# ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 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 18th, day of December, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

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

### IV. CONDOLENCES:

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Uradell Despanie, Effie Marie Frank, Ivory Norton Jr., Randall 'Randy' Doucet, Edwin 'Red' Tate, Florence Dupre, Marie Elaine Joubert Soileau, Mark Antoine Menard, Wilbert Giron, Brian Keith Walker Jr., Katherine Ruth Pitre Miles.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Perry Rideau, Anderson Tezeno.

*Councilman Ken Marks:* David Bihm, Bryant Stelly, Kasie Briley, Sandra Artigue, Francis Bergeron.

Parish President Jessie Bellard: Aaron Harris

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

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

Lisa Ann Guillory Jones addressed the council in regards to the property at 214 Gordon Street, Opelousas, LA. She stated, "My name is Lisa Ann Guillory Jones. My address is P.O. Box 447, Lawtell, LA. 70550. At this point I am suffering with my heart. That is why I could not do anything right now. My uncle, Mr. Charles Young just passed away with heart problems. He worked for the Sheriff's department and they waked him at Williams Funeral Home. It was Saturday, he died during Thanksgiving but they could not bury him until after Thanksgiving. I will have someone try and clean it up. Someone told me that they would clean it up for me."

*Chairman Jody White questioned*, "Is that in reference to the property at 214 Gordon Street."

Ms. Lisa Ann Guillory Jones stated, "Yes."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "That is something that we will discuss a little later as one of our new business to pass." So that what you wanted to say about it?"

Ms. Lisa Ann Guillory Jones stated, "Yes."

Chairman Jody White stated, "We have it noted Ms. Lisa."

**Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned**, "Mr. Chairman, is she asking for an extension?"

Ms. Lisa Ann Guillory Jones stated, "Yes, and I will try and have somebody clean up the property."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, "How much time do you think is needed?"

*Ms. Lisa Ann Guillory Jones stated*, "Maybe 3 weeks. Could you tell me all that I need to have done? Do I knock the house down? The house is old. What else do I need to have done?"

*Chairman Jody White questioned*, "Ms. Cynthia, have you ever had any contact with Ms. Lisa?"

*Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated*, "No Sir, I did send a letter out but I did not get any response from the family."

Ms. Lisa Ann Guillory Jones stated, "I got a letter now, I have a letter right here. I got it December 18th."

*Councilman Harold Taylor stated*, "Mr. Chairman, perhaps she can get with Ms. Cynthia."

*Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated*, "Mr. Chairman, I mailed out those letters. That letter states for her to come to the meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024."

Ms. Lisa Ann Guillory Jones stated, "I called someone at the courthouse and they said for me to come tonight because I had missed the last meeting. I did not know."

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "I would like to request that the government give a term of 60 days. I will ask that Ms. Cynthia get a chance to visit with her concerning that property. I think that it is needed, can you do that and come up with a game plan."

*Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert stated*, "Yes Sir, I will get Ms. Lisa's number. I know Ms. Lisa very well so I will get with her and visit with her and we will come up with a game plan to get that cleaned up."

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "Thank you and that is my request, can I put it in a motion now or do I wait until it come up in New Business?"

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "We will wait until it comes up under New Business. In reference to the next parcel, Acadiana Road, is there anyone from the group here?"

Attorney Robert Bordelon addressed the council. He stated, "Mr. Chairman, I am Robert Bordelon. I submitted a paper to speak, I am really here on that but solely for informational purposes. I am the attorney involved in the partition suit among these people. I am here in case you all need to know more information about that. Some of the owners are here and some of them are not here. I just want to make it clear that I am not here in the middle of a condemnation proceeding, I am here only to provide information if it becomes questioned as to the partition litigation but one of the owners is here."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "Mr. Bordelon, I know that in reference to our New Business Item No. 2 on the agenda is when we will discuss that particular piece of property. If you can stand by we may have questions at that time. So you don't need to come up and speak unless we need you."

Attorney Robert Bordelon stated, "Yes Sir, I am here for informational purposes. Now one of the owners is here, if you want her to wait until you get to item No. 2 she can wait or she can address the council now."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "You are welcome to come up and speak now on this matter. Give us your name and your address."

Ms. Susan K. Guillory addressed the council. She stated, "I am Susan K. Guillory, I am from Lafayette. I live at 409 Alice Drive, Lafayette. I am one of the six heirs that was listed, Jean Albarado and Judy Landry are here also. The other three heirs live out of the state so they are not here. We have been resolving our parent's succession for the last 10 years and we just finished with the house sale June, 2024 so that have kind of been the delay in dealing with this issue. We ask that we get an extension today to see what will happen when we go to court on January 10, 2025. As Robert was saying there is a petition to partition on January 10, 2025. If we can get an extension to deal with this until we find out what will happen in January. Ms. Cynthia have been very patient with us in this matter and we appreciate that but we just need an extension."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "At this time I know that I also have Ms. Janice Simien in the audience. Do you want to come up now Ms. Simien while we are talking about this issue you can come on up and speak?"

Ms. Janice Simien addressed the council. She stated, "My name is Janice Simien. I am representing Charles and Wilma Simien. It is not on Acadian Road it is on Jim Guillory Road. With that being said for several years we have been asking for that property to be cleaned out. I understand the death of Mr. Guillory but we do want something to happen, it is long overdue."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "Ms. Cynthia as far as I know you have been making contact with Ms. Simien in reference to some of what is going on with that property."

Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated, "Yes I did pass that information on and I have advised them that is was coming up tonight for discussion. The government was coming to ask the council for us to move forward to clean up this property and get the grass shredded and the house demolished. I do understand that they have been having a succession going on and going back and forth to court. I have been keeping in contact with Attorney Bordelon also. We can discuss it further when it come up. I can give more information on that."

Chairman Jody White stated, "Are there any questions for Ms. Simien?"

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated*, "My question is for Ms. Cynthia. How long have this problem been going on?"

*Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated*, "As long as I have been in Code Enforcement and that is right at a couple of years and that is how long that I have been dealing with this property. It has been going on quite a while since I have been in this department. I am not sure prior to that."

*Ms. Janice Simien stated*, "It has been many years. After Mr. Guillory died they actually cleaned up the property a few times but not since then. In fact trees are growing on that property now."

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, "You all are going to court in January is that to finalize everything is that my understanding?"

Attorney Robert Bordelon stated, "That is why I came. There is a partition suit and three of the co-owners are out of town. We finally have everybody to join the suit and filed an answer. We have a hearing with Judge Cravins on a couple of motions. Everybody says that they are agreeable to partitioning to divide it, we already have the plat done, the plat has been done it was seeing if everybody would agree to it so we won't have to have a forced sale. The hearing is on the tenth and either it will be, we all agree, lets divide it or it is not and it will go down the road but the tenth is when we will go before Judge Cravins and everybody suppose to be there so we can deal with it, if we can. I am not going to guarantee you anything."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Assuming that it is then the property is divided between each heir and then the person that is owing that piece of property would be the

person we would contact to clean it up but right now it is the entire family is that what I am understanding?"

Attorney Robert Bordelon stated, "Yes Sir, it is all of the co-owners. Once it is partitioned we are aware of this. It would then have to go to that person who it might be easier to deal with whether the parish does it or the individual does it. It is co-owned by five, if it is divided the plat, that piece that we are discussing is all in one of the divisions, the house along Guillory Road up until the Simien Property would be one piece for one person."

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "Once they go to court, even if they make a decision can we give them two weeks after the court date regardless if it has to be cleaned or will we have to do another partition?"

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "I am afraid we will have to start the ball game all over because it is a new owner. It will start all over again if they partition the property and the new owner takes ownership of that piece of parcel, it will be divided and it will be a new ball game."

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "So everything that we have done is not good if it goes to court."

Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated, "Notifications have gone to all of the parties. I just want to say this and I know that they have been having this partition going back and forth to court, it is just that we had to go out at one point last year and shred so that it would not be a dangerous situation for individuals coming off of Jim Guillory. We also went and shred near Mr. Simien's house just so we could assist the situation until we can bring it before the council, we were just trying to work with the family. They have these court proceedings but it is at the point now that something needs to be done and I know that it will be your decision if we should move forward or give them a couple of weeks after this court date if we put something in place tonight. This have been going on and going back and forth to court for years and this could continue for another ten years."

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned*, "I am trying to understand and I don't understand everything because I got here late. Ms. Simien, who are you are representing?"

*Ms. Janice Simien stated*, "I am representing Charles and Wilma Simien, they are my parents."

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned*, "The other property, there is a house and the grass is blighted?"

*Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated*, "It is in the packet, they have pictures of the property. It is blighted, there is an abandon house and it is in very bad shape and there is overgrown grass."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I will take your word for it but my point is this: I understand they have been going to court and I understand we can't just go and do something because there is a lot of people involved but what I don't understand from the other family's point that Mr. Bordelon is representing is that if this is a nuisance and I don't know how many of you all live next door to it, so they live there and I am just wondering why the family just can't get together and least maintain it so that these people could live in peace. You all will be in court for a while trying to decide who own it while all of you own it right now. It seems like you all are responsible to maintain it until your partition or succession. If these elderly people have to live next door and you don't live next door to it, I think that it seems like you all can come to some kind of agreement to clean it because it does belong to you all until you all decide which one of you all."

Attorney Robert Bordelon stated, "To answer your question as far as the partition part you have six owners, they all are co-owners and no-one have a right unless they all agree

to tear a house down potentially. I look at it from the partition stand point they have had other cross claims and litigations for the other piece, the house regarding expenses and everything from the prior litigations to partition 4 acers and a house. So from my involvement with the partition and Cynthia and I can attest on that they can't just say let's do that because other people have property rights in the property. So from the partition standpoint it is easier to get it in people's names. It is not that they don't know who owns it, they own it and it has been surveyed into 6 equal parcels. My hope is when we meet on the tenth that we will agree and somebody will draw parcels or it will go back. It will not be years because there is a timeline for getting rid of a partition, it can't drag on an on."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So this is the issue: If you live in Lafayette I promise you that you won't have that issue next door to your house. We have an obligation to the people of this parish and I feel that since they can't agree on whatever the issue is we have to agree to clean up that property like we would do with anybody else's property, just because it is 100 plus acers does not mean we can't clean it. If there is a house that is looking like this, I promise you nobody would want to live next door to this kind of house. Whose fault it is, I don't really care but I know that we have a complaint and it is legitimate and it is obviously in the pictures so I wish the council not to give any kind of extension."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "With all due respect council we appreciate and understand what you are saying but Mr. Bellard really took the words out of my mouth. We have an obligation to this parish, not only just as one citizen but to the parish. Whatever litigations that are going on and the time frame that it has been, the two years that Ms. Cynthia has been here I would figure something should have been done as far as the co-owners collectively. But I move if I am in order Mr. Chairman that with all of the work that has been done thus far with the parish with the possibility of starting all over again as Mr. Bellard suggested that we would have lost a lot of time and resources."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "I think you can make your move when we get to the New Business. It is item No. 2 on our agenda."

*Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated*, "Mr. Chairman, I just want to add that one of the heirs of Mr. James Guillory did e-mail me a letter and I did provide you all with a copy of it. He could not be here because he lives out of town."

Chairman Jody White stated, "All of the councilmembers should have that letter at your station."

Ms. Janice Simien stated, "I just want to say thank you. I really appreciate it."

- There was no one to address the council from Vision Acquisition LLC, 111 Sherry Street, Opelousas. Parcel No. 0103774710
- There was no one to address the council from Linda Gail Naquin Castille, 151 Richard Kolder Lane, Opelousas, Parcel No. 0104119800.
- There was no one to address the council from Alma Etal Davenport and Floyd Davenport, Hwy 10, Melville, LA Parcel No. 0401499500.
- There was no one from CBD Leasing Inc. 1485 Hwy 10, Washington, LA to address the council. Parcel No. 0500328001.

*Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone addressed the council. She stated*, "I am Carolyn Darboone. My address is in Port Barre but the house is 116 Kennerson Road, Opelousas. I have to have back surgery, I already had my knee done from a bad accident and I need a little more time."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "You are asking for more time and Council that is in reference to item No. 7 on the agenda. Are there any questions for Ms. Darboone?"

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "How much time do you need?"

Chairman Jody White stated, "Ms. Darboone, you said that you had back surgery or you are having surgery?"

Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone stated, "I am having back surgery."

Chairman Jody White stated, "So you may be down for a while."

Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone stated, "I will have someone else to clean it."

Chairman Jody White questioned, "What time would you consider?"

Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone stated, "I would like to have about 2 months. There is a lot of stuff there. They went in there and threw everything out of the house. I have a question for Mr. Jessie. There are two big old pieces of trees that they cut up from the last tornado, could you please ask them to come and get it? I don't know anyone with that kind of machine. It has been there since the day it happened."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We can take care of that."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "If we don't have any other questions your item will come up as item No. 7 on the agenda."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz addressed the council. He stated, "I would like to yield to the Parish President until after his report so that he may cover some of the issues that I am going to be talking about."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not. With the lawsuit I am not going to discuss it."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "No we are not going to talk about the lawsuit. I don't know where to start other than it is costing you a lot of money to operate this parish jail every month. The Trustee Dorm that I am anxiously waiting to move in is not ready, it is not ready. Until it is safe and sound and doesn't affect the health or well-being of the staff or inmates I am not moving a sole in there. I can tell you I can't because of the liability that I face and so does the Parish Government if it is not prepared and ready to go. I have been up here and I told you one month ago that I want to work with Parish Government in spite of the suit that is going on, I still want to work with the Parish President and you all. The money is not an issue for our budget, I am waiting on some records. Now that this case is in court I am told by my attorney that Jessie is not going to provide records to us but he is going to prepare the records for the court, for the judge and the records that I am speaking of are actual cost of what it cost the Parish Government to feed state inmates. I have to have that to justify writing a check every month from our account to Parish Government. I don't mean that to be ugly, I just have to have that for Legislative reasons, Legislative Auditor Reasons is what I should say. I don't know who is in charge, is it the Parish Council or is it the Parish President, somebody is getting blamed and it is going to be every one of you. I am not doing the blaming but I can tell you that you are being blamed for a lot of the things. I have to be honest with you all, I hear it and you are being blamed, although you may not own it but you are being blamed for the delay and the cost to the tax payers for me having to ship inmates to other jails."

Chairman Jody White stated, "Does anyone have any questions?"

**Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated**, "I have two questions. You are saying that you are not going to open the Trustee Dorm because you don't have receipts?"

*Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated*, "Wait a minute, not just receipts, that is not the issue the receipts. I have a list of things right here that are not done and pose a hazard to inmates and staff. I am not going to move in there until all of that is remedied."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "I saw it on TV. My other question is this: How long is it going to take you to complete the work to finish it."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "I am not responsible for that work, he is."

*Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned*, "Mr. Bellard, how long is it going to take before the Trustee Dorm is ready?"

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "Part of our lawsuit is pertaining to Out of Parish Prisoners. I am not going to entertain any questions or talk about anything that might pertain to that lawsuit, I am just not, thank you."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "I think the suit filed is not regarding the Trustee Dorm Preparations and the finishing of it. It has nothing to do with the court case. What I am asking is for the contractor and for those responsible, Jessie Bellard to make sure that that building is safe and then I can move in it. I would love to be able to move in and save you all \$60,000.00 or \$70,000.00 a month but I am not going to put anybody in harm's way."

**Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned**, "Whatever hazards that may be applicable at the moment and whatever issues that are done or not done, who is the decisional person? Who is the third party? Who comes in and checks off and say that it is done or it is ready?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "That Gentleman right there."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "So do we have a decision?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am not making any comments. I appreciate it."

*Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated,* "I will tell you that you spent about \$1,000,000.00 on this facility."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "\$1,200,000.00 I believe."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "\$1,200,000.00 on this and I like it, I really do. I came here one month ago bragging about it but what I can't stand here and brag on is the fact that I am repeatedly asking for things to be fixed. We have electrical wires hanging from the ceiling and we have electrical outlets in the walls that are not covered, I have a list of things here. There are no soap dispensers which is a minor thing, we have showers where men will be taking showers completely exposed to the people that come in to conduct business and you don't want that, I don't. The commodes don't have the protection and privacy that should be there for the integrity of the inmates, for God's sake, we have to protect that. We have filter vents for the air condition duct system that I go to the wall and I have pictures of all of that and I can un-do it with my fingers and open it and remove the air filter and right behind it is a convenient place to hide contraband, a weapon or drugs. If you don't think inmates don't think about that and not looking for places to hide concealed things you are wrong. I have been in this business for a long time, if they can pull it over on you all they will if they are trustees or not and I want to protect people from that."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Is there any way that you can provide the council with a list of things that needs to be done there?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "I would love to but what can you do about it? I don't want to waste your time with it."

**Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated**, "I do understand but the comment that you made earlier is that the public is holding us responsible with having knowledge of what we should be looking for to have some responsibility of requesting it be done then I can't do anything about that."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "You can't do anything with it."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "If you show it to me and give it to me maybe I can, you know."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "I came here and explained what was wrong one month ago and I will be happy to provide all of you all a copy of that."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "That would be great."

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "Another thing that you all are being blamed for and it is not your fault is the budget, the budget. I have monitory expenses that are of Parish Government requirements and I don't care about that. I don't care that you don't pay the required budget requirements to the Sheriff but I will tell you who does care, the Clerk of Court, The District Attorney, The Parish Judges and the Tax Assessor. They are coming for money, what happen to it? You are being blamed for that. I am not blaming you, I am not blaming any of you for that but you can be sure I hear it. I have people come to me and talk to me about where is the money? Where is the money? You are asking the wrong person. I know there were \$16,000,000.00 here two years ago."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "Okay what we will do is continue talking about the initial issue. Does any have a question? Mr. Marks?"

