

**SECOND MEETING
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LA**

PUBLIC WORKS CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. **Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards** called the meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Oliver, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. **Ex-Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** None.
3. **Person to address the Committee:**

Mr. Logan Lawson addressed the council, he stated, “I live in the town of Sunset on the boundary of the Cankton area. I am looking to move an older mobile home and it is pass the limit of regular parish. It was given to me from a family friend. It is covered in trees so you cannot see what is going on back there. We are planning to move it to our property, which is 700 feet from the main road. Our plan is to remodel the home inside and outside where it will look almost brand new. I am coming before you to see if I can get approval for it.”

Councilman Jimmie Edwards asked, “Do you need some time to do that.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “No, you are looking for a variance is what you looking for?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The next council meeting we are coming to you all with an Ordinance stating anything over 25 years has to be inspected. If they are willing on honoring that ahead of time, I would be good with that and bring it back to the council with the inspections. It is 26 years old right, basically.”

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have so many request. What happens is you will come to our office and get a permit to do an offsite inspection. The inspector will go out, look at it, give a recommendation, and bring it to the council and the council can either accept or deny it in granting a variance. Instead of just granting a variance they will have something to look at prior to.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Well you know last meeting we talked about that variance and we said that we were going to stop it. We have people that keep coming in here for variances.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The inspection process would give you something to look at to approve or deny the variance.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Sooner or later we are going to have to stop it.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Are you moving that trailer on your own land?”

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “In other words are you moving it from one site to another site?”

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, “Yes it is about 5 miles down the road. It is on main land and on a main road where it is at right now but where we are moving it to on our property it is going to be in the woods, which cover everything you see back there.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I got a problem with that, if a man is moving a mobile home on his own land. I can see if you moving a mobile home to a subdivision or a trailer park but when you moving on your own land and you cannot do what you want with it that is sad. I do not know what we passed over here but that is not right.”

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, “I originally went to the courthouse across the street to get the inspections. I thought I would just need the inspections and the proper paper work and I could have it moved. They informed me that they had passed that and I would have to get special variance and come before you to ask for it.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I have seen some mobile homes that are 3 and 4 years old and they look like they 30 years old. I also seen some mobile homes that is 30 years old that look brand new. What do they inspect?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Basically if the house is livable and certain things about the electrical. It would be a regular house inspection that they do when you buy a house. We had one today not a trailer home just a regular home and we had to deny the permit because no one should be living in that home. So we having problems throughout this parish and that is what inspectors go out and look at and either approve or deny electricity. In this particular case the house is over 25 years old as per the Ordinance so that is why we want to at least have an inspection done to bring to the council and let the council decide if they want to grant the variance or not.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “So being that it is on his own property already.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It’s not, it’s not on his own property.”

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, “I am having it moved to property. It is just down the road. The way it lays out, it is in two different parishes even though it is only like 6 minutes away. We live inside the city limits and outside the city limits because we have 20 acres so they split it. I understand your point and we would understand an occupancy approval before anyone lived in the home but we would have to remodel it. I have a package there where we will put new electrical, windows, and installation. It has very good structure because it is an older home, where the newer ones are not made as well.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “On Halfway House Road they moved someone out and moved another one in. Do you have an inspection on them? How do you keep up with that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So that is the problem. We are having so many mobile home parks that are moving mobile homes in our parish and they do not let us know they don’t go get the permits but what we started doing after the last council meeting is going write tickets and they have to pay a \$500.00 dollar fine not to the home owner to the moving company. So finally, they will have to pay some consequences and maybe they might start getting the permits to let us know whenever they moving homes into the parish. We have a lot of homes now with no electricity because they did not come get the permits. We trying to fix that problem but it will take a while.”

