

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 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 15th, day of May, 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 please silence all of their electronic devices and all councilmember please speak into their microphone to record the meeting properly.
- II.** Councilman Harold Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III.** **ROLL CALL:** Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Wayne Ardoin, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard.
ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry and Vivian Olivier.
- IV.** **CONDOLENCES:**

Councilman Ken Marks: David Whittington Sr., Bruce Alan Anderson, Paul Babineaux, Tillman Earl Jones Jr., Dieadra Pickney Cains, Jeanette Levier.

Councilman Alvin Stelly: James ‘Jimmie’ Savoy, Byron Charles Brasseaux.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin: Ricky James Guidroz, Baxter Blaine Iford Sr., Felix ‘Brother’ Horaist Jr., Bruce Alan Anderson, Byron Charles Brasseaux, Lucy ‘Belle’ Benoit-Whitley, Hudson Blake Saucier, Mary Lois Glasscock Boagai, Kathleen (Gonsoulin) May David, Robert Earl McBride, David Whittington Sr., Martha L. Dean.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: Ruby Nell Gaspard Guillory, Judy A. Martin, Geneva Duhon Comeaux, Julius Carroll Ardoin, Adrianna Sky Lejeune, Raoul Guillory, Gerald Reed, Drucella Young Guillory, Charles Joseph Francois Sr., Clifford Joseph Martel, Gregory Calvin LaFleur, Judith Keys Copeland, Pamela Vige Guillory.

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

V. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Mr. J.C. Doucet, 138 Boudreaux Road, Opelousas.

Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “No one from Mr. J.C. Doucet’s home have notified me.”

Willie Doucet, Blighted property, 138 Boudreaux Road, Opelousas.

Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “No one notified me.”

Jeremy Keith Quebedeaux, 541 Mushroom Road, Arnaudville, LA

Cynthia Fontenot, Code Enforcement stated, “No one notified me.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “This is the second or third notice on this property.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “He does not want to comply. We want to make sure that we have done everything exactly right this time. This time we will go in and take care of that.”

Ms. Lynnette Chavis addressed the council regarding Laurie Street. She stated, “My name is Lynnette Chavis. I live at 201 Laurie Street. I came here last month or the month prior in reference to our street. I was trying to find out who owns our street and ask if the parish was going to take over our street because of the pot holes and things. We spoke to Mr. Brent Deville who is the heir or son of Ms. Laurie and John Deville, the owners who we purchased our land from and at that time Mr. Brent was telling us that they did not own the street after their parents passed away. We are trying to find out if the parish owns it or who owns our street. Our road is horrible. Some of our neighbors have lost bumpers off of their vehicles. We can’t get nobody to come medical wise to pick up anyone because our road is that bad. We are trying to find out what can we do.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, can you answer that question. Is Laurie Street a parish road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No sir. It is own by Mr. Brent Deville. The primary owner according to the computer is Laura. He has it by default or whenever his mother died. The taxes are paid on that street and three other lots in that subdivision. It is a private road and it is owned by Mr. Deville according to the records from the Tax Assessor’s Office.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Whose district is that in?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Brown’s District.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do you want to give us a little insight on that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Laurie Street is just off of Charles Burr Lane and just off of Wisdom Road. It is in horrible shape right now and we were just asking for some assistance with it being a private road. Sometimes whenever they have a private road situation we get special permission to at least grade the road where it does not have those massive pot holes.”

