "Why not."

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "The one that represent us represent them."

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, "According to Mr. Bellard none of the members have done the Ethics Training. Shouldn't we talk about that also? A lot of the information about the law will be in the Ethics Training."

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, "There is one that have Mr. Taylor. He came and turned in his paperwork to you Ms. Sherell, Mr. C. J. Allen."

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated*, "Yes, Mr. Allen brought his."

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, "Okay, thank you."

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, "One out of five."

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, "One out of five, yes sir. So we have a motion on the floor by Mr. Lejeune that our attorney goes to their next meeting and advise them of some of their problems that they are having over there and come back to us with a report."

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated*, "I have a question, If I am not mistaken our DA's Office is the Board Attorney for all of the Drainage Boards and all of the Water Boards. I am glad that you all are making the motion to make that happen."

*Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated*, "Mr. Bellard you know and I know and every councilmember here knows that there is a problem over there. It has come to light and maybe it might have to deal with the board members, it might be their manager or it might be with their employees. I don't believe that we should be discussing what all of their problems are. Let Garrett come back and we will see what is going to happen. I think that we had it on the agenda where we have 2 appointments that are coming up possibly that is where we could maybe get rid of some of the problems that we have because it is a reflection back on us."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jody White to authorize our Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain to attend the next meeting for the Lawtell Water District No. 1 and discuss with the members their duties and responsibilities and report the findings back to the council.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

**IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-013**

**(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-014**

**(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-015**

**(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Texas Eastern Road 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. 2024-016**

**(Sponsored By: Councilman Harold Taylor)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO DONATE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY USED FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT STATION TO THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-017**

**(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)**

*Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is a piece of property that the city needs to put up pump stations. It is not really donating the property yet it is just a Servitude and it will take us until August to get it cleaned up and get the proper paper work done. It is just a Servitude for right now.”*

**AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE AND GRANT A PUBLIC SERVITUDE IN FAVOR OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS ON PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER .0103477000, WHICH WAS ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT, AND WHICH IS LOCATED ON BERNICE STREET IN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, AS PER LA R. S. 47:2235.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-018**

**(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Vivian Olivier)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET**

**WHEREAS, the 2024 St. Landry Parish Operating Budget, herein attached, is hereby Adopted to reflect the detailed estimate of revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, being the same is hereby Adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues and Expenses for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.**



**X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:  
NONE.**

**XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

- **A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adopt Resolution No. 007-2024.  
**On roll call vote: YEAS:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 17<sup>TH</sup>, day of April, 2024.**

*Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated*, “This is a Resolution it is not an ordinance. It does not need a sponsor it just needs a vote.”

*Councilman Harold Taylor questioned*, “Counselor, with a class action lawsuit, the proceeds if they win is paid for not by us but by the plaintiff right? In other words it will not cost the Parish anything is my question.”

*Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated*, “It is not going to cost the Parish anything. It is on a Contingency Fee so the Law firm will pay all of the expenses. If they collect and we fully expect them to then the parish will make money from it but it won’t cost the parish anything. I am told by a council for May Jung Law Firm that the proceeds would be able to be used for anything. We will see if that actually turns out to be the case but that is what I am told. The Attorney for that Law firm, Laruby May and I and our Council Clerk have exchanged e-mails so we are ready to go in that litigation.”

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated*, “I just want to remind everyone that this is the same as the Opioid and it is not costing us anything to participate in this lawsuit. If anything we will benefit if there is a benefit to gain. I would appreciate it if you all would consider it.”

**RESOLUTION NO. 007-2024**

WHEREAS, there is a class action lawsuit against insulin providers involving the over pricing of insulin that the St. Landry Parish Government wishes to be a plaintiff in;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that the St. Landry Parish Government shall retain the May Jung L.L.P. law firm to represent St. Landry Parish Government in the class action lawsuit involving insulin manufacturers, insulin providers, and the over pricing of insulin in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the St. Landry Parish Council that St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary and pertaining to the May Jung L.L.P. law firm representing St. Landry Parish Government in this class action lawsuit, and in furtherance of litigation of this class action lawsuit.

**XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from Wednesday, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, day of April, 2024.

**XIII. ADJOURN:**

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

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

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