*Councilman Ken Marks questioned*, "Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, I know that litigation are limiting you to say anything all about what is going on here. I would just like to know if there is a time frame. Is there a time line of when do you possibly think that it might be utilized to the capacity that it was originally intended to be?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I will give you all my answer tomorrow."

Councilman Ken Marks stated, "Okay that is fine so we will have that answered and I guess all codes and inspections, I am not familiar with, I don't know who suppose to do what is what I am getting at. So that is another thing that we would like to know."

*Councilman Alvin Stelly stated*, "I am like Mr. Lejeune. I would like to have a copy of that because there are 4 or 5 of them that have called me and asked what the hell are you all doing?"

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "The sheriff is being blamed in much of that too."

*Councilman Alvin Stelly stated*, "The council is being blamed. That is something that is going on that is not up to par."

*Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated*, "I want to work with you all, I do and I have shown that and I have expressed that."

*Chairman Jody White questioned,* "In reference to the list you are referring to Sheriff, Mr. Bellard, do you have that list?"

There was no comment heard on the microphone from Parish President Jessie Bellard regarding a list.

Sheriff Bobby Guidroz stated, "He knows what the problems are. He made the problems when he did not insist that the building be completed. He knows what those problems are, he goes there probably twice a week. I brought a man from Wisconsin there the other day, Monday or Tuesday and I said I want you to see what I have been complaining about. So don't blame the Sheriff for taking your money, tax payer's money, your money, \$100,000.00 a month to send inmates to other parishes because this facility is not ready."

Chairman Jody White stated, "Okay, thank you Sheriff, moving on."

### VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as transcribed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as transcribed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

#### VII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated,** "The only thing that I have is going to be the Ordinance that was just given to us prior to the meeting that we need to introduce for the \$2,000,000.00 Line of Credit. You should have a copy of it."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "The \$2,000,000.00 is a line of Credit with state that goes to the State Bonding Commission. It says to pay current expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 and paying cost of issuance and anticipation of revenue of the Parish and the current fiscal year for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. I noticed in the budget that you propose a proposed budget for 2025 and you have a 2,000,000.00 line of credit, in the prison expenses is that correct?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes."

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, "Okay, so if it is in the 2025 budget how do we pay for the deficit in 2024?"

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "So it is in the 2024 amended budget and in the 2025 amended budget it is \$1,500,000.00."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Well that is not what it says."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That is exactly what it says."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "In the line item, no I am looking at it right here."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Okay, whatever you say."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "No, I don't want you to agree with me, I want you to tell me."

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "I am just saying that I know what is in the budget and the \$2,000,000.00 line of credit is in the 2024 amended budget and then 2025 for the end of 2025 we have \$1,500,000.00 paying down \$500,000.00 of it."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "You may want to make a correction in the documents that you passed out to us tonight."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "After the meeting I will get with you and you can show me."

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, "Okay, good, thank you. That is all."

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, "Mr. Chairman, we will need a Sponsor."

Chairman Jody White stated, "We will need a Sponsor for Ordinance, 2024-057."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I will sponsor it with the corrections made if necessary."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the Parish President's Report.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

\*Items passed through committee.

1. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 214 Gordon Opelousas, La 70570. Parcel #0603301000 owned by Anna Bell Jones, John Gary Chavis, Marlena Leonora Jones Chavis, Darrell Chavis, Gerold Chavis, Lucius Jones Sr., and Lisa Guillory.

*Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated*, "I would like to make a motion that we get with Ms. Cynthia Fontenot and give this lady about 60 days so we can come up with a game plan on that piece of property."

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned*, "I had a question and I was not recognized Mr. Chairman. It is going to affect my vote and that question was: The 60 days that we are willing to give the Guillory's will that affect whatever the course decision it is for us moving forward.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "That is not the same piece of property."

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize Ms. Cynthia Fontenot and the constituents of 214 Gordon Street, Opelousas 60 days to come up with a plan to clean up the blighted that property at 214 Gordon Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603301000 owned by Anna Bell Jones, John Gary Chavis, Marlena Leonora Jones Chavis, Darrell Chavis, Gerold Chavis, Lucius Jones Sr., and Lisa Guillory.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: Harold Taylor. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

2. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at Acadiana Road, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603153000 owned by Doris Guillory, Susan Kay Guillory, Judy Landry, James Wayne Guillory, Betty Sinclair and Jean Albarado.

*Ms. Cynthia Fontenot-Joubert, Code Enforcement stated*, "Just note in reference to Jim Guillory Road, that property, the Guillory Property is on Acadian Road and Jim Guillory. The one that we are referencing in particular is Jim Guillory Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to go forward on work on blighted property located at Acadiana Road, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel #0603153000 owned by Doris Guillory, Susan Kay Guillory, Judy Landry, James Wayne Guillory, Betty Sinclair and Jean Albarado.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

3. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 111 Sherry Street Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0103774710 owned by Vision Acquisition LLC.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to go forward on work on blighted property located at 111 Sherry Street Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0103774710, owned by Vision Acquisition LLC.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

4. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 151 Richard Kolder Lane, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0104119800, owned by Linda Gail Naquin Castille.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to go forward on work on blighted property located at 151 Richard Kolder Lane, Opelousas, La 70570 Parcel # 0104119800 owned by Linda Gail Naquin Castille.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

5. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at Hwy 10 Melville, La 71353 Parcel #0401499500 owned by Alma Etal Davenport, Floyd Davenport.

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to go forward on work on blighted property located at Hwy 10 Melville, La 71353 Parcel #0401499500 owned by Alma Etal Davenport, Floyd Davenport.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

6. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 1485 Hwy 10 Washington, La 70589 Parcel #0500328001 owned by CDB LEASING INC.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to go forward on work on blighted property located at 1485 Hwy 10 Washington, La 70589 Parcel #0500328001, owned by CDB LEASING INC.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

7. The Council to vote on whether or not to go forward on work on blighted property located at 116 Kennerson Road Opelousas, La Parcel #0500929100 owned by Carolyn Rose Darboone.

