

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2025 @ 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 January, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

- I.** Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the meeting of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
- II.** Councilman Jody White led the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.
- III.** **ROLL CALL:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown.
- IV.** **APPOINT LEGAL ADVISOR GARETT DUPECHAIN AS TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER TO HOLD THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain as a Temporary Presiding Chairman to hold the Election of Officers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “At this time we will nominate a candidate for Chairman and Vice Chairman of the 2025 St. Landry Parish Council. I will now open the floor for nominations for the position of Chairman for the St. Landry Parish Council. Are there any nominations?”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Chairman, I nominate Ms. Nancy Carriere.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I second it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I decline the nomination. If I could just say one or two words really short. I want to thank Mr. Ardoin for nominating me and Mr. Taylor for nominating me last year. I would like to thank my fellow councilmembers for their support and those of you that did not support me in the past. The rule was the Vice-Chair should also be the Chairman the following year. This rule was made an exception a few years ago by another councilmember who is no longer with us. So I am going to nominate Mr. Jody White who is fairly and how it should be done as Chairman because he is also Vice-Chairman. I want to thank you guys for supporting me and thank you for nominating me and thinking highly of me that I can do and fulfill this seat. I am nominating our Vice Chair Mr. Jody White.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I second it.”

Temporary Chairman Garrett Duplechain stated, “We had a nomination and a second for Nancy Carriere and Ms. Carriere has declined the nomination, now we have a nomination and a second for Jody White. There is a motion passed to close the nominations on the floor and the nominee is Jody White. We will need a roll call to vote on it.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere second by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to close all nominations and appoint Jody White as Chairman for the St. Landry Parish Council for the year of 2025.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Jody White is elected Chairman by 11 votes. Now I will open the floor for any nominations for Vice-Chairman.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “I will nominate Ms. Vivian for Vice-Chairman.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Second.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion and a second to nominate Vivian Olivier for Vice Chairman.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I have a nomination. I will nominate Mr. Harold Taylor.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Thank you very much Ms. Nancy but I have too much going on to do that and I am sorry. I will withdraw.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Are there any other nominations for Vice-Chairman?”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, “I move that the nominations be closed.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have a motion and a second that we close the floor to nominations for Vice-Chairman. We have one nominee, Ms. Vivian Olivier which have been nominated. We will need a roll call now, Madam Clerk.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to close all nominations and appoint Ms. Vivian Olivier as Vice Chairman of the St. Landry Parish Council for the year of 2025.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “We have 10 votes for Vivian Olivier. Ms. Oliver is elected Vice-Chairwoman. Now I will turn the gavel over to Jody White.”

Chairman Jody White stated, “At this time I would like to say thanks to all of my fellow councilmen and women, thanks for your vote. I know that it is going to be tough following the path that Mr. Wayne Ardoin has set but I will do my best.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Chairman, may I say something please? At this time I would like to personally approve Mr. Wayne Ardoin and Ms. Vivian Olivier and Mr. Harold Taylor for the job that you guys did as Chairman and Committee Chairman. We appreciate you all and thanks for a job well done.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Thank you Ms. Thierry.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “Thank you Ms. Thierry.”

V. CONDOLENCES:

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere: Joseph Guidry, Kendrick Lewis, Calvin Handy, Emily Benoit, Alozia Marie St. Julian, Sareta Vallare, Velma Marie Mason, Ky’lynn Serenity Semien, Shirley Ann Colomb, Randolph James Donatto Sr., Joseph Louis Collins, Brenda Gail Thierry Guillory, Edward ‘Eddie’ Harris III, Harold Lee Harrison, Dorothy Mason, Mary Louanna Charles.

Councilman Faltery Jolivette: Mack A. Shaw Sr.

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry: Calvin Handy, Leroy Fontenot Jr., Kendrick Lewis, Joseph Guidry, Larry M. Ned Sr., Anna Le Morain Buschel, Vera Mere Dupre Leger, Germaine Emily Benoit, Susie Grimmett Edwards, Carolyn Ann Oakley Crowder, Dorothy Mason, Burnerdean Jackson Malveaux, Brenda Gail Thierry Guillory,

Harriet Jayne Benjamin, Nicole Marie Richard, James Felix Young Sr., Vincent Richard, Randolph James Donatto, Jasper O’Neil Richard.

Councilman Harold Taylor: Anna Lee Morian Buschel.

Councilman Alvin Stelly: Roderick ‘Wildman’ Kidder

Chairman Wayne Ardoin: Susie Grimmet Edwards, Burnell Vidrine, Anna Lee Morain Bushell, Edward ‘Eddie’ Harris III, Shirley Sylvester.