Ms. Lynnette Chavis stated, “We can’t get medical or ambulance service down there.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have one also vertical to the same situation. Mr. Lejeune you asked to speak on this matter.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Not in particular about that specific name or road but in general about the private roads in our parish. Maybe the time have come that we go to a permit style system that the owners or the property owners that live down that road we assess like we did for the city at one point what does it cost to actually grade the road and that would be the amount of the permit which they would have to sign a document giving the parish right-of-way to be able to get on that property for that service. Should they need another service it is required they purchase a second permit on an annual basis. If we do it in that manner then if it is possible and we pass that ordinance that we could get on some of these private roads and assist them. We could do it as an actual cost rather than if they hired a private agency or construction company to come in and do something like that, it may cost them ten times the amount. Could we look into that and maybe make that happen. I know it has been kicked about the table a bunch of times but I do think that in my opinion if we create an ordinance, if it is possible that it would be in the style of a permit and every individual or whatever if they had 10 pieces of property and it cost 100.00 to get it done and it \$10.00 a property owner. If one person says I am not paying but he wants to sign and everybody else wants to put up the other \$2.00 then rock and roll with it. I don’t know what the cost would be. As long as the council comes together and look at that to determine what that cost would be per lineal foot of that road and based on the amount of occupancy and the ownership of property they have there we could maybe do something of that, it would be a permit process so it is not come one come all and it is free. I would be interested in supporting something like that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Laurie Drive is the same situation that we had on Northern Drive on the North end of the city. Whenever the lots were sold they came up to a certain point and they stopped. Then the middle of the two properties were just a right-of-way. I believe Mr. Barry was going to look into it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I can tell you the answer to Anointing Drive. The difference between the two Anointing Drive and the person who owns the property never paid their taxes on it so it was adjudicated to the parish automatically. This piece of property is owned and the taxes are paid on that property. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Marks, Mr. Lejeune, Mr. Ardoin and I all had this conversation. I really believe that we need to set this ordinance up and do an hourly rate because you are not sure how long it will take you to do the grading plus the cost of material and try something and see if we can make it work. An hourly rate will determine how long it will take to grade that road. If it is real bad it might take us two hours longer, not so much a foot as it is the time frame. I think we can make that happen and I think we can help your road and Mr. Ardoin’s road in his district that is in the same position. I think as a Government we need to do that for the safety of the people.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That would have to be done in a form of an ordinance is that correct?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would like to start the ordinance and get it ready and see if we can make a difference.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “I would sponsor whatever Mr. Garrett brings up I would like to Sponsor that Ordinance so we can help our public out with these roads situations.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “We would be happy to work with you Counselor. About 4 or 5 years ago Mr. Marks and I put a proposed ordinance together. It is a little different but we have the rates of what it cost from \$180.00 per hour or something like that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Lejeune came up with a good point. If they are going to charge \$3,000.00, let’s just say Fleur Des Coteau is a \$3,000.00 figure. Let’s just say two of them decide that they don’t want to pay then somebody have got to pay that other money.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “The bill is so much and everybody will have to put in.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “If the money is not put in then nothing is going to happen.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “His first reference was to an assessment. I am not sure how an assessment works in the city. Do you have to have a public vote on that or did the city council impose the assessment or what Counselor do you know? That was before your time.”

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “I don’t know. I am not sure that I fully understand the question.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “We will get the details on that.”

Ms. Lynnette Chavis stated, “I want to be clear, in our contract that we signed we don’t own the right-of-way? Are you saying that we still have to put in or is Mr. Brent responsible for that?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The owner may be responsible but you are living down that road and you are requesting some assistance.”

Ms. Lynnette Chavis stated, “Mr. Brent would get off Scott free. He won’t pay nothing?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are you Mr. Deville? Do you want to speak? I just want to do it correctly. Do you want to come up and speak in reference to the road that we are talking about?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “It belongs to my parents. I did not want them to even do that but they did it now I am sitting here with you all. I don’t know what to do.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Did you sell the property?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “No, I did not get a piece of that. My parents sold it. I did not get one dime.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “So your parents are deceased?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “So you inherited a debt or a responsibility for something that you had nothing to do with.

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “Yes. I pay the taxes.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “So the only thing that you own there is the road?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “I did not know that I owned it.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Rightfully speaking would that be the only thing that you own?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “No sir. Me and my parents got together and bought this property in 1993. We split it down the middle. When they did the subdivisions they did it on their part. We subdivided it and that was their part. It was not my part. That is how it went.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “So you kept the road, pretty much and that is what it looks like.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “I did not know that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Deville did not say his address when he came up to speak.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will get to that Mr. Brown. I will get to that before he leaves tonight.

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “You did say that when you all subdivided it do you own just the middle or do you own anything?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “I don’t own no part of that. We divided the land in half. They took a part of that land, their half of that section and made a subdivision out of it. I did not have nothing to do with that.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Are you east of Laurie Drive?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “So that is your property?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “We have an ordinance in place for roads that are private as Mr. Taylor was speaking about and Mr. Lejeune is aware of it as well. The problem rises with many of these subdivisions and I am not sure that yours was that way but in the past these properties were sold and the property went to the middle of the road. Basically, we have been having problems trying to get residence to sign off on trying to put in the funds that is needed to do things that you need to have for your road to be passable. All of our citizens need to have access to their homes and need their children to ride buses and trash picked up. All this type of services that we take for granted. I would like to see more information about your situation. Who created the right of way or the road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Looking at the assessor website the owner of the property is his mom and dad and he is care of Mr. Brent. It has 3 lots and the road itself. It is under his mom and dad name but evidently, he must be paying the taxes. It is up date. Did you all do a succession on that property yet or maybe that is another problem we are having. My suggestion and I will get with Mr. Duplechain if he do not want it whatever the succession calls for if he inherited the property, he can give that section to the landowners and get out of the road business. In the meantime, if we had to do anything we would have to deal strictly with you and not with them because you the actual owner. We would have to get right of passage from you.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “I did not inherit it. We did all of this before they passed away. They gave it to us with use of the property. They donated to me and my sibilings with them having use of the house and the property.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Mr. Bellard I understand if the taxes are not paid Parish Government will take over at some point in time and take ownership of the property.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do not want that to happen but yes.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Mr. Deville, question for you do you utilize that road.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “No.”