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Edwards can we get a motion to let this man get his permit or whatever he needs to do.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “Well all the basis was covered for the most part but that is what it’s about that is why we still working on this Ordinance to get it right,

we have to have steps in place and one of the steps is having the older model homes looked at before its moved. It's not about keeping you from moving a home onto your property but as we know in government we won't make 100% of the people happy 100% of the time so for the ones that's doing it wrong we have to have some steps in place. If it's an older home it need to be inspected but by no means once its brought to us would we deny you from bringing a good structure to your property it's just the steps in place."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Do you have electricity on your trailer currently?"

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, "As of this moment, they took the power pole off because they wanted us to move it so its not connected any longer but it was connected and it did have electricity."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "Like 30 days or 15 days ago."

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, "No I would say probably about 90 days ago."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "I have a question for Mr. Bellard. In lieu of we working on these inspections for different locations, Mr. Alvin said something that caught my attention I do not think that we brought up when it is your own property, it is not in a controlled HOA, its not in neighborhood, I don't think that we even addressed why this man can't put his mobile home on his own property?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Basically this is land use application right here. We put that in place last year some time when we had a house moved into an area that should not have been moved. So the government can do that. They can restrict certain things to keep the value of property around them to a certain point. Not so much to limit the person from moving on their own property but it needs to fit for that property according to our ordinance."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "I am totally in agreement with the inspection but as far as the ordinances that we have that you would have to meet inside of a controlled neighborhood verses just a property in the country I don't think we ever addressed that?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "No, we have not."

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, "Yes, we need to get it inspected. It needs to be suitable even for your own safety. An Ordinance that we have that does not address open property in the middle of somewhere, we may need to address that."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Bellard advised that they can go over there and get a permit. Is that what you said Mr. Bellard?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, if the council is fine with it even though the Ordinance is not passed yet I think the process will start at our regular meeting. If they are willing to do that I think that is something we can bring back to the council and the council can look at it and see and either grant or deny their variance."

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, "Maybe as we tweaking that ordinance we can make sure that it specify in that ordinance that if they have property that is not in a controlled area."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Well the majority of our property that is in our parish is not in a controlled area, it is not in a HOA. We have a lot of country land. I am following the ordinance that was adopted. I am good with whatever you all want to do. Again, like Mr. White was saying we will tweak it as we go along. It could be something in there depending on how close a neighbor is and other things like that just all sorts of factors in there."

Mr. Logan Lawson stated, “Also we do want to keep the integrity of the value of the property owners, not just us, but everyone around us and anyone that it may affect. That is why we presented that we are going to have all new repairs. It is going to look new we will have new siding, electrical, windows, installation, the roof everything will be new.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “When it comes to the council with the inspection report all of that will be listed. I am not saying yes or no but once it is presented to the council properly, I think everything will be fine. We just have a process.”

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, August 19th, 2026** to grant permission for Mr. Logan Lawson to go get a permit for his a variance to move his mobile home trailer.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

Mr. Brad Smith addressed the council. He stated, “Hello, my name is Brad Smith. I am applying to fill the position that was vacated from Mickey Mills’ death to the Bellevue – Coulee Crouche Drainage Board. Mickey was my first cousin and his dad was my uncle. My Grandfather in the fifties was on that board. Just to tell you a little bit about my background I live in the Shuteston Area. I am familiar with what the drainage board does. They have done some work on our farm land. I have worked with them on a couple of other things recently, not in our district but in another district. I have been in Finance Agriculture for 44 years and I am retired now. I have a little extra time. Mr. Mickey wanted his son Mike to fill it and Mike did not have any interest so he asked me to fill it so I would like to fill it.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “Where do you live Sir?”

Mr. Brad Smith stated, “I live in the Shuteston Area. It is in the Lewisburg area. It is about 8 miles from Opelousas.”

Councilwoman Vivian Olivier stated, “It is in Timmy’s District.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Thank you for applying.”

Mr. Herman Rue addressed the council. He stated, “Good evening my name is Herman Rue. I live at 346 Durio Road, Opelousas, LA. I am applying for the Solid Waste Board.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Mr. Rue I understand that you worked for the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste District, is that right?”