Councilman Ernest Blanchard: Rowena Mitchell Marcantel, Wayne Stephen Miller, Alvin ‘T-Vin’ Douget, Tony Johnson, Marlee Cynthia McGee, Lisa Monette Castille Fontenot, Leroy ‘Lee’ Deviller, Robert Savant, Vivanlyn Rita Champagne LeJeune, James Papillion, Barbara A. Tate, Romona Stout Stein, Jimmie ‘Fred’ Ware Gary Wayne Freeman, Irene Doucet, Sareta Victoria Vallere, Linda Prejean Pitre, Donna Gail Bellard Johnson, May Rose Domingue Benoit.

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

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Chairman, I know that you just took the gavel tonight but we have an Ordinance 2025-003. That is another one from Eric LaFleur. It is an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a sale not exceeding \$2,000,000.00 Revenue Notes. Series 2025 for Equipment of St. Landry Parish Government of the State of Louisiana.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That was to add to the agenda. How about we just hold off until we get him if that is alright.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I just did not want it to be passed by.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you want to put it on there Mr. Bellard? When he comes to the next meeting you would have already advertised it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is just an introduction that he wants to do. I recommend that we just hold off until he can come and explain it a little bit better for all of us if you all don’t mind.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “So let’s not amend the agenda.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I just wanted to make sure that we did not pass it up.”

Chairman Jody White stated, “So we will wait until the next meeting and then he can come.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes.”

VI. PERSON TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

Mr. Eric Williams addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Eric Williams. I am the President of Guns Down Power Up. Me and Ms. Patrice at the Opelousas Museum are partnering together to do a peace walk on February 1st, 2025 starting at 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We would like to start at the Court House right here like we did two years ago. We will march from there to the Opelousas Museum where everything else will be happening. I want to ask you all a question. What are some of the problems you all are hearing in St. Landry Parish with our youths? What are our Youths doing?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Breaking into cars.”

Mr. Eric Williams stated, “What else? Shooting, Shooting. Destroying each other with these guns. I came here before and I am trying to figure out what it is I would have to do to get you guys support? We did a summer camp and I thank God for the Superintendent, Mr. Milton Baptiste and I thank God for the Marshall, Paul Mouton, partnering with the marshal, they gave us two classrooms, access to the chapel, the basketball court and we had over 60 plus kids. It was a miracle for us to do what we did Monday through Friday. We fed them, we made sure that they had some events, we kept them entertained, we had judges

come by and speak, the district attorney came by and spoke and we had a lot of people in the community come by to participate but there is more that can be done. What I would like to do with this building, every other weekend I would like to have something for those kids to do over there. We have the basketball court, we have footballs, I teach them chess and we have plenty of games. We were doing dances and everything but the support was not there to push it out to let people know what we were doing. I am wondering what is it that I have to do as president of this organization to get you guys help. I am wondering, what do I have to do?"

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Mr. Eric, what would you need us to do?"

Mr. Eric Williams stated, "The first thing is show up if you can. I understand you guys are busy, you all have a life, a family, jobs and you all have other stuff. If you all would come and be observant you could see what is needed. I can tell you but if you come you could see. We feed them snacks and make sure that they have Gatorade because it is hot during the summer because we will be doing this again. We will do a summer count again coming up. We provide them food because people gave donations so we make sure that we feed them a good meal, it was not snacks and chips although we have chips and snacks but they got a good hearty meal."

Chairman Jody White questioned, "How often do you these events? Is this a once a month, once a quarter? How often are you putting on these events?"

Mr. Eric Williams stated, "I am speaking of a summer program but I will probably start in the middle of February, I will try to do something but it is cold now. We have access to the inside and I will try to do something. We have chess games and board games. We have a basketball area set up there where they can shoot basketball and we can do dances. I will try to do something every other weekend and I will let you guys know once I get it all together. Before I do that I have to get the resources and I have to get the help, I don't want to put the court before the horse."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Mr. Eric, perhaps we can meet at a different time and we can talk and see what all those resources are. Maybe we can bring it to the council and see exactly what we can and cannot do and perhaps something even personal on my part, maybe we can get together after the meeting."

Mr. Eric Williams stated, "Yes Sir. I have a Facebook page if you guys would like to follow. It is Guns Down, Power Up on Facebook. I also have a website, GunsDownPowerUp.Org. My phone number is 337-401-2545. Thank you all for your time and have a Happy New Year."

Mr. Michael Kidder addressed the council. He stated, "I am Mike Kidder. I am applying for a position on the Drainage Board, Ward 3 in Mr. Alvin's District."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Mr. Kidder, thank you for your interest in serving. Could you tell us a little bit about your background and experiences that you would have?"

Mr. Michael Kidder stated, "I was a plumbing contractor for years

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "That is good enough for me."

Mr. Michael Kidder also stated, "I also was a home builder."