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Deville prior to your parents passing away did they donate and transfer ownership of this property to you and your two sibilings?”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “It’ s four sibilings and well they had properties in Arnaudville that went to my two brothers, properties in Washington went to my brother and sister and property in Opelousas went to me.”

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “Ok so they transferred it just to you.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “Yes, I did not know I had the road I thought that went with the subdivision.”

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “On the other side of the road who owns that property.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “The road goes straight down the middle with lots on both sides. I own from the end of their lots, the sides of their lots that is 21 lots on both sides until the rest of the property.

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “So you own both sides of the road.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “No, I do not have either ownership on neiher side of the road, it is 190 feet pass the road. The east side of the subdivision, it runs north and south. I own from their fence line going back to the east.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “With the right of way with the two sets of lots would you be willing to donate that right of way to the parish.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “I would gladly do that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time Mr. Deville would you give us your address where you are living at this time and phone number so our attorney can get in touch with you and try to help these people who are here tonight.”

Mr. Brent Deville stated, “Ok, Brent Marcus Deville. I live at 2649 Charles Burr Lane Opelousas, La. My contact number is 337-290-2101.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Ok, thank you.”

Laura Carlisle addressed the council on behalf of verticle bridge 201 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, La. Suite 3600 70170, “We submitted an application on a 155 ft monopole cell tower at approximately 8550 Hwy 182 Opelousas, LA that is main street going North across from the Dollar General. It is being constructed specifically for T-Mobile however it is not exclusive to T-Mobile it can accommodate up to two additional carriers ATT or Verizon if they should want to locate there. The tower is needed in that area to both improve gaps in cell coverage and capacity that you have up in that region. With the application it shows the propagation maps green is best coverage blue is worst coverage, yellow and orange is kind of in the middle which is ok but not great. This is what you are looking at now in this area, which is a lot of yellow a lot of orange and the tower is designed to fill in a lot of those gaps to improve coverage in that area and along west of 49. I know they were questions about materials that may have not made it around to everyone I think I got Mr. Duplechain everything today. The last item for the zoning drawing that were sent by the engineer were submitted to the parish however I have another copy here as well. I am happy to answer any questions that anybody may have at this time and I appreciate your time.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Counselor you reviewed the Ordinance pertaining to these towers, does it meet the Ordinance?”

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes it does, the Ordinance requires the applicants of communication towers turn over certain documents and information to Parish Government, identification of the owners of the tower which we have that, written authorization from the site owner, the conveyance document showing that Mr. Ortego owns that property and that he has given authorization to put that tower on which we received that today. Evidence of a valid Federal Communication Commission License for that tower which we received today. Documentation of the proposed tower compliance with the regulation administered by the FAA we received today. The FAA conducted aeronautical study on it and finds it meets all the regulations administered by the Federal Aeronautic Administration. A site plan included but not limited to a scale draw to the property boundaries tower height, wires, anchors, existing structures photographs elevation drawing, topical designs proposed structures fence existing land uses and copy of the specification for the proposed structure all stamped by a licensed professional engineer. Ms. Carlisle has that with her right there, it is stamped by their engineer Mr. Ackermann that one is to be turned over to parish government because parish government has to keep it in their records for registration purposes an official tower map will be kept with parish government. A tower application form which we received and it is signed by the applicant for the tower. All of the requirements are in compliance by vertical bridge and they are aware of the fee, which I believe is \$1.00 per ft. to pay to parish government so we received all the documents as of today for vertical bridge.

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “So what you are saying is that they meet all code requirements, is that correct?”

Legal Counselor Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes, that is correct.”

Marjorie Randall stated, “I live 1611 West Vine Street Opelousas, LA 70570. The purpose of my visit this evening I been in communication with Mayor Alsandor, Parish President Jessie Bellard and his office. Ever since the Bissel foundation introduced the spay and neuter program to St. Landry Parish and we were able to get over one hundred animals spayed and neutered since the beginning of the program throughout the 31st of last year. I been working with the shelter director Ms. Lynn but with me getting vouchers from that office I offered my building because they consistently give people my phone number. I do not know if anyone here has ever had to call animal control regarding a cat issue but they will give you my number. I am the only person here in this area that is an advocate regarding spay and neuter and rescue abandon animals with a program called TNR which is to trap neuter and return the animal to community that they are familiar with living in. I offered my building because it would help to facilitate the movement, I get calls everyday from the shelter 3 to 5 calls everyday that I do not answer my phone anymore I tell people to text me. As of last Friday, when the Bissel Foundation shipped out 19 from my residence and I had my laundry room free for one entire weekend. As of today I now have 16 babies 11 of which are on the bottle and 5 other which includes the mom cat and her 4 babies that were left in my yard yesterday afternoon. A burden that I take on without remorse or consideration because I think is an ok thing to do. I wanted to offer my building but the problem is when I purchased the building I did not know they had a leak in the roof. I presented the information to Ms. Lynn, she brought it up to Mr. Bellard last year, and they said I needed to submit an estimate, which I did but it was coming to the end of the year so we never got an answer on that. Now I have all the cats that they refer to me I cannot put them next door in the building so I have to put them in the house. The building is large enough and I would like to propose taking the front part of the building and teach the community about the value and benefits of not to panic when they see a kitten away from its mother or wherever they see a kitten. I can help the community understand some of the overpopulation of not just cats but with dogs also.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard she has contacted your office and has been working with the animal shelter?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Originally we were under the impression it would be a couple hundred dollars which I would have been able to get some sponsors to cover that because the government can not do it but the estimate came to \$8,500. We will have a hard time trying to find \$8,500 from private donors to do this, I just can’t.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The Bissel Foundation are they involved with her at all.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I’m not sure, I know the Bissel Foundation sends out animals all over the United States so they may have but I do not get involved between her and the Bissel Foundation but I know the Bissel Foundation does transport.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Am I to understand that you can actually help with animal control community.”