Mr. Herman Rue stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “What is your main interest for serving on the board, Sir?”

Mr. Herman Rue stated, “The experience that I have as you just mentioned that I worked for the Solid Waste Board before in the past. The tax payers have spent a lot of money educating me during the time that I did work there.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “You feel that you have something to offer to the board?”

Mr. Herman Rue stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have one thing before Mr. Barry Soileau starts. We sent a letter to the council a couple of weeks ago in reference to the

Artall's Case. I do not know if you all receive it. The next step on that one is going to be either to approve it or deny it. I asked an Engineer to go out there and do a survey and check and see if that pump is actually putting out more water than what our drainage canals can hold. That is our next move if the council wants to do that that is what we need to do. I can tell you what we have asked? Whenever they are pumping and they see the water getting on the road if they would just stop pumping until the water can recede, that is what we are asking for instead of going through all of the extra stuff. That is what we are asking the other party to do."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "About how much is that going to cost us Mr. Bellard?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We don't have a clue. That have never been done for us before so I do not know. My suggestion is this: If they would be willing to not pump whenever the water gets on our roads and just stop, let it recede or slow it down and I think everybody would win. He could still move his water just not go over the top of our roads."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "We have the same problem on Soileau Road. They opened up the valve."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So that is another issue that we have a lot of farmers that let their water out and it goes across and eat our roads out. What we are asking them to do is put a 45 or a Tee on their outlet so the water goes down the ditches and not across the road. When we do get those complaints we talk to the farmer and they take care of that. If we go and talk to them they will take care of us."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, "The last time the Darwin Subdivision flooded, are you with me? The water came over the road from the big gully. The farmer across the street opened up his valves to drain his fields. That did not help the situation at all. I know that you went to court with this guy and nothing was done about it."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So the court ruled to pull the Temporary Restraining Order. He pulled it so he can pump now if he wants to pump but the case is not over with; the lawsuit is still in place. The next stage of this is to come to an agreement with the landowner or the farmer on how we move forward. The water still gets on our roads when he pumps and that is our issue. If he would agree to stop pumping until the water can recede fast enough that would work out good for everybody. He would not have to move his pump he would not have to do nothing just when he sees the water crossing the road stop pumping for a little while."

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, "So what are you asking for right now?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I am just letting you all know the options on the table. A letter was sent to you all. I just want to let you all know the options on the table. My suggestion was this: Let the attorney's talk about it and see if we can get that negotiated through before we go and spend money on an engineer."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, "I was just curious. This is the first that I have heard of this when you sent the video and the letter. I was just curious to know how much water is being pumped and how often? Is it only when it rains very hard that this becomes an issue for us? How much water is he unloading onto the roads?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We don't know the exact amount of gallons per minute that is being pumped, it is a large pump. It is pumping a lot of water but the exact amount of gallons that is pumped every minute we don't know that. We would have to get an engineer involved to go and access it and do all kinds of stuff. If he would just agree to turn the pump off when it gets on our road I think it would help everybody in that area and it would help our road situations."

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “The reason why I am asking this is because we are fixing to get into a legal expense. That is why I am asking, how often is this happening, only when it rains really hard? Should we take on this battle if it is not often? Is this a practice that is common?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Normally whenever a farmer pumps water they have another farmer not far from there. Whenever he pumps water and the water start getting on our road he just stops, that is all that we are asking to be done. This particular farmer doesn’t stop. He doesn’t stop at all, he just keep on pumping no matter where the water goes. We don’t have any issues with the other farmers they are very courteous when it comes to our roads and our system. This farmer have a larger pump and it pumps a lot of water and it could easily go over roads and eat our roads up. In fact where the pump is located right now District 6 spent a lot of money by putting concrete to make sure it does not wash out the road.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is it worth the fight? How often and is this common?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I would have not started this process if I did not think it was needed.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Is that a Rice Farmer Jessie?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No this is beans and corn I believe.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, He was pumping water out of the corn field and the rice field.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, it is pumping out of his fields, correct. It goes into the canal and from the canal he pumps it out.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I can answer your question. If you don’t catch a lot of rain they don’t pump. They are just trying to save their crop. That is what they are trying to do. That can happen once every five years that will happen but if it is hurting our roads.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes we just have to stop that part of it.”