Mr. Herman Fuselier addressed the council. He stated, "Good evening council and congratulations Mr. Chairman. Just a few things to run by you all this evening. I want to thank you for considering the re-appointments of 5 commissioners that we have now. John Slaughter, Mary Doucet, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Stephanie Tompkins. We have a good group in place. A couple of them are new comers and some of them have decades of experience but I will be glad to have them back with me. I know that you all are advertising two vacancies and I will ask you all to consider candidates with experience in tourism or have worked in tourism related industries, like hotels, restaurants, museums, B &B, festivals, music and things like that. Some people hear Tourist Commission and they think trips to Hawaii and big paydays and handing out with the stars and that is not how it is. I have to let them know no trips, no money, no t-shirts. The Tourist Commission is a volunteer advisory board. They meet once a month and they review the finances and reports

from me and my staff. They also review projects, grants, marketing, ads, lights, plumbing, signs, build boards, insurance and all of that non glamorous stuff that makes tourism work. I always meet with them with an orientation package just to let them know what they are in for. A few of them are disappointed at times because there is no trip to the Bahamas. By the end of the month you will be getting the annual report from us, if you don't let me know. That report shows that we have invested in technology that tracks visitor numbers. It is called Placer.ai Stats. It is very in depth technology and it tracks where visitors come from, the places that they have visited and how long they stay and how much money that they spend. I have asked Sherell Jordan to share one page of information with you all about the top 10 attractions in St. Landry Parish. By no surprise 8 of the top 10 attractions in St. Landry are food related. Billy's Boudin in Krotz Springs is number one. They had 598, 100 visits last year. Billy's Boudin in Opelousas comes in at number 10. At no surprise again Mama's Fried Chicken, both locations come in at the top ten in St. Landry Parish. The visitors also like Mardi Gras, Horse Racing and Casino Gambling. Down town Eunice is Number 2 on the list with 487,900 visits and a big chunk of that happen February 13 on Mardi Gras Day, there was a record of 11,300 people in Downtown Eunice for Mardi Gras. It is not shown on the list and it did not make the top 10 but Zyde-Gra with Keith Frank was held out here and there were 4,000 people around the courthouse square. That was a big number especially for a second year event. We will have more information in the annual report that you will get. Are there any questions for me?"

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "I am just curious, I have been in Billy's and I have not signed a guest list. I am just curious how you all got those numbers."

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "The way Placer.ai works is based on technology, it tracks cell phone usage. Many times the apps on your phone have this information. You can opt out of it. There are always these user agreements that people never read and they just click okay so it feeds information to Placer.ai about where you are going and what you are doing and how much money you are spending. There are credit card apps that track these information."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "So you have to have the app. It is not like they have a paper and you sign in."

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "No, they track your technology usage pretty much."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "But you have to have that app."

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "Out of the thousands of apps lots of them are feeding this information to this company. Your cell phone tracks everywhere you go."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "I want to say thank you for all of your help that you do for St. Landry Parish."

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "Thank you Mr. Wayne, I appreciate that. Same to you and same to all of you all."

Councilman Faltery Jolivet stated, "I would like to say this; Herman I know you personally and I know your dad. I appreciate what you do and you do it well and I will buy the t-shirts."

Councilman Jimmie Edwards stated, "And I will pay for your trip to Hawaii."

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "I will take you up on that."

Chairman Jody White stated, "I think that we have a question from the Media."

Mr. Bobby Ardoin questioned, "How does St. Landry Parish track state wide?"

Mr. Herman Fuselier stated, "That is part of the software but there are so many layers to this. We can look it up but there are layers upon layers. You can draw borders and squares and everything else but this information we can gather for you. Thank you all very much."

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to approve **the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 18th, 2024** as transcribed.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT REPORT:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The only thing that I have is in your packet. It is the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that starts the Audit Process for our Parish Government. It should be in your packet. There is a Resolution to support the document.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do you need a motion for that Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will move.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to approve **Resolution 001-2025**. The Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.
On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2025

**LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Audit Engagements of Governments)**

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

Attached is the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that is to be completed by you or your staff. This questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies. Upon completion, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body, if any, of your organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting. Independently elected officials should sign the document, in lieu of such a resolution.

The completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument, if appropriate, must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit. The auditor will, during the course of his/her regular audit, test the accuracy of the responses in the questionnaire. It is not necessary to return the questionnaire to my office.

Certain portions of the questionnaire may not be applicable to your organization. In such cases, it is appropriate to mark the representation "not applicable." However, you must respond to each applicable representation. A 'yes' answer indicates that you have complied with the applicable law or regulation. A 'no' answer to any representation indicates a possible violation of law or regulation and, as such, should be fully explained. These matters will be reviewed by the auditor during the course of his/her examination. Please feel free to attach a further explanation of any representation.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Daryl G. Purpera, CPA, CFE
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Enclosure

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, on next week with that weather coming, we are thinking Sunday afternoon until Thursday afternoon, we will have to open that Shelter again at the Country Club so we will have a place for people to stay. The last group that we had all got placed in some housing whenever they left. The last person will leave tomorrow morning. We had a couple from Melville and they will have permanent housing.”