Marjorie Randall stated, “Yes sir, I lived in Waggaman 19 ½ years before Hurricane Ida relocated me here and on the front of that Allied Alley Cat news letter is a story that wvl did on me after the hurricane. I lived on that property for 19 ½ years and they had over 200 cats when I left there were 50 cats.

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Mr. Bellard how Ms. Randall is helping and assiting us do we have control.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We do but we do not take in every animal that comes to the shelter because we do not have the room to do it. If we do that then we would be overcrowded. Those that we don’t if she wants to take them then she picks them up.”

Marjorie Randall stated, “The biggest issue is the fact that the parish nor the city have facilities for cats. There is no place to put a cat so when people call and say I have 15 cats living in my yard then I get call. One of the calls I received the mom cat got hit so what

do you do with 3-week-old babies nobody knows what to do with them. Right now I have 16 babies that do not weigh a half ounce each. I have to wait until they get at least 2 pounds before they can get spayed and neutered.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I can understand out the goodness of your heart you are doing all of this, has the city giving you any financial assistance?”

Marjorie Randall stated, “No sir.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You doing this out of your pocket.”

Marjorie Randall stated, “Have been for many years, yes sir.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, Unfortunately she doesn’t own the Bissel Foundation to be able to afford to do what she is doing but I am saying where do we go as Parish Government.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “At the end of the day we do not have the room and we are not required to have the room.”

Marjorie Randall stated, “I am not asking to have the room I just asking for the roof. It was \$7500 on the invoice and to be honest if I get started and give them \$2500 and raise the rest of the money. My issue is not asking for money. I just want to make sure everyone knows this is what I do and this is what I am doing for the community.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I think we all hear and appreciate what you are doing but we can not financially grant funding to you. With no other question I want to say we appreciate your time and what you are doing with these animals.”

Bobby Ardoin stated, “I wanted to take this time to speak. My name is Bobby Ardoin I am the editor and acting publisher of St. Landry Now but I am also a member of the Preservationist of St. Landry board and we had our major fundraiser two Sundays ago and Parish Government once again provided us with crucial assistance in the form of several tents and all the chairs we needed to sit our guest. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Parish Government for its assistance and I like to say they setup a time to deliver the chairs and tents and were very punctual with them. It was pouring down rain and we had a couple of employees from Parish Government that didn’t mind getting wet with us. Parish Government has always supported the events of Preservationist of St. Landry, what we are doing is trying to save the oldest home in St. Landry Parish built in the 1790s. As of two years ago we had about \$300.00 in the bank so we have these fundraisers in order to raise money to make the necessary improvements and upgrades in order to keep this house relevant. Once again thanks to Parish Government.”

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17th, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only thing I have is a FYI next Tuesday at the Capitol we will have a St. Landry Day. We will serve boil crawfish and I just want to make sure everyone received an invite. After the session is over with we will have boiled crawfish with all the Legislatives and Elected Officials.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to accept the Parish President's Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. Update on Blighted Property at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Mary Boutte/ Kenneth Rozette. 30-day extension has been fulfilled.

Cynthia Fontenot stated, "I did go out and inspect the property and nothing has been touched. The property is still the same as when we came to the council.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "So you need a motion."

Cynthia Fontenot stated, "Yes, I need a motion."