Mr. Emile Bourgoyn addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Emile Bourgoyn. I live at 1296 Schexnayder Lane. The same road that this pump exists that we are talking about. It is a 30 inch discharge pump pushed by 200 horse power tractor and culverts on it regulated to 36 inches. It can put tens of thousand gallons per minute into those road ditches. These are Schexhayder Lane Road ditches and they fill up within minutes when he cranks it up full blast. I will be honest the last time that he did idle it down it was not pumping full blast but when he pumps full blast it is over the road in a matter of minutes. Over the last 40 years he has been doing this and we have been complaining and this is the first gentlemen that have ever listened to us. Since then we have built us both Schexnayder Lane with Road District 6 and we have built up Artell Road to raise it because we had to pull our kids cars out on a trailer while he was pumping riding right by them to get our kids to Hwy 105 so they can go to school. This has been an ongoing issue. This is not a little pump and I might add that while he was under the TRO he put a different pump on the north end of that same canal and pumped in the second lake and nobody complained would complain about that if he pushed his big pump back there, nobody would care. We wouldn’t have to pass by it every day, we would not have to drive through the water it would go around the state canal and that is the simple solution. Thank you for your time. I will be happy to answer questions.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was just curious because I have never heard of this.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I am sorry sir I missed your name.”

Mr. Emile Bourgoyn stated, “My name is Emile Bourgoyn.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette questioned, “Have anyone gone to the farmer and tried to reason with him about relocating his pump and discharging to the rear?”

Mr. Emile Bourgoyn stated, “I can quote you his answer: It is too convenient for me to have it where it is at, to convenient. Yes we have talked to him several times.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “Okay so he has been given the opportunity to reason as we should. Thank you.”

Mr. Emile Bourgoyn stated, “Yes Sir. Keep in mind he did pump on the north end while he was under TRO. We have pictures of it.”

Councilman Faltery Jolivette stated, “I see. Thank you.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “I would like to know how many years you have been living where you live?”

Mr. Emile Bourgoyn stated, “I built that house in 1987. I have been there ever since.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Thank you.”

Mr. Jason Halphen addressed the council. He stated, “My name is Jason Halphen, Krotz Springs Louisiana 3355 W. Atchafalaya Levy Road. I am also on the District 6 Works Commission. I have heard about the pumping situation and I did not realize that there was still a lawsuit in it. My question is this: Why isn’t District 6 being involved more in this? We have a facility where we can discuss this and I think we can solve some of this without have to spend a lot of time here at the council with it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The road belongs to the parish. It is a Parish Government issue not a District 6 issue. That’s why.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “Okay we can help is what I am saying.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I agree but when it comes to the legal side of this the road belongs to the parish government, not District 6. So that is why I didn’t call you all, I didn’t notify you all at all because there was nothing for you all to do at that time.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “Okay, I am not the Chairman I am the Commissioner. We have discussed it and I would like to help anyway that we can on it. Our job is to take care of those road in District 6. We don’t have the problems that you all are having with budget issues in District 6 and we can definitely help you all, definitely with the roads, that is our job to do.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is not a budget issue this is an issue dealing with a certain farmer.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “Oh I understand. I know it very well you can ask people here. I have property there and I have known Emile and known these people all my life. I can remember knee bared in that ditch as a kid because they were pumping so much water in it. We are trying to work on that and I would like to offer you all our help in it. Why we can’t go and speak with the Artell’s? I know what they use to do, I know that they do a lot with that pumping and they own a lot of property in that area but I am just trying to see what more can we do in District 6 to help that road and your all pumping situation? Do we need to lift it higher? Another idea that I had is this: If we had that State Canal where we could get it to where it could flow better we would have less problems on all of those roads.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I agree.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “That state canal, it doesn’t have to be dredged in that cell it is just those logs needs to be pulled out and moved over. That is what clogged us all up and that held us up a lot on that end.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We submitted a grant for that two or three years ago and we were denied. We are constantly doing that because Harold did bring it to our attention back probably 4 or 5 years ago. We did go to DC and make that request and it is still being applied for. Of course you said the magic word we can’t go and dig because lard help us. We can go and clean and that is what we are hoping for.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “I don’t see why we can’t get local contractors to do that digging in that area. We have a lot of local contractors that can pull logs out of state canals and it would directly affect them so I can see them really wanting to do the job and really getting I done right.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right, I agree with you but it just takes the funds.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “That is what I was talking about when I said the budget. We do have a budget.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The last one we did cost \$18.00 a running foot on a normal canal is what it is costing us now so the state canals are a pretty big project.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “Oh yeah, I went down it actually last year. I made that report to the board and I went down there in my boat and we checked it out. I told them last year that we were going to have problems I didn’t know we were going to have this flood coming like we had this year. I believe if we do some work on that state canal we will solve a lot of problems on our roads in District 6.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I agree.”