Chairman Jody White stated, "Ms. Darboone is here and she ask for a 60 day extension earlier."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I would like to say that we give her a 60 day extension."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Who made the first motion?"

*Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned*, "How long has it been since we have inquired about cleaning the property Mr. Bellard?"

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "It has not been long. This house is not near anybody else's house and I feel that she will do something with it and it is not out of control, it just needs to be cleaned up."

Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone stated, "I have a lot of stuff from my niece's husband."

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "I remember you saying you were going to have back surgery but you are asking for 60 days because you are going to have someone to the work."

Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone stated, "That is what I wanted to ask you all. Can I change that? I don't know how long back surgery takes to heal."

Chairman Jody White stated, "I think that it is fair that we go with the 60 days if the motion is made."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "I was going to make a motion that we give here the 60 days."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "There was a motion on the floor. Who made the first motion?"

*Chairman Jody White stated*, "Ms. Thierry, you made the motion to go forward now you want to resent it?

*Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated*, "Yes, I did not realize that it was the same situation. So I want to give her 60 days."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "So the Main Motion is 60 days."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry withdrew her first motion.

Chairman Jody White stated, "Ms. Darboone you can speak with Ms. Cynthia to make sure that we have contact."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to allow Ms. Carolyn Rose Darboone 60 to clean up her property located at 116 Kennerson Road Opelousas, La Parcel #0500929100, owned by Carolyn Rose Darboone.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

### 8. Vote to re-appoint Lachana McCartney for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to re-appoint Lachana McCartney for one appointment to Fire District No. 3 for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

### 9. Vote to re-appoint Ryan Dupre and appoint Jacob Moreau for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2027).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to re-appoint Ryan Dupre and appoint Jacob Moreau for two appointments to Fire District No. 5 for a two-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2027).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

# 10. Vote to re-appoint Devin Johnson, Gilbert Guillory, and Joseph Popillion for three appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2027)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to re-appoint Devin Johnson, Gilbert Guillory, and Joseph Popillion for three appointments to Fire District No. 6 for a two- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2027)

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS**: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

### 11. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2030).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five- year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2030).

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

### 12. Authorize the Parish President to sign the approval of "The Silos RV Resort" Section 4, Township 6 & 7, Range 4 East located on HWY 31, Opelousas, La.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards authorize the Parish President to sign the approval of "The Silos RV Resort" Section 4, Township 6 & 7, Range 4 East located on HWY 31, Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

### 13. Authorize the Parish President to sign the Preliminary and Final Approval of Anna Loise Benoit ET AL- Lots 7A-7M (13 lots), Benoit Road and Howard Venable Road Opelousas, La.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards authorize the Parish President to sign the Preliminary and Final Approval of Anna Loise Benoit ET ALLots 7A-7M (13 lots), Benoit Road and Howard Venable Road Opelousas, La.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

# 14. Authorize the ratification of three appointments to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 for a four-year term.

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry authorize the ratification of three appointments to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 for a four-year term.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

### 15. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for seven appointments to St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

# 16. Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-01-2025 – 01-01-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor,

Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

17. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

18. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four- year term. (02-15-2025 – 02-15- 2029).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four- year term. (02-15-2025 – 02-15- 2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

### IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-050**

(Sponsored By: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THAT ALL ORDINANCES THAT ARE ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL SHALL BE RECORDED WITH THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CLERK OF COURT AFTER THE ORDINANCES ARE ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-051 (Sponsored By: Councilman Jody White)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MPH FOR SCHOOL ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-052 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)

An Ordinance to set regular meeting dates for the St. Landry Parish Council Meetings for the year 2025 on the third Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. and for the Public Works and Administrative/Finance Committees to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at six o'clock p.m. with the exception of January 1, 2025 in reserve of New Year's Day.

Dates for upcoming Council Meetings in 2025 are listed below: TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025 (Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

> January 15, 2025 February 19, 2025 March 19, 2025 April 16, 2025 May 21, 2025 June 18, 2025 July 16, 2025

August 20, 2025 September 17, 2025 October 15, 2025 November 19, 2025 December 17, 2025

# TENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2025 (First Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.)

\*January 2, 2025\*
February 5, 2025
March 5, 2025
April 2, 2025
May 7, 2025
June 4, 2025
July 2, 2025
August 6, 2025
September 3, 2025
October 1, 2025
November 5, 2025
December 3, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-053 (Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2024-040 WHICH WAS ENACTED BY THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024, AND WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN ST. LANDRY PARISH, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 20-27, SECTION 20-28, AND SECTION 20-29 IN CHAPTER 20 OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ABOLISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1, AND THIS AMENDMENT IS TO LIST FURTHER HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT PROPERTY THAT WILL BE CONVEYED, TRANSFERRED, AND VESTED IN ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT.

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "Mr. Chairman, what is happening from what I am understanding is that piece of property was found after the fact. It is a building that is on the side of the property adjacent to the Hospital Property. The new hospital is using it as a storage facility. There is no contract, there is nothing so we are in the process of getting something signed up with them so we can re-do the contract with them and Acadian Ambulance, they also have a building on our property. There were no contracts with the Hospital Board so we are going to have to get something started on that."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "Is that property between Acadian Ambulance and The Old Hospital?"

**Parish President Jessie Bellard stated**, "If you look at Acadian Ambulance Building farther east of it on the back side right behind the Old Heliport, there is a metal building back there. I don't know why they bought it but they did. It is a big metal building that is just sitting there with stuff for the new hospital that we were not aware of."