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Blighted Property at 172 Harold Street, Opelousas, LA 70570. Mary Boutte/ Kenneth Rozette. 30-day extension has been fulfilled.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

2. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 138 Boudreaux Road, Opelousas, LA 70570 J C Doucet and Willie Doucet

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jody White to authorize going forward with work on the Blighted Property at 138 Boudreaux Road, Opelousas, LA 70570 J C Doucet and Willie Doucet.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

3. The Council to vote on going forward with work on Blighted Property at 541 Mushroom Road, Arnaudville, LA. Jeremy Quebedeaux

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize going forward with work on the Blighted Property at 541 Mushroom Road, Arnaudville, LA. Jeremy Quebedeaux.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

4. Authorize the Preliminary Approval showing a Subdivision of "Prairie Estates" being a residential subdivision of a 14.000-acre tract; lots 1-7 situated in Section 71, Township 5 South, Range 4 East located on La Hwy 103 Opelousas, La.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to authorize the Preliminary Approval showing a Subdivision of "Prairie Estates" being a residential Subdivision of a 14.000-acre tract; lots 1-7 situated in section 71, Township 5 South Range 4 East located on La HWY 103, Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivet, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

5. **Authorize the approval for an Application for Zoning by Vertical Bridge for the Construction of a Wireless Communication Tower and Related Appurtenances. Discuss the Tower and the Approval of the Tower if any Councilmembers wishes to discuss the matter before a vote is taken.**

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to authorize the approval for an Application for Zoning by Vertical Bridge for the Construction of a Wireless Communication Tower and Related Appurtenances.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivet, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

6. **Vote to appoint two appointments to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three- year term. (06-10-2024 - 06-10-2027) Applicants are: *Armand Declouette, Judy Castille, and Tamie Sam.***

The votes were as follows:

<i>Councilman Jody White</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilwoman Nancy Carriere</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Faltery Jolivet</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>	<i>Armand Declouette</i>
<i>Councilwoman Mildred Thierry</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Councilman Harold Taylor</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilman Ken Marks</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilman Alvin Stelly</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilwoman Vivian Olivier</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>Chairman Wayne Ardoin</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilman Dexter Brown</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Armand Declouette</i>
<i>Councilman Timmy Lejeune</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilman Jimmie Edwards</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>
<i>Councilman Ernest Blanchard</i>	<i>Judy Castille</i>	<i>Tamie Sam</i>

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Judy Castille and Tamie Sam to Lawtell Water District No. 1 for a three- year term. (06-10-2024 - 06-10-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivet, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

7. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four- year term. (07-20-2024 – 07-20-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to advertise for one appointment to Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for a four- year term. (07-20-2024 – 07-20-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivet, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

8. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (07-20-2024 – 07-20-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivet to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (07-20-2024 – 07-20-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

9. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for six appointments to Public Works Commission District Five for a four- year term. (07-20-2024 – 07-20-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to advertise for six appointments to Public Works Commission District Five for a four- year term. (07-20-2024 – 07-20-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

10. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for five appointments to Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 22 for a four-year term. (08-17-2024 – 08-17-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to advertise for five appointments to Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 22 for a four-year term. (08-17-2024 – 08-17-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-019
(Sponsored By: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Tecumseh Loop 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. 2024-020
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE SECTION 36-132 WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Whereas, LA R.S. 32:41 (13) grants the parish governing authorities the authority to direct the installation of speed bumps in their parish;

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-021
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)

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

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-013.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

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)

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 Rachael Clark is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, Rachael Clark 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 Rachael Clark, 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 of, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., at the assessed value of \$4,600 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 1 LOT 12 (50 x 142) BLK 6 Nacol & Boutte Subdivision Addition 189687 823869 (Q-36-926) 1018481

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8600742500 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Harold Taylor to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-014.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin asked, “Do we have a date for the sale?”

Cynthia Fontenot stated, “The sale will be June 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council office.”

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-014
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)

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

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

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

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

PARCEL #	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER
	0103793450 2510 W. LANDRY ST 1 LOT PART LOTS 5 & 6 (25X146 EA) BOUDREAUX SUB DIV N LOTS 80 & 81 S HWY 190 E LOT 6 W LOT 5 FRONTING 50' ON HWY 190 IN SEC 13 T-6S R-3E 876080 (U-38-160)	JAMES CLES BERGERON
2	8101793000 1240 W LANDRY ST 1 LOT (50X150) N LOFTON S LANDRY ST E TERRACINA W BERTINOT FRONTING 50' ON WEST LANDRY ST 729976 (DON 46-108) (LOT 8 BLK 12 W LANDRY ST BID START AT \$8,300.00	MARY JOUBERT
3	8400634500 114 JOSIE ST 1 LOT (85X120) N JOSIE ST S JANICE & GUILLORY E RATELLE W LEGER FRONTING 120' ON JOSIE ST 746585 (Q-32-684) 1142342	MARY FRANCES MCGEE ETALS
4	0400745275 128 JOSIE ST 2 LOTS (60X85 EACH) N JOSEY ST S BROWN E SAUCIER W RICHARD FRONTING 120' ON JOSEY ST 1118823 1175871 1202498 (1980 WAYS 14X76 VIN# KBTXSN0801260)	SHIRLEY MCKNIGHT
5	8101959250 626 ARKANSAS ST 1 LOT BEING 1/3 OF LOTS 13 & 14 (50X100) (MIDDLE PART) BLK 12 COLO SOU ADD FRONTING 50' ON ARKANSAS AVENUE 770516 (B-34-251)	CLEMENT LAVERGNE
6	8100649822 MELANCON ST 1 LOT 3 (44X100) BLK H PAMELLA MELANCON ADD N LOT 1 S LOT 5 E LOT 4 W MELANCON ST FRONTING 44' ON MELANCON ST 744146 (N-32-73))	ADAM KEYS ETAL
7	8104190500 119 AUDREY ST 1 LOT 47 (50X105) STELLY SUB DIV 527127	CUPID CLARK
8	8500160486 PRESCOTT/MULBERRY ST 11.586 AC BEING LOT 5 IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 1 LOT 1 (.666 AC) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 1 LOT 2 (.385 AC) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 1 LOT 7-B (.110 AC) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 1 LOT 8-B (.495 AC) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 1 LOT 15 (.666 AC) IN SECS 70 & 85 T-5S R-4E 844360 (N-37-74) PLAT 967422 (K-42-177)	RALPH D. MOORE