Mr. Jason Halphen stated, “Thank you all.”

4. Public Work Report:

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director addressed the council. He stated, “For the Month of **July** we:

Services Performed	Instances	Area Performed
Boom Axed	46	Roads
Box Blade	49	Roads
Culvert Cleaning	8	Roads
Debris Removal	45	Roads
Ditching	4	Roads
Driveway Culvert Insulation	14	Roads
Grading	52	Roads
Grass Cutting	15	Roads
Patching	30	Roads
Material Spreading	2	Roads
Sign Installation	5	Roads
Tree Removal	8	Roads
Washouts	4	Roads

Councilman Jody White questioned, “I had asked you about that bridge on Bellard Loop. What is the situation out there?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “We are doing the Preliminary Work now. We are getting the Right of ways and we are moving utilities. It is the state’s bridge but it is ours. It is that kind of that situation but we are moving. As they tell us what to do we do it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That is under that Bridge Replacement Program. It was approved to be done 2 years ago and it is just their process that takes so long.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Soileau at this time on behalf of my constituents in the district that I represent, especially those who been having those trees fall after hours, I want to thank you and your team. Yesterday after 7:00 p.m. I called with a down tree on the road and the crew was on their way. One hour or so later I got a text saying that it was done. Last Saturday after 5:30 p.m. I had a large tree down and with you it is always okay. I want to thank you all for that. I really do appreciate that because it make me feel good when I know that my constituents concern have been taken care of and thank you again.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “Jessie, that bridge on Botany Bay, who is going to pay for that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Half and half.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “What happens with the cement bridge. What are you all going to do with that?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not sure.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “If it goes in another district I think I should get some money back. Why not? It is taken out of my district and put some place else.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I don’t believe that bridge is moving right Barry?”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “No.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “What are they going to do with it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I am not quite sure. I will be honest with you. I will find out.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “That is why they are getting rid of it because it is not good anymore. I will have information on it.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “There is nothing wrong with the bridge. It was the pilings that was gone.”