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-054 (Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RULES AND THE REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN ST. LANDRY PARISH.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-055 (Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

### ORDINANCE NO. 2024-056

(Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

#### AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

### ORDINANCE NO. 2024-057 (Sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 REVENUE NOTES, SERIES 2024, OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF INTEREST THEREON; PROVIDING FOR A PLEDGE AND DEDICATION OF REVENUES FOR SECURITY AND PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

### X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

• A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to Adopt <u>Ordinance 2024-045</u>.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2024- 045 (Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH ORDINANCE CHAPTER 44, SECTION 44-14 so that Oak Road in St. Landry Parish 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 Oak Road in St. Landry Parish 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:

Andrepont Road (Parish Road 6-10)	(1)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340)	(2)
Beck Miller Road (Parish Road 6-340-1)	(3)
Begnaud Road	(4)
Belmont Drive	(5)
Comfort Lane	(6)
Country Ridge	(7)
Darjean Road	(8)
Dresser Loop	(9)
Federal Road (Council District No. 1)	(10)
Fisher Road (Parish Road 4-110)	(11)
Fort Hamilton Drive (Parish Road 1-319)	(12)
Frank Road	(13)
Frilot Cove Road	(14)
Gordon Street (Parish Road <u>6-45</u> )	(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)
Nap Lane	(29)
National Road (Council District No. 3)	(30)
Nezat Road	(31)
North 6th Street between Hwy. 190 and Hwy. 104	(32)
Oak Road	(33)
Perry Drive (Parish Road 6-40-1)	(34)
Plantation Road	(35)
Rainbow Drive	(36)
Riverbirch	(37)
Rolling Oaks Drive (Parish Road 1-397)	(38)
Sir Thomas Henry Drive	(39)
Smith Lane (Parish Road 5-30)	(40)
Soileau Road (Parish Road 6-275)	(41)
Soileau Road from Hwy. 13 to Hwy. 757	(42)
Tecumseh Loop	(43)
Thibodeaux Street (Parish Road 6-35-2)	(44)
West Loop and Hwy. 190 West intersection	(45)

### • A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to Adopt <u>Ordinance 2024-046</u>.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin and Jimmie Edwards. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-046 (Sponsored By: Councilman Alvin Stelly)

### 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 PAMELA ANDRUS of 116 DEJEAN STREET PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA bearing PARCEL#0400553525 is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property bearing PARCEL# 8434285256 and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding for a total amount of \$4,500.00.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale without public bidding to

PAMELA ANDRUS of 116 DEJEAN STREET PORT BARRE, LOUISIANA, 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 and any additional cost owed to St. Landry Parish Government. Total sale price is \$4,500.00.

PARCEL: 8434285256 Adjudicated Property
1 LOT BEING EAST 29' OF LOT # 1 (29X44) BLK 4 DEJEAN ADD 902770 (P-39-168)
926942 (L-40-679)

The adjoining property which is owned by PAMELA ANDRUS bears parcel number 0400553525 in the St. Landry Parish land records.

• A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ken Marks to Adopt Ordinance 2024-047.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-047 (Sponsored By: Councilwoman Nancy Carriere)

AN AMENDING ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WIND FARM PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE PARISH AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Authority adopted <u>Ordinance No. 2021-017</u> and Ordinance No. 2024-002 (collectively, the "**Solar Farm Ordinance**") on November 17, 2021, and February 21, 2024, respectively, establishing regulations and permit requirements for solar farms and other Energy Generation Systems located in the Parish and creating the St. Landry Parish Energy District (the "**District**"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Solar Farm Ordinance presently governs the regulations and permit requirements for solar farms and other energy generation systems in the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority seeks to expand its strategic and unified approach to address the vendors and developers seeking to develop Wind Energy Conversion Systems and Wind Farms within the Parish; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Sections 1-02 and 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter (the "**Home Rule Charter**"), the Governing Authority has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, the Governing Authority desires to adopt provisions specifically applicable to the development of Wind Farms and Wind Energy Conversion Systems within the Parish and to amend provisions regarding the application process for consistency as part of the Parish's cohesive development and regulation of renewable energy projects in the Parish; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, to facilitate and oversee the development of Wind Farms and Wind Energy Conversion Systems projects within the Parish, that the following provisions and amendments of **SECTIONS 32-53 and SECTIONS 32-68 through SECTION 32-79 of** CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE III, are hereby adopted and read as follows:

### ARTICLE III: ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS

#### SEC. 32-53 – Permits and fees.

- a. Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of an Energy Generation System, a permit must be obtained by the developer from St. Landry Parish Government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan has been approved as provided for in this section.
- b. The Permit Applicant shall submit an Energy Generation System permit Application along with the plans for the proposed project. Each Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, a drainage study, an environmental study, and a traffic plan.
- c. The Permit Applicant shall pay, upon submission of the Application, an application fee in the amount of the greater of \$1,000.00 or for any project consisting of 500 acres or less, and for a project consisting of more than 500 acres, the fee shall be \$1,000.00 plus an additional \$1.00 for each acre in excess of 500 acres. The applicable application fee shall be determined by consideration of the entire project, including buffer zones and access roads.
- d. The Parish Engineer shall review the permit Application and site plan. Permit applicant is responsible for all engineering costs associated with the project.
- e. If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the plan and project, the developer shall be given sixty days to correct the problems cited by the Parish Engineer for rejection of the plan and project, and then the developer may resubmit the permit Application to the Parish Engineer for approval. If the Parish Engineer approves of the plan and project, the developer shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted before obtaining an Energy Generation System permit. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the Parish's official journal before the public meeting.
- f. After the community meeting, the Permit Application and site plan shall be presented to the St. Landry Parish Council at a council meeting to approve or deny the permit.
- g. If a permit is granted hereunder, prior to commencing construction of the project, the applicant shall pay a permit fee in accordance with the established permit fee schedule as adopted by the St. Landry Parish Council. The total project value for the permit fee shall be the cost to purchase and install all equipment, plus the cost to construct ancillary structures and infrastructure utilized in the operation of the project that are within the bounds of St. Landry Parish. The Application will not be considered, nor the final permit to construct the project issued until the payment of the applicable fees.