Chairman Jody White stated, “The last time it was open did we have a few people that utilized the facility?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Definitely. What we are learning is that a lot of people don’t have electricity and water at their house. With the weather like it is it is just terrible. We have a lot of good volunteers that help us and we can place them.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Security, is there someone there? Is it an employee?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is one of our staff members, one of our Security Guys.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What about the cooking, what is going on with that? I want to know if there is anything that I can do to assist.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So we don’t really cook. We have the ability to cook but people usually bring food. They will call CiCi and tell her that they will bring food for the night or for noontime. We never had to do anything with cooking yet because people just bring food so we are very fortunate.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “What is the extent of their stay?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are looking at Sunday afternoon until Thursday afternoon. It should get above freezing by Thursday.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Is that a reimbursement to the Parish from the state or is it just something that we are doing?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It depends on whether or not the state declares our parish any type of disaster. We don’t know until after the fact but we will sign a declaration probably on Friday, we talked about that today.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “What about sand on the bridges Mr. Bellard?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We will have the crews ready to go out, we have the material at the yard. The state does a great job now with their bridges. We do the parish roads and stuff. We take care of all different areas and we have our equipment ready to go for that.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Mr. President I have two questions. Will you be giving out some information on what roads may be iced and what bridges may be out?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Again, with the weather situation they are telling us a lot of stuff and sometimes it does not happen and sometimes they don’t tell us and it happens so we kind of wait and see what happens. As things happen we will let the people know as it is happening. We know that on 3 mile lake, that own ramp, we know that we have to go and put some sand or some of these pebbles on there so people can get up the hill. We know a couple of areas in the parish that we are going to have to make sure we have regardless. The newer places that we are not aware of as it is called in we usually go and see about it.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Will that be available on the webpage?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Website, Facebook and of course they can always text me. I will let you all know so you all can let them know.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to accept the Parish President's Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

***Items passed through committee.**

1. **Vote to appoint Fire Chief Ervin Menard and Fire Chief Matt Rabalais to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board for a four-year term. (01-04-2025 – 01-04-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Fire Chief Ervin Menard and Fire Chief Matt Rabalais to the St. Landry Parish Communications District ER-911 Board for a four-year term.
(01-04-2025 – 01-04-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

2. **Discuss whether the Assistant Chief Mark Guidry can be appointed to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board for a four-year term. (1-04-2025 – 01-04-2029).**

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "Garett, did you find out anything?"

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "Yes I did. This was put on the agenda to look into whether Assistant Chief Mark Guidry could be appointed to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board. Yes he can be appointed to that board. I have the bylaws here for the St. Landry Parish Communications District and it does not prohibit the Assistant Chief from being appointed to the board. I have the ordinance here for the Communications District and it says: There shall be 7 members on the Communications District 911 Board. There are 7 departments or entities and each one of those 7 department or entities will nominate one person who is a member or an employee of that entity or that department. It is the Eunice Police Department, The Opelousas Police Department, The Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, The Municipal Association of St. Landry Parish, The Paid Parish Fire Departments, The Volunteer Fire Departments and The Sheriff of St. Landry Parish. Those are the 7 entities or departments and each one of those will nominate one of their members or employees to be on the board. Once they do and they are appointed to the board the employee or the member of that entity will serve until their term expires or until they cease to be an employee or a member of that nominating department or entity. So yes he can be appointed to the Communications District 911 Board."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "So with that being said, I am trying to remember if he was up for re-appointment or if it was to consider him."

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, "It was for re-appointment."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, "Thanks, I am glad that you clarified that."

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint Assistant Chief Mark Guidry to the St. Landry Parish Communications District E-911 Board for a four-year term.
(01-04-2025 – 01-04-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

3. **Vote to appoint John Slaughter, Mary Johnson-Doucet, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Stephanie Tompkins to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to appoint John Slaughter, Mary Johnson-Doucet, Yvonne Normand, Sylvia Guidry-Brown and Stephanie Tompkins to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

4. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. Angela Guillory and Delita Rubin has resigned. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Harold Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission for a three-year term. Angela Guillory and Delita Rubin has resigned. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

5. **Vote to appoint Francis X. Henry to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-18-2025 – 1-18-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to appoint Francis X. Henry to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District No. 2 (Rural) for a four-year term. (01-18-2025 – 01-18-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

6. **Vote to appoint Brandon Guillot to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five year term. William J. Bill Fontenot has resigned. (01-18-2025- 01-18-2030).**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to appoint Brandon Guillot to the St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority for a five year term. William J. Bill Fontenot has resigned. (01-18-2025- 01-18-2030).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

7. **Vote to appoint Charles LaFleur to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Charles LaFleur to the Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

8. **Vote to appoint Randy Richard to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).**

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to appoint Randy Richard to the Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for a four-year term. (02-19-2025 – 02-19-2029).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivet, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

9. **Discuss changing the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on Compress Road near the school zone.**