9	<p>0102650000 1513 W BLANCHARD ST ALTON RAMER</p> <p>1 LOT 3 (50X150) BLK 5 COLO SOU ADD 672510-B (J-24-830)</p> <p>BID START AT \$3,070.00</p>
10	<p>8103606700 831 RAYMOND ST MICHAEL RAY ANDRUS</p> <p>1 LOT 1 (60X135) OF STOUTE PLAT N SYLVESTER S LOT 2 E RAYMOND ST W STOUTE FRONTING 60' ON RAYMOND ST</p> <p>IN SEC 72 T-6S R-4E 774912 (G-34-950) 1010748</p> <p>BID START AT \$2,620.00 \$2,830.00</p>
11	<p>8400945800 399 SEVENTH ST JOHN ANTHONY JEFFERS</p> <p>1 LOT (105X129) DUCOTE SUBDIV N JARREAU S VALIN E MORAN W SEVENTH ST FRONTING 105' ON SEVENTH ST</p> <p>942012 (C-41-736) REDESCRIBED 2005 1044332 1053644</p> <p>BID START AT \$5,590.00</p>
12	<p>0402518875 THREE MILE LAKE SUB CYNTHIA QUEBEDEAUX</p> <p>1 LOT T-190 (100X105) (.241 AC) THREE MILE LAKE SUBDIV N LOTS T-168 T-169 T-170 & T-171 S HWY 190 E LOT T-191 W</p> <p>LOT T-188 IN SEC 10 & 11 T-6S R-6E 1031206 1202498</p>
13	<p>8401936027 THREE MILE LAKE SUB FREDDIE BRANDT</p> <p>1 LOT T-169 (50X195) THREE MILE CORP IN SEC 10 T-6S R-6E 722258 (D-30-319)</p>
14	<p>8400536500 236 6TH STREET MORRIS GUIDRY ETALS</p> <p>1 LOT #1 (50X142) BLK 25 LEBLANC ADD 634966-A (I-22-388) 1142342</p>
15	<p>0603172500A 137 BOLLICH RD SARAH COLLINS</p> <p>1 LOT 5 (50X137) BLK 33 ROOSEVELT SUB DIV N LOT 6 S ST E DOOLITTLE ST W PUBLIC ALLEY FRONTING 50' ON DOOLITTLE ST IN SEC 19 T-6S R-1E 945690 (H-41-128)</p> <p>BID START AT \$2,200.00</p>

16	<p>8601207000 1450 DUDLEY ST JARVIS MCNEILLY 1 LOT BEING THE S 106' OF LOTS 1 & 2 (50X106 EACH) BLK AA ELOI GUILLORY SUBDIV N REM OF LOTS 1 & 2 S DUDLEY AVE E LOT 3 W JUNE ST FRONTING 100' ON DUDLEY AVE 959010 (Y-41-569)</p>
17	<p>0641431862 130 GASPARD ST (EUNICE) GASTON & MARY THOMAS WOODS 1 LOT (50X84) LEFT N JOHNSON S WOOD E GUILLORY W GASPARD ST 602311 (O-12-651) 939820 (A-41-349)</p> <p>BID START AT \$2,650.00</p>
18	<p>0602200000 140 GASPARD ST (EUNICE) CLIFTON J WOODS</p> <p>1 LOT (50X84) N JOHNSON S WOOD E GUILLORY W GASPARD ST 783070 (S-34-396) 996914</p> <p>BID START AT \$1,200.00</p>
19	<p>8102261300 910 W LANDRY STREET HENRY MICHAEL MICHEL 1 LOT (43X87.2) N MANUEL S LANDRY ST E MANUEL W GATH FRONTING 43' ON LANDRY ST 837655 (DON 64-335) 917828 (B-40-863) (LOT 6 BLK 9 W LANDRY ST</p> <p>BID START AT \$12,825.00</p>
20	<p>0602228400 141 MAMIE ST LADD DAVID YOUNG 1 LOT (50X150) BEGINNING AT A POINT ON S SIDE OF MAMIE AVE 50' W OF E BOUNDRY LINE OF LOT 5 BLK A SUB DIV OF GOURNEY PARK ADD THENCE W ALONG MAMIE AVE THEN S 150' THEN E 50' THEN N 150' TO POINT OF BEGINNING</p> <p>BID START AT \$6,200.00</p>
21	<p>8102857500 923 JEFFERSON ST MARY OTHERIE SAM 1 LOT 3 (48X149.4) BLK 1 ANDRUS SUB DIV 565435-B (M-18-558) 999533</p> <p>BID START AT \$5,500.00</p>
22	<p>8105585500 1818 PEACE ST JAMES E MICKENS 1 LOT (50X86) MCNEESE & BISHOP SUBDIV N JOSEPH S PITRE E JOUBERT</p> <p>W BENJAMIN 623407 (S-21-289)</p>
23	<p>8400765500 446 PACIFIC ST (PORT BARRE) LEONARD THOMAS 1 LOT 12 (55.5X146) BLK 2 SANDOZ ADD 562676</p>