Mr. Barry Soileau, Public Works Director stated, “I will have an answer for you tomorrow.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Thank you. Another question. The Hospital Fund, how much do I have left in that fund? Do you know?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will have to look. I believe you have a little over \$100,000.00. The last time I checked I think you had \$120,000.00 plus. We will do some work in District 4.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “What are we going to do with that problem on Mushroom Road? It has been 3 years since I have been fighting with that. The people are raising all kinds of hell around there. I wish you all could see that, it is unreal, unreal.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “She will go and look at it tomorrow. The problem is the people that live there. I don’t want my people getting shot.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “You can go and deliver papers to him. He won’t shoot you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We already did the paper work. It is the actual going on the property and doing the work part.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “What do you mean do the work?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “To go and clean it up.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “That is why we have a sheriff.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I completely agree with you on that one.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “This is unreal. He lives in a little mobile home and that is trash. How they live in that little mobile home I don’t know. There is just one little walkway between all of the trash and the junk to get to the mobile home and the mobile home sits about so high. For three years I have been fighting that. I have one more question: We did not get anything on how much they spent in our district, did you get something Wayne?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Yes, I have mine and I want Barry to look at it because Smittys Road is not in District 9 or in the taxing district. Mr. Soileau, on our financials, Smittys Road is not in the taxing district, in my taxing district, district 42, Fund 42. I want to give it back to you to correct it. I think that is going to be in Ms. Vivian’s District. Ovey Benoit is in mine but Smittys is not.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to accept the Public Works Report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

5. **Forward all applications received for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 19th, 2026* all applications received for one appointment to Bellevue & Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 20 for the remainder of a four-year term ending 05-02-2029.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

6. **Forward all applications received for two appointments to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District or a four-year term expiring 09-02-2030.**

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 19th, 2026* all applications received for two appointments St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District or a four-year term expiring 09-02-2030.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

7. **Discuss information regarding Variances on Frontage Footage of Properties. (Councilman Dexter Brown).**

This item was forwarded to next meeting due to Councilman Brown not present to discuss item placed on agenda.

8. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year and two-year term. 09-19-2026 – 09-19-2027 and 09-19-2026 – 09-19-2028).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Ernest Blanchard to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 19th, 2026* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for two appointments to Fire District No. 7 for a one-year and two-year term. 09-19-2026 – 09-19-2027 and 09-19-2026 – 09-19-2028).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

9. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Acadia-St. Landry Hospital Service for a six-year term. (10-01-2026 – 10-01-2032).**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, August 19th, 2026* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to Acadia-St. Landry Hospital Service for a six –year term. (10-01-2026 – 10-01-2032).

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion forwarded.

10. **Discuss an evaluation of Napoleon Street, Barbara Street and Audrey Avenue in the Preston Stelly Subdivision regarding abandonment of Houses and Obnoxious growth of grass, weeds and trees.**

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “Councilman Dexter Brown asked to place this on the agenda. I am not sure if you all want to table it or Ms. Cynthia Fontenot with Code Enforcement would like to address this matter.”

Cynthia Fontenot Code Enforcement stated, “I know Councilman Brown is not here tonight but I just want the Council to know and I have advised the Parish President that we have been working on that project on those 3 streets for the past 2 weeks. We did send out a lot of letters, it is very bad so we have started the process just to advise you all on Napoleon, Barbara, and Audrey Streets.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “If I can say a word Mrs. Cynthia I appreciate all that you do and the time that you put in.”

Cynthia Fontenot Code Enforcement stated, “Thank you.”

11. **Discuss moving a Black Dodge Ram and a Gold Toyota Camry off the roadway due to obstructing traffic while entering Triple T’s Sweet Treats Snow-cones and Ice Cream Stand at 1425 Conrad Lane, Opelousas, LA.**

Councilman Jody White questioned, “Is that street in the city limits? I think so.”

Council Clerk Sherell Jordan stated, “That is another item that Councilman Dexter Brown asked me to place on the agenda.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That will be a city issue and they will have to call the police department if it is blocking the roadway. We do not have anything to do with that.”

12. **Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.**

Councilman Jody White stated, “I just want to take the time to say that we had several issues that were brought up by Councilman Brown. I want to acknowledge that he is not here tonight due to the passing of his father, Mr. Hebert Lee Brown. So if we can have just a couple of seconds of silence in reference to Councilman Brown and his love one. Thank you.”

13. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier to adjourn the Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None. **ABSTAINED:** None.

Motion carried.

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