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “A request have been made that within the school zone that the speed limit is changed from 30 mph to 20 mph. I had a conversation with Barry and he told me that it is perfectly okay and it can be done once we pass it through the council. With that being said I am asking that it be forward to the Committee for next meeting to amend the speed limit ordinance for Compress Road to reflect the change within the school zone to 20 mph and the remainder of the way stays at 30 mph which it is now. Just within the school zone 20 mph and Mr. Barry said that it can be done.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Typically when the school is in session there is a sign that is placed for school zone. Are we making this permanent? Like for summer when they are out of school will it still be 20 mph?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I am not certain how we would state it. I think there are some activities going on there during the summer months.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Can we ask our legal counsel. It is not a country road it is a well-traveled road. I am just concerned that we can get a lot of push back on that.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “The entire road in the past was 20 mph. About 5 or 6 years ago this ordinance was put in place for 30 mph but now it is causing problems within the school zone. We need them to slow down within the school zone. So I am asking that this be forwarded to the next committee to amend this ordinance to reflect 20 mph within the school zone.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “So I am understanding whenever the vehicle is entering the school zone the speed limit will go from 30 mph to 20 mph. Would that be a permanent change, not just when school is in session but all the time.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Yes because there are activities going on there at the school during the summer time. They have to cross from one side of the road to the other side, to the other buildings.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Just out of curiosity is there a sign there that announces you are entering a school zone and saying that the speed limit must be lowered when school is in session?”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Barry will handle that.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Okay, the ordinance will make it a permanent thing.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to forward the further discussion of passing an ordinance to lower the speed limit within the school zone on Compress Road from 30 mph to 20 mph to the next Committee Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

10. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term. James Keith Richard has resigned. (12-21-2024 - 12-21-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Ward 3 Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 for the remainder of a four-year term. James Keith Richard has resigned. (12-21-2024 - 12-21-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

11. **Authorize the sale of the Adjudicated Properties that were awarded on January 8, 2025.**

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to authorize the sale of the Adjudicated Properties that were awarded on January 8, 2025.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Nancy Carriere, Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-001
(Sponsored by Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT IN FULL OF ANY AND ALL ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT LIENS ON ADJUDICATED PROPERTY WHEN THE TAX DEBTOR IS MAKING PAYMENT TO THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REDEEM THEIR PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, just for clarification that ordinance will be for the sale of 35 properties on April 3, 2025. I just wanted to make sure that we have it.”

XI. ORDINANCE TO BE ADOPTED:

ORDINANCE 2024-050
(Sponsored By: Councilman Jimmie Edwards)

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Wayne Ardoin to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-050.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the funds estimated to be required to record the enacted Ordinances with the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court shall be appropriated and included in the annual budget for the St. Landry Parish Council.

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

Councilman Jody White stated, “The reason why I am asking for this ordinance to be approved was due to a phone call from one of the residents of School Road. That resident was speaking on behalf of his neighbors. After looking at the speed limit on School Road this is the first step to try to get some of that traffic to slow down. It had a previous speed limit of 40 mph which was really fast for three-fourths of a mile of a roadway. In effort to give them some piece of mind, and I agree, slowing down that speed limit would be a start at 30 mph.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-051.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune and Jimmie Edwards. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks, Dexter Brown and Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 **will be amended to designate a speed limit of 30 mph for School Road;**

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT all other provisions of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances Section 44-3 **shall remain unchanged and have the full effect of law.**

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-052.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

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)

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “We found that part of the property behind the old hospital have an alley. At the end of that alley they have a metal building that is about 50 x 200. They had an agreement with the hospital about 20 years ago that they could use that building for storage if they would keep up the grounds. The building is full and tomorrow at 2:30 Jessie and I have a meeting with the Administrator of the new hospital to discuss what we are going to do about that building. I found out that Acadian Ambulance has a building on our property and they were paying \$150.00 per month rental to the old hospital board. Since then Jessie took care of that and they are now paying the parish \$250.00 per month and that part of the deal is settled. I don’t know if you want to push this ordinance back or wait.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Garrett, do you have any comments?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes, the ordinance is ready to be passed today. It is an ordinance which abolish Hospital Service District No. 1 which is in the Eunice area. The St. Landry Parish Government succeeded through all of the movable property which is listed in the original ordinance. This ordinance amends the ordinance that we previously passed abolishing the Hospital Service District. So as of today the Hospital Service District is abolished and what this amendment to that ordinance does is it adds one extra tract of land that will be transferred and conveyed to St. Landry Parish Government. It also adds that the ownership entitled to all funds, assets, immovable property and movable property owned by Hospital Service District No. 1 will be transferred and conveyed to St. Landry Parish Government and the Parish Government will succeed to that. Any and all contracts, rentals or buildings or other parties that contracts with that Hospital Service District No. 1 still exist it will be transferred to St. Landry Parish Government. What this ordinance does, amending the ordinance, which abolish it, it complete the transaction and it completes the transfer of all funds, assets and properties to the St. Landry Parish Government. If there are any existing contracts on that property the St. Landry Parish Government will succeed to those contracts. So that is what this ordinance does, it completes the transaction by amending the previous ordinance which abolishes the Hospital Service District. So the Hospital Service District in that Eunice area has been abolished and this just complete the transaction of the transfer of all assets to the Parish Government.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “The old board, the old hospital, they still have \$6,500.00 Surplus in their account. That needs to be transferred to.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “If there are any funds or assets left over the Parish Government will succeed to those funds and assets since the Hospital Service District is abolished all of those assets are transferred and conveyed to the ownership of the parish.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any questions from any councilmembers on this ordinance in reference to the Eunice Hospital? Mr. Duplechain you will see about the funds that are in that Hospital?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “This ordinance completes the transaction.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The funds that Mr. Blanchard is talking about are you going to see that that is taken care of also?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes, those funds are all succeed to the Parish Government.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. Garrett, are you going to see about that money the \$6,500.00 that Mr. Ernie brought up, right?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Yes, I will do whatever.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Where will that be put in the budget?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I was told that they have some expenses that they have to pay first. I am working on that.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are you going to give us a report on that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, next month committee meeting we will have the new lease with Acadian Ambulance that was done by an appraisal that we just got in this week. Also that building we are adding in here we will be meeting with a CEO tomorrow Mr. Ernie and I to come up with a plan for that building. They are supposedly using it as storage right now so we are going to try to work with him to get that appraised to get that lease done as well.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You will give us a report as well.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes I will come back on the next committee meeting to bring that to you all.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-053.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON,** this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