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- **SEC. 32-68 Purpose.** The purpose of this article is to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of St. Landry Parish by regulating wind farms and wind energy conversion systems located within St. Landry Parish. The St. Landry Parish Energy District (the **"District"**) shall have the authority and jurisdiction to oversee all proposals, approvals, and establishment of any Wind Farm or Wind Energy Conversion System within St. Landry Parish and shall have the authority to promote, negotiate, enter into, or amend contracts or obligations for Wind Farm projects for the benefit of St. Landry Parish, and to consider and oversee all other matters in connection The District shall have the authority to approve, negotiate, modify, and renew any tax abatement and payment in lieu of tax (**"PILOT"**) agreements. Sections 32-51 through 32-67 of this Article shall not be applicable to Wind Farms or WECS except to the extent expressly referenced in Sections 32-68 through 32-79.
  - **SEC. 32-69 Definitions.** For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall mean:
- a. *Maximum WECS height:* The height of the WECS from grade to the top of the system including the uppermost extension of the blades.

- b. *Renewable Source*: any source used to create electrical or mechanical energy that is replenished at a higher rate than it is consumed.
- c. *Tower:* The vertical structures that support the electrical, rotor blades, or meteorological equipment
- d. *Tower Height*: The height above the grade of the hub portion of the tower, excluding the wind turbine itself.
- e. *Wind Energy*: Kinetic energy received from the wind that can be collected in the form of electric or mechanical energy by a wind energy conversion system.
- f. Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS): An electrical generating facility comprised of one or more wind turbines and accessory facilities, including but not limited to: power lines, transformers, substations and meteorological towers that operate by converting the kinetic energy of wind into electrical energy. The energy may be used on-site or distributed into the electrical grid.
- g. **Wind Farm:** The use of land where a series of WECS and related equipment and accessories are placed in an area of land for the purpose of generating wind power. A wind farm shall not be interpreted to mean one or more wind collectors intended to provide electrical power generation for a single residential dwelling or commercial property.
- h. *Wind Turbines*: Any piece of electrical generating equipment that converts the kinetic energy of blowing wind into electrical energy using airfoils or similar devices to capture the wind.

### SEC. 32-70 Permits and Fees.

- a. Prior to placing, establishing, expanding, or substantively altering the operation of a Wind Farm or WECS, a permit must be obtained by the developer from St. Landry Parish Government. Permits shall be issued only after the plan has been approved as provided for in this section.
- b. The Permit Applicant shall submit a Wind farm or WECS permit Application along with the plans for the proposed project. Each Permit Application will include a site plan showing all property to be included in the project, all access roads, an environmental study, and a traffic plan.
- c. The Parish Engineer shall review the permit Application and site plan to ensure that the proposed design and methods of construction for the Wind Farm or WECS are in accordance with accepted standards of practice as outlined in this Article III and comply with any applicable building codes. Permit applicant is responsible for all engineering costs associated with the project. If the Parish Engineer disapproves of the plan and project, the developer shall be given sixty days to correct the problems cited by the Parish Engineer for rejection of the plan and project, and then the developer may resubmit the permit Application to the Parish Engineer for approval. If the Parish Engineer approves of the plan and project, the developer shall conduct at least one community meeting to provide adjacent landowners and the public an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project. The community meeting shall be conducted before obtaining a Wind Farm or WECS permit. Notice of the time and location of the public meeting shall be published at least twice in the official journal before the public meeting.
- d. After the community meeting, the Permit Application and site plan shall be presented.
- e. The Permit Applicant shall pay, upon submission of the Application, an application fee in the amount of the greater of \$1,000.00 or \$10.00 per megawatt rated capacity of the Wind Farm represented in the permit application. If a Permit is granted hereunder, prior to commencing construction of the Wind Farm or WECS, the developer shall pay a permit fee in accordance with the established permit fee schedule as adopted by the St. Landry Parish Council. The total project value for the permit fee shall be the cost to purchase and install each Wind Turbine, plus the cost to construct ancillary structures and infrastructure utilized in operation of the Wind Farm or WECS that are within the bounds of St. Landry Parish. The Application will not be considered, nor the final permit to construct the Wind Farm or WECS issued, until payment of the applicable fees.
- f. A permit issued under this Ordinance may be transferred or assigned, with the assignee being obligated to all requirements of the permit and this Chapter. However, written notice of such transfer or assignment shall be made to the St. Landry parish Government, and the identity of the new permittee shall be noted in the parish records.

- g. The issuance of a permit under this article shall serve as the agreement and acknowledgment by the permittee, and its successors and assigns, as well as the property owners, that the St. Landry Parish government shall have standing to enforce any and all provisions and obligations of this article.
- h. A permit shall expire two years from the date of issuance if construction has not yet commenced on the Wind Farm or WECS, provided, however, the permittee may request up to two additional one-year extensions of the period within which construction must commence. Any extension request shall be accompanied by a summary of progress made towards development and any changes to the Wind Farm or WECS design as previously submitted under the original permit. Extensions are subject to the approval of the St. Landry Parish Council; further review by Parish Engineer will not be required unless the St. Landry Parish Council identifies major changes to the proposed Wind Farm or WECS. No public meeting will be required for a permit extension.

### SEC. 32-71 Single or Multiple Tracts.

Wind Farms and WECS may be operated on a single contiguous tract or multiple contiguous tracts, either with ownership by the developer/applicant, under one or more leases in which the developer/applicant is a lessee or any combination thereof.

