

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Councilman Harold Taylor)**
- III. ROLL CALL:**
- IV. CONDOLENCES:**
- V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **Regular Meeting: April 15th, 2026**
 - **Special Meeting: April 8th, 2026**
 - **Special Meeting: April 23rd, 2026**
- VII. PARISH PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

*Items passed through committee.

1. Vote to appoint Harry Ragas for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (06-16-2026 -06-16-2030)
2. Authorize Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. (4-21-2025 to 4-21-2028)
3. Authorize a Variance to be granted to Mr. Michael Salton to move his 2003 Mobile Home to a Trailer Park. (Trailer Located on Hwy 31)
4. Authorize a Variance to be granted to Ms. Bethany Guidry to move her 2008 Mobile Home on family property. (Move trailer on family property off Hwy 103)
5. Authorize a Variance to be granted to Ms. Tricia Andrus for 180 feet of road frontage at 136 Unity Drive.
6. Authorize and forward to full council the Preliminary and Final Approval of Le Village De Colour Situated in Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 3 East Bearb Road, Sunset, LA. 70584.
7. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Hubert & Eloise Gauthier Family LLC advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structures located at 3231 & 3227 Hwy 3043 Opelousas, La 70570. Parcel #0103827500.
8. Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Chad James Milby advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure (Damaged Mobile Home) located at 205 Edwin Street Sunset, La 70535. Parcel #0201480925.
9. Authorize the Intergovernmental Agreement between Prairie Basse Gravity Drainage District No. 15 and St. Landry Parish Government for drainage work to be done.

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-378 – DATE OF MANUFACTURE, WHICH IS IN ARTICLE XV. – PARK PLANNING REQUIREMENTS, IN CHAPTER 40 – SUBDIVISIONS, IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE THAT EACH AND EVERY MANUFACTURED HOME AND MOBILE HOME LOCATED WITHIN ST. LANDRY PARISH MUST HAVE BEEN BUILT WITHIN 25 YEARS PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH AN APPLICATION IS SOUGHT FROM ST. LANDRY PARISH FOR THE LOCATION OF SUCH MANUFACTURED HOME OR MOBILE HOME WITHIN ST. LANDRY PARISH

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-133, IN CHAPTER 40, ARTICLE VI, DEFINITIONS, TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST ONE LOT, PLOT, SITE, OR OTHER DIVISION OF LAND IN A SUBDIVISION MUST BE LESS THAN THREE ACRES IN AREA FOR IT TO BE DEFINED AS A SUBDIVISION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 44-3 TO DESIGNATE A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH FOR DUFILHO ROAD

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-022

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON 100 FEET OF HIGHLAND ROAD IN ST. LANDRY PARISH

X. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-012

(Sponsored By: Councilwoman Mildred Thierry)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 0106284610 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that **Gary R. Chenier** is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, **Gary R. Chenier** may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to Gary R. Chenier, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

1 LOT 26 (90 X 225) (.465) COTEAU RIDGE ESTATES IN SEC 127 T-6S R-4E 948560 (K-41-803)

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 0106284610 in the St. Landry Parish land records which adjoins the property bearing parcel number 0106530525M.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-013
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ernest Blanchard)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL ADJUDICATED PROPERTY BEARING PARCEL NUMBER 8601179600 TO AN ADJOINING LANDOWNER OF THE ADJUDICATED PROPERTY AS PER LA R.S. 47:2202 (B)

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 47:2202 B. states that the governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the governing authority determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Government has determined that Janet Watley is the adjoining landowner of adjudicated property and has maintained said adjudicated property for a period of one year or more, and thus, Janet Watley may purchase the adjudicated property through a public sale without public bidding.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following adjudicated property shall be sold by public sale to Janet Watley, an adjoining land owner to the adjudicated property who maintained said adjudicated property for one year or more, without public bidding, for a price set by St. Landry Parish Government, as per LA R.S. 47:2202 B., and said adjudicated property is described as follows:

1 LOT 1 (50 X 142) BLK 93 F & L ADD N LOT 2 S ASH AVE E LOT 16 W EAST ST FRONTING 50' ON EAST ST 816779 (I-36-220)

This adjudicated property bearing parcel number 8601179600 in the St. Landry Parish land records, which adjoins the property bearing parcel number 0602176000.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-014
(Sponsored By: Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V. ROAD USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS IN CHAPTER 36 IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1-06 of the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter states that the parish government shall have the power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the parish, and this includes the power to pass ordinances on all subject matters not inconsistent with the constitution or denied by state law;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Article V of Chapter 36 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

ARTICLE V. ROAD USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 36-100. Permit—Required.

Before any person, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity may drive or operate a vehicle having a total weight in excess of five (5) tons on parish roads, including, but not limited to, sugarcane and logging activities, seismic surveys or drill and/or mine for oil, gas, coal

lignite and/or any other minerals, a notification of road use form permit shall be secured for each vehicle from the parish president or his designee by said person, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity.

Sec. 36-101. Same—Conditions on issuance.