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.

WHEREAS , Section 20-27, Section 20-28, and Section 20-29 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances created Hospital Service District No. 1, which is located in that part of the City of Eunice which is inside St. Landry Parish.

WHEREAS, with the authority granted to parish governing authorities by Article VI, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and La. R.S. 33:1415, Hospital Service District No 1 in St. Landry Parish shall be abolished and the St. Landry Parish Council shall repeal Section 20-27, Section 20-28, and Section 20-29 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances in order to abolish Hospital Service District No. 1, which is located in that part of the City of Eunice which is inside St. Landry Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that Section 20-27, Section 20-28, and Section 20-29 in Chapter 20 in the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinance are hereby repealed and Hospital Service District No. 1 in St. Landry Parish is hereby abolished.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the ownership and title to funds, assets, immovable property, and movable property owned by Hospital Service District No. 1, including the following parcels of immovable property owned by Hospital Service District No. 1, shall hereby be conveyed, transferred, and vested in St. Landry Parish Government, to-wit:

1. 11.896 acres in Section 29, Township 6 South (T-6-S), Range 1 East (R-1-E), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.
Parcel Number 0601643000A.
2. One (1) Lot measuring 435 feet by 300 feet in the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 30, Township 6 South (T-6-S), Range 1 east (R-1-E), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.
Parcel Number 0601094300.
3. One (1) Lot containing 0.822 of an acre, and bounded, now or formerly, North by Fruge Street; South formerly by Hospital Service District No. 1, and now by St. Landry Parish Government; East by an unnamed street; and West by Moosa Boulevard. Said parcel of land being in Section 30, Township 6 South (T-6-S), Range 1 East (R-1-E), St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. Parcel Number 0632767769.
4. One strip of property measuring 10 feet by 261 feet, and said property is an abandoned alley, in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.
Parcel Number 0601094320.
5. One Lot being 331.4 feet by 127 feet, and being bounded, now or formerly, North by alley; South by Fruge Street; East by Moosa; and West by Moosa. Said lot being located in Section 30, Township 6 South (T-6-S), Range 1 East (R-1-E).
Parcel Number 0601094310.

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

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Marks is the sponsor of this ordinance and he is not here. Do I have any comments from any of the councilmembers in reference to Ordinance 2024-054? Do you have any questions?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “On behalf of Mr. Marks who had an emergency and he had to take care it. I have reviewed it with him and it is very comprehensive. It is carbon copy of another parish in the state, St. Tammy that he used as a guide. It pretty much covers all that we need to cover.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Are there any comments from the audience in reference to Ordinance 2024-054?”

Eunice News Editor Harlan Kirgan stated, “I am Harlan Kirgan, Eunice News and I brought this newspaper, The Morgan City News Paper. In the mist of Parish Government there is an amidst of doing just we are doing here, establishing rules and governess for their committees, commissions, boards all of those things in there. I think it has been mentioned here that they also plan to have four hour training sessions for these committees throughout the parish there. I just thought that I would point that out in the headline of the Morgan City Paper. Thank you.”