Any permit issued for a Wind Farm or WECS that relies upon one lease agreement shall become null and void upon the termination of said lease agreement unless the lease agreement is terminated because the developer/applicant has been conveyed ownership of the property previously subject to the lease. In the case of a permit issued for a Wind Farm or WECS that relies on more than one lease agreement, if one of the lease agreements is terminated, the permit shall become null and void only to the part of the project that is affected by the lease termination by being on the land subject to the lease that was terminated

- **SEC. 32-72 Buffer Zones and Setback Requirements.** Wind Farm and WECS plans shall comply with the following requirements:
- a. The plan for a proposed Wind Farm or WECS shall include the provision of a buffer zone around the perimeter of the project.
- b. The buffer zone shall include a setback of not less than 150 feet from the center of any adjacent public roadway.
- c. The buffer zone shall include a setback of at least 150 feet from any residence, unless otherwise waived by the homeowner, and 50 feet from any adjacent property line used for residential purposes at the time of the application.
- d. No Tower shall be located within 1.1 times the maximum WECS height from any adjacent public roadway.
- e. No Tower shall be located within 1.1 times the maximum WECS height from any residence unless otherwise waived by the homeowner.
- f. No Tower shall be located within 1.1 times the maximum WECS height from a non-participating adjacent property line.
  - **SEC. 32-73 Special Safety and Design Standards.** All Towers shall adhere to the following safety and design standards:
- a. Clearance of rotor blades or airfoils must maintain a minimum of 12 feet of clearance between their lowest point and the ground.
- b. All Commercial/Utility WECS shall have a sign or signs posted on the pad mount transformers, the junction boxes, and the substation, warning of high voltage. Other signs shall be posted at the entrance to the site with the 911 address and emergency contact information.
- c. All wind turbines, which are a part of a commercial/utility WECS, shall be installed with a tubular, monopole-type tower.
- d. Consideration shall be given to painted aviation warnings on all towers less than 200 feet

- e. **Color and finish.** All Wind Turbines and Towers that are part of a commercial/utility WECS shall be white, grey, or another non-obtrusive color. Blades may be black to facilitate deicing; Finishes shall be matte or non-reflective.
- f. **Secured Access.** For any proposed WECS, the plan shall include a plan for limited access to the Wind Farm substation(s) by a security fence no less than six (6) feet nor no greater than eight (8) feet in height.
- g. **Lighting.** To reduce light pollution, lighting shall be limited to the minimum lighting reasonably necessary for the WECS' safe operation, and the lighting shall be directed downward where reasonably feasible. Lighting, including lighting intensity and frequency of strobe, shall adhere to but not exceed requirements established by the FAA permits and regulations. Red strobe lights shall be used during nighttime illumination to reduce impacts on neighboring uses and migratory birds.
- h. **Other Signage.** All other signage shall comply with the sign regulations found in these regulations.
- i. Collection and Transmission Lines. All communications, collection, distribution and/or transmission lines installed as part of a WECS shall be buried or placed underground, where physically feasible and commercially reasonable.
- j. Waste Disposal. Solid and Hazardous wastes, including but not limited to crates, packaging materials, damaged or worn parts, as well as used oils and lubricants, shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal rules and regulations.
- k. **Decommissioning Plan.** The plan for a proposed WECS shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of the project upon the cessation of operation in compliance with the following requirements:
  - 1. The plan for a proposed Wind Farm or WECS shall include a decommissioning plan for the remediation of the area of project upon the cessation of operations of the Energy Generation System.
  - 2. Decommissioning of the Wind Farm or WECS shall begin no later than 12 months after the project has ceased to operate as an Energy Generation System. For purposes of this provision, temporary cessation of operations of the Wind Farm or WECS due to circumstances beyond the control of the developer or operator, such as force majeure or commercial decisions by the developer's or operator's customers, for a period of less than 12 months would not trigger any decommissioning requirements.
  - 3. The decommissioning plan shall provide for the removal of the Wind Farm or WECS equipment, ancillary structures, and other infrastructure utilized in the operation of the Wind Farm or WECS up to a depth of four (4) feet unless otherwise agreed or requested by the applicable landowner.
  - 4. The decommissioning plan shall provide for the remediation of any environmental hazards remaining on the property of the Energy Generation System, as determined by the EPA, DEQ, or the St. Landry parish Government, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.
  - 5. Any lease forming a portion of the application for the original permit shall include reference to the decommissioning plan and the funding or security thereof as a necessary term therein.
  - 6. The decommissioning plan shall provide for a decommissioning fund or security with sufficient funding to remediate all the property encompassing the project and restoring said property to its original purpose. Prior to commencing construction on the Wind Farm or WECS, the developer shall present documentation to St. Landry Parish Government that the decommissioning fund or security is established.
- 1. **Drainage Plan Not Required.** WECS shall not be required to submit a drainage plan or comply with requirements of Sec. 32-56.

m. **Environmental Study.** The plan for a proposed WECS shall include environmental studies in accordance with all local, state, and federal requirements.

### SEC. 32-74 Responsibilities and Duties.

- a. The Parish President and two Council members appointed by the Council Chairman shall be charged with negotiating the terms and conditions of any and all agreements and contracts for establishing a WECS, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Tax abatements, leases, and related payments in lieu of tax agreements.
  - 2. Terms and conditions regarding removing energy-generating equipment at the end of operations or the equipment's end-of-life period.
  - 3. Engage with community leaders and citizens to keep them informed about the establishment of a WECS to ensure community feedback and public comment.
  - 4. Provide an updated legal and regulatory framework for consideration for adoption by the Parish Council.
  - 5. Ensure compliance with all terms and conditions of agreements entered into by the energy-producing entity and the parish of St. Landry.
  - 6. Ensure compliance with all state and federal laws and local rules and regulations.
  - **SEC. 32-75 Authorization of Officers.** The Parish President, the Chairman of the Parish Council, and the Clerk of the Parish Council are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Article.
  - **SEC. 32-76 Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.
  - **SEC. 32-77 Repeal.** All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.
  - **SEC. 32-78 Recordation.** A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed and recorded as soon as possible in the Mortgage Records of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana.
  - **SEC. 32-79 Publication; Effective Date.** Upon its adoption, this Ordinance shall be published one (1) time in the official journal of the Parish. The Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

### XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

NONE.

### XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday**, **December 4**<sup>th</sup>, **2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Wednesday**, **December 4**<sup>th</sup>, **2024** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Wayne Ardoin. ABSTAINED: None. WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 18th, day of December 2024.

#### XIII. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Ken Marks, seconded by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere to Adjourn the Regular Meeting.

**On roll call vote**: **YEAS:** Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSTAINED**: None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 18<sup>th</sup>, day of December 2024.

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