24	<p>0400265000 BURTON STREET (MELVILLE) MRS ELZINE PERSLEY</p> <p>1 LOT 7 (48X120) BLK 53 KROTZ ADD 1202498</p>
25	<p>8100294850 HWY 357 L. AUSTIN FONTENOT JR</p> <p>1 LOT 16 (50X231.2) PEDIGO SUB DIV FRONTING OF 50.0' ON LA HWY 357</p> <p>831542 (TAX 11-212)</p>
26	<p>0105055755 250 ANNOINTING DRIVE JONETTA A TYLER</p> <p>1 LOT 67 (92.99X183.37) (.391AC) VIDRINE HIGHLAND HEIGHTS N LEMELLE</p> <p>S ANNOINTING DR E LOT 68 W LOT 65 & 66 IN SEC 51 T-6S R-4E 1030242</p> <p>(MH 2002 SUNSHINE 28X80 SERIAL ALS42044A/B)</p>
27	<p>0102072500 747 MERRILL ST BETTINA MOORE HADNOT</p> <p>1 LOT 69 (50X100) BERNICE LASTRAPES SUB DIV N MERRILL ST S LOT 77</p> <p>E MORRIS W LOT 70 FRONTING 50' ON MERRILL ST 1019410 1036691</p>

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have an issue with Texas Eastern because they have a gas plant down there that connects from Hwy 3043 all the way to Hwy 167. I would ask the Council not to approve this until I can get with the company that has that gas plant down there to make sure they not utilizing it for their transportation.”

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to reschedule **Ordinance No. 2024-015**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

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.

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 Texas Eastern Road 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:

Andrepoint Road (Parish Road 6-10);	(1)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340);	(2)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340-1);	(3)
Begnaud Road	(4)
Belmont Drive;	(5)
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)
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)
Texas Eastern Road;	(39)
Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2);	(40)
West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection.	(41)

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-016.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** Jody White.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

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

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government owns a two (2) acre parcel of land and a 0.333 of an acre parcel of land near the south side of the City of Opelousas.

WHEREAS, the two (2) acre parcel of land and the 0.333 of an acre parcel of land owned by St. Landry Parish Government is currently being used by the City of Opelousas to operate a sewage treatment station.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana Article VII, section 14, prohibits the donation of a political subdivision's funds, property, or things of value to a private or public person or entity unless the donation meets the requirements of the Louisiana Supreme Court in the "Cabela" case, Board of Directors V. All Taxpayers, et al, 938 So. 2d 11 (La. 2006). Said requirements in that case are that the transfer of property from the political subdivision to a person or entity must be for a public purpose that comports with the governmental purpose which the entity has legal authority to pursue, the expenditure or transfer of public funds or property, taken as a whole, does not appear to be gratuitous, and evidence must demonstrate that the public entity has a demonstrable, objective, and reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value at least equivalent to the amount expended or transferred.

WHEREAS, the transfer of the sewage treatment station to the City of Opelousas serves a public purpose, and is not gratuitous, because it will be very cost effective for St. Landry Parish Government by eliminating St. Landry Parish Government having to spend a substantial amount of funds maintaining a sewage treatment station that will process sewage for the citizens of the City of Opelousas. St. Landry Parish Government has a demonstrable, objective, and reasonable expectation of receiving a benefit or value equivalent to the property being conveyed to the City of Opelousas, because St. Landry Parish Government will not have to spend a substantial amount of funds for a sewage plant that the City of Opelousas is using to process sewage inside municipal the boundaries of the City of Opelousas.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following property shall be conveyed by an Act of Donation to the City of Opelousas, and said property is described as follows:

ITEM 1:

A certain tract or parcel of land, with all buildings and improvements located thereon, containing 0.333 of an acre, located in Section 104, Township 6 South (T-6-S), Range 4 East (R-4-E), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, shown as LOT 30-B of LINWOOD SUBDIVISION (WEST) on a plat of survey by Morgan Goudeau & Associates dated April 15, 2020, a copy of which is attached to the Conveyance recorded on August 28, 2020, under Act number 1204333, in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court, and being bounded, now or formerly, on the North by Lot 30-A (James Doherty); South by Ashwood Drive; East by Peter J. Losavio, Jr.; and West by Lot 13-A (Madelyn Fitzgerald).