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to **Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-054.**

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None. **WHEREUPON**, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

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

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH
GOVERNMENT THAT** all Boards and Commissions that are in St. Landry Parish shall be responsible for following all laws and Ordinances that govern the Board and Commissions for St. Landry Parish;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT the following are the Rules, the Laws, and the Ordinances that Govern Boards and Commissions in St. Landry Parish and they are hereby codified in this Ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE PULLED

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I will move on to Ordinance No. 2024-055, sponsored by Councilman Lejeune. Mr. Lejeune do you have any comments on Ordinance 2024-055?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “We will amend it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “You want to go ahead with this through this ordinance?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Yes sir.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “That is on the operating budget for 2024.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “On the amendment budget for 2024.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, Are there any comments from any councilmembers? Are there any comments from the public?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Ardoin, I would like to pull that budget because it was not advertised properly.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “So that is Ordinance 2024-055. You will ask as the sponsor to pull it because it was not advertised properly.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That is correct.”

ORDINANCE PULLED

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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 2025 Budget.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-056
(Sponsored By: Timmy Lejeune)

ORDINANCE PULLED

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Next, we will hear on Ordinance 2024-056.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would like to pull that one as well please for the same reason Mr. Ardoin.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Because they were not advertised properly.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That is correct.”

ORDINANCE PULLED

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the 2025 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, 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 2025 Budget.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-057
(Sponsored By: Timmy Lejeune)

ORDINANCE PULLED

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “With those two ordinance pulled we will move on to Ordinance No. 2024-057 sponsored by Councilman Timmy Lejeune. Mr. Lejeune, do you have any comments?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “No sir I don’t.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have any comments from any councilmembers in reference to Ordinance No. 2024-057? Do I have any comments from the audience? Mr. Bellard, do you want to speak on that ordinance?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not really. Sherell, this was what was mailed to your or e-mailed to you late?”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “What was that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “2024-057.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “No, that was the other one. That is the 2025-003 for introduction.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard that one is suppose to come up at the full council meeting.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay, so this is the Line of Credit right here and not the equipment basically, right?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Right, exactly it has nothing to say about equipment on this one here that I just ask for public comment.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “The equipment one is the one that just came here.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “The equipment one is suppose to come up tonight at the full council.”

Councilman Harold Taylor questioned, “So Mr. Bellard, the \$2,000,000.00 are we getting that from the Bond Commission? We really needed \$3,000,000.00 right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, we only borrowed \$1,200,000.00 so far.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “What is that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We only borrowed \$1,200,000.00.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Why do we need to vote on this tonight?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So evidently Eric sends this out after the Bond Commission approves and the bank loans the money. That was my question about the \$2,000,000.00 for the equipment. The Bond Commission already approved everything. So I am not exactly sure why because Eric sent these e-mails to Sherell with these ordinances. So I am not quite sure why we are passing an ordinance whenever we approved this through Resolution last year.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Taylor are you finished?”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “I am really confused.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard, out of all fairness. Eric has been here before. Can he come here and explain to this council what we are trying to do here?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t see why not.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I am going to ask that he be contacted and he come here.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, maybe make a request from the council. I will call him too but maybe we can get a letter from the council asking him to attend the next meeting.”

Councilman Harold Taylor stated, “Then we can ask our questions. If you are already getting the money we can pass this next month and get him here.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Lejeune are you in favor of that? You are the sponsor of this ordinance.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Lets’ just pull it and get a real answer. I don’t have a problem sponsoring it because we needed the revenue.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We need all of our ‘I’s dotted and our ‘T’s crossed.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “This ordinance was introduced with fact that it was sent here by Eric. We had already passed it as a Resolution. I want to request that Mr. Eric LaFleur come and explain the reason for the ordinance.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If you all send one I will send one from the Parish President’s Office and one from the council.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Timmy are you in favor of that?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I am good with that.”

ORDINANCE PULLED

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 REVENUE NOTES, SERIES 2025, 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.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "**Issuer**") 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 of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Council (the "**Governing Authority**") as the governing authority of the Issuer pursuant to Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (collectively, the "**Act**"), desires to authorize the incurring of debt and borrowing of an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, secured by revenues to accrue to the Issuer's General Fund (11) (the "**Revenues**"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, the Parish desires to incur debt and issue its Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2025, in a principal amount not exceeding Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) (the "**Note**"), to pay current expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and paying costs of issuance, in anticipation of the revenues of the Parish for the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority has found and determined that it is necessary and desirable to approve the sale of the Note with terms and conditions within the parameters set forth in this Bond Resolution and authorize the Parish's authorized representatives to execute a term sheet with the purchaser (the "**Term Sheet**") within the parameters set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority further desires to proceed with the issuance, sale and delivery of the note to the Purchaser and authorize and obligate the Parish's Authorized Representatives to take action and execute documents as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance, sale and delivery of Note.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council for the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish Council**"), acting as the governing authority of Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "**Parish**"), that:

SECTION 1. Authorization of Revenue Anticipation Note. Pursuant to the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, the Parish is hereby authorized to incur debt for the purpose of paying current expenses for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and paying costs of issuance in anticipation of the revenues of the Parish for the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and to represent said indebtedness, the Parish shall issue its Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2025, in an amount not to exceed Two Million and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000,000) (the "**Note**"). The Note shall mature not later than October 1, 2025, and shall bear interest at a fixed or variable rate to be negotiated by the President of the Parish of St. Landry with the Parish's fiscal agent, provided that such interest rate shall not exceed six percent (6.00%) per annum. Interest on the Note shall be computed based on a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and shall be payable upon the maturity of the Note. The Note shall be issued in the form of a single fully registered note, dated the date of delivery thereof to the initial purchaser and numbered R-1. The principal of the Note shall be subject to prepayment at any time, in whole or in part at the option of the Parish, at a price of par plus accrued interest on the amount so prepaid to the date of prepayment. The purchase price of the Note shall be paid to the Parish by the purchaser in installments (often time referred to as a draw down loan) on an "as-needed" basis, and the date and amount of each installment of the purchase price shall be noted on the Note and interest shall accrue only on the amount of principal which shall have been borrowed by the Parish.

The Note is hereby awarded to the Parish's fiscal agent, Washington State Bank, in Parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, pursuant to its commitment to purchase the Note, a copy of which shall be filed with this governing authority.

SECTION 2. Form and Execution of Note. The Note shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and the Chairman and the Clerk to the Parish Council are authorized and directed on behalf of the Issuer to execute, seal, and deliver the Note to the purchaser.

SECTION 3. Security for Note. The Note will be secured by and payable from the revenues of the general fund (11) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, until the Note is paid in full in accordance with its terms, all in accordance with the provisions of the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority.

SECTION 4. Irrevocable Pledge. The note shall be secured by and payable in principal, premium, if any, and interest solely from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the general fund (11). The Pledged Revenues are hereby irrevocably and irrepealably pledged and dedicated in an amount sufficient for the payment of the Note in principal, premium, if any, and interest as they shall respectively become due and payable, and for the other purposes hereinafter set forth in this Ordinance. The General Fund shall be and remain pledged for the security and payment of the Note in principal, premium if any, and interest and for all other payments provided for in this Bond Ordinance until the Note has been fully paid and discharged.

SECTION 5. Authorization of Officers. The President of the Parish of St. Landry and the Chairman of the Council and the Council Clerk is individually or collectively, are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to execute and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered all documents required to be executed on behalf of the Parish or deemed by, either, in their sole discretion, necessary or advisable to implement this Bond Ordinance or facilitate the sale of the Note including the execution of the term sheet.

SECTION 6. Note is "Bank-Qualified". In the event that the Note is issued as a tax-exempt note for federal income tax purposes, the Note shall be designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In making this designation, the Parish finds and determines that:

- a. the Note is not a "private activity bond" within the meaning of the Code; and
- b. the reasonably anticipated amount of qualified tax-exempt obligations which will be issued by the Parish and all subordinate entities in calendar year 2025 does not exceed \$10,000,000.

SECTION 7. Financial Statements. The Parish covenants and agrees that it will furnish the owner of the Note as soon as available, but in no event later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, its balance sheet, and income statement for the year-end, audited by a certified public accountant. All financial reports required hereunder shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a consistent basis, and shall be in a form and substance acceptable to the owner of the Note. Failure to comply with this provision shall constitute a default hereunder and shall entitle the owner of the Note to exercise all remedies provided hereunder.

SECTION 8. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or of the Note shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this Ordinance or of the Note, but this Ordinance and the Note shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance that validate or make legal any provision of the Ordinance and/or the Note that would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance and to the Note.

SECTION 9. Publication; Peremption. A copy of this Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the Parish. For thirty (30) days from the date of such publication, any person in interest shall have the right to contest the legality of this Ordinance or the Note and the provisions securing the Note. After the expiration of said thirty (30) days, no one shall have any right of action to contest the validity of the Note or the provisions of this Ordinance, and the Note shall be conclusively presumed to be legal, and no court shall thereafter have authority to inquire into such matters.

SECTION 10. Continuing Disclosure Exemption. It is recognized that the Issuer will not be required to comply with the continuing disclosure requirements described in Rule 15c-2-12(b) of the Securities and Exchange Commission [17 CFR §140.15c2-12(b)], because the Note is not being purchased by a broker, dealer, or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in a primary offering of municipal securities, and the Note is being sold to only one financial institution (i.e. no more than thirty-five persons), which (i) have such knowledge and experience in financial business matter that they are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment in the Note and (ii) are not purchasing the Note for more than one account or with a view to distributing the Bond. The Issuer shall nonetheless covenant to provide the purchaser or its assigns the information provided for in Section 7 so long as the Note remains outstanding.

SECTION 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to accept the **Administrative Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Thursday, January 2nd, 2025** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** Timmy Lejeune.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

A motion was made by Councilman Wayne Ardoin, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to accept the **Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes** from **Thursday, January 2nd, 2025** as transcribed.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** Timmy Lejeune.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

XIV. ADJOURN:

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

On roll call vote: YEAS: Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Wayne Ardoin, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. **ABSTAINED:** None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 15th, day of January, 2025.

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