Being the same property that the St. Landry Parish Government acquired in a Cash Sale recorded on August 28, 2020, under Act number 1204333, in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

ITEM 2:

A certain tract or parcel of ground, with all buildings and improvements located thereon, containing 2.000 ACRES located in Section 138, Township 6 South (T-6-S), Range 4 East (R-

4-E), shown as “Proposed Sewer Plant Site” on that certain plat of survey prepared by Morgan Goudeau & Associates dated October 25, 2017, which is attached to Option to Purchase Immovable Property, recorded on January 12, 2018, as Act No. 1168919, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, being located in the Northwest part of the property of Live Oak Gardens, LTD, and being bounded, now or formerly, on the North, South, and East by Live Oak Gardens, LTD; and West by the abandoned railroad.

Being the same property that the St. Landry Parish Government acquired in a Cash Sale recorded on August 30, 2019, under Act number 1191522, in the Conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

ITEM 3:

Ownership in all machinery, equipment, and other movables, that are necessary and/or being used in the processing and treatment of sewage in and around the sewage treatment facilities on the above two described parcels of land are hereby conveyed and transferred to the City of Opelousas, and shall be conveyed in the Act of Donation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that St. Landry Parish President, Jessie Bellard, is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents and conveyances that are necessary to transfer the two parcels of land, and the machinery and the equipment, listed in the three items in this Ordinance, to the City of Opelousas.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-017.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-017

(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)

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

WHEREAS, a political subdivision may, after the redemptive period, declare the existence of any public servitude on property adjudicated to the political subdivision for non-payment of ad valorem taxes as per LA R S 47:2235.

WHEREAS, a public servitude by destination of the owning political subdivision may be declared in writing upon authorization by ordinance duly enacted after public promulgation, and the ordinance and act may be filed with the recorder of conveyances of the parish, and may show the name of any prior owners of the property for indexing as vendor, as per LA R.S. 47:2235.

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas is in need of a lift station for the processing of sewage on the property on Bernice Street, which is located inside the City of Opelousas, and which bears parcel number 010347000, and which was adjudicated to the St. Landry Parish Government in the year 2019 for the non-payment of ad valorem taxes for the year 2018.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that a public servitude is hereby declared and granted to the City of Opelousas on the lot bearing parcel number 0103477000, which fronts on Bernice Street in the City of Opelousas, and said lot is described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of ground, situated in the Bernice Lastrapes Subdivision in Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, described as starting at a point (which is the Northeast corner of the tract now described) on the South line of Bernice Street which is 100

feet Westerly on said street from the Northwest corner of lot transferred on February 19, 1971, under Original Act No. 553635 in Conveyance Book B-17, page 20 and from said starting point proceed a distance of 100 feet in a Southerly direction parallel to the West line of said lot sold on February 19, 1971, to the Southeast Corner of the property now being described, thence proceed in a Westerly direction and parallel to the South line of Bernice Street a distance of 43 feet to the Southwest corner of the property now being described, thence proceed in a Northerly direction a distance of 90 feet to the Northeast corner of a tract of land sold under Act No. 517889 in Conveyance Book D-15, page 601, to the Northwest corner of the property now being described, thence proceed Easterly along the South boundary line of Bernice Street a distance of 62 feet to the point of beginning.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that this Ordinance, and an executed Conveyance granting this public servitude, shall be recorded in the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court's Conveyance Department, and shall be indexed by the names of the prior owners of the property, which are Gary Ray Chenier and Lucy Mae Chenier, as well as by St. Landry Parish Government and the City of Opelousas, as per LA R. S. 47:2235 (B).

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-018.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, and Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

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.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT:

Section 1. The attached, detailed estimates of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024 is hereby adopted to serve as the operating Budget of Revenues for the parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 2. The attached estimates of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024, is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Expenditures for the Parish of St. Landry during the said period.

Section 3. The adoption of the Operating Budget of Expenditures being the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section 4. Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2024 Budget.

Section 5. All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the St. Landry Parish Council.

**XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:
NONE.**

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, May 1st, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday, May 1st, 2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to Amend the 2023 Budget.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024

XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Nancy Carriere, Mildred Thierry, Vivian Olivier. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of May, 2024.

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