- (a) *Bond.* The issuance of a notification of road use form permit shall be conditioned upon the posting of a \$1,000,000.00 bond to cover all vehicles of the person, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity requesting the notification of road use form permit as a guarantee that the applicant will perform his work in a manner such that any and all damages to public property shall be compensated.
- (b) *Deposit.* The issuance of a notification of road use form permit shall also be conditioned upon the paying of a \$500 deposit for each vehicle, by the person partnership, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity requesting the notification of road use form permit as a guarantee that the applicant will not leave debris on or cause minor damages to public property, which shall be returned to the applicant after parish government’s inspection has confirmed that no debris or damages have occurred.
- (c) *Permit fee.* The issuance of a notification of road use form permit shall also be conditioned upon the payment of a permit fee to the parish government. The permit fee shall be \$200.
- (d) *Identification of location and conditions.* The issuance of a notification of road use form permit shall be conditioned upon the person, etc., providing the parish government sufficient information to identify the location of the vehicle travel and related activities. Parish government shall take photographs of the conditions of the locations before the travel and activities, which shall be signed by the applicant to confirm current conditions. Parish government shall take photographs of the locations after the travel and activities, to document whether any debris or damages have occurred, or if none have and the deposit should be returned to the applicant.

Sec. 36-102. Notice of completion required.

Written notice of completion of the project shall be given to the parish government by the person, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity conducting the activities specified in section 36-100.

Sec. 36-103. Enforcement by Parish Code Enforcement Department.

The St. Landry Parish Code Enforcement Department shall enforce the provisions of this Article V- Road Use Permit Requirements, as well as the following duties:

- (a) To enforce all parish ordinances dealing with standards for public or private work done on or across parish rights-of-way;
- (b) To enforce all parish ordinances prohibiting loading or unloading on parish roads or rights-of-way;
- (c) To enforce all parish road use permit requirements;
- (d) To enforce all parish bridge load limits;
- (e) To enforce all parish vehicle load limit requirements; and
- (f) To enforce all violations of state law or parish ordinances prohibiting acts injurious to parish roads, bridges, ditches, waterways, and drainage channels.

Secs. 36-104—36-129. - Reserved.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-015
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME IN SECTION 40-351 – DEFINITIONS., WHICH IS IN ARTICLE XIII. – MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES, IN CHAPTER 40 – SUBDIVISIONS, AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-357 (4) – MOBILE HOMES, HOUSE TRAILERS, AND MANUFACTURED HOUSES., WHICH IS IN ARTICLE XIII. – MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES, IN CHAPTER 40 – SUBDIVISIONS, IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE THAT MANUFACTURED HOMES/MOBILE HOMES CERTIFY THAT IT WAS BUILT WITHIN THE LAST 25 YEARS

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 1-06 establishes that the Parish Government has the special power to pass all ordinances necessary to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace, and orderly conduct of the Parish.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 40–351, in Article XIII, in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII. - MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES

Sec. 40-351. - Definitions.

Accessory building means a subordinate building on a lot, the use of which is customarily incidental, secondary, or minor to that of the main building or principle building. The following restrictions apply to accessory buildings:

- (1) *Metal structure.* Corrugated metal siding, aluminum siding or vinyl siding is prohibited on the street front only.
- (2) *Building colors.* Building and roof colors shall consist of natural earth tones, white or shades of gray. Primary colors shall be limited to trim and signage.

Accessory structure means a detached subordinate building or structure located on the same site as the mobile home, house trailer, or manufactured home which it serves, including, without limitations, awnings, cabanas, porches, storage cabinets, or similar appurtenant structures.

Commercial use means use for business or other governmental entity purposes, such as, without limitation, first responders, or for uses other than permanent or temporary residential purposes.

Manufactured home/mobile home means a moveable detached single family dwelling unit with all the following characteristics:

- (1) Designed for long-term occupancy, and containing sleeping accommodations, a flush toilet, a tub or shower bath and kitchen facilities, with plumbing and electrical connections provided for attachment to outside systems;
- (2) Designed and constructed on a chassis that is capable of being transported after fabrication on its own wheels or detachable wheels bearing a label certifying it is built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.-501), which became effective June 15, 1976;
- (3) Arrive at a site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete and ready for occupancy, except for minor incidental unpacking and assembly operations, installed by a licensed installer, connections to utilities; and
- (4) Not required to be placed on a foundation. (Does not refer to travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, or similar units designed for recreation or other short-term use.) Each manufactured home must meet the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety standards and must display a seal certifying that it was built in accordance with the standards and must have been built within the last 25 years. The homeowner must provide proof of age of the home before the permit may be issued and before the home may be moved into St. Landry Parish. All manufactured homes must be found, upon parish inspection, to be safe and fit for occupancy.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT THAT Section 40–357 (4), in Article XIII, in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and shall now read as follows:

Sec. 40-357. - Mobile homes, house trailers, and manufactured houses.

(4) *Manufactured home/mobile home standards.*

- (a) Each manufactured home/mobile home must meet the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety standards and must display a seal certifying that it was built per the standards and built within the last 25 years. The manufactured home/mobile home owner

must provide proof of age of the manufactured home/mobile home before the permit may be issued or the home located in St. Landry Parish. All mobile homes must be found, upon inspection by St. Landry Parish Government, to be safe and fit for occupancy.

(b) No more than one manufactured home/mobile home can be placed on property provided that the manufactured home/mobile home is located at least 50 feet from the nearest existing structure, building, another mobile home, or property line.

(c) All manufactured homes/mobile homes must be provided with manufacturer-approved, vented skirting from the bottom of the manufactured home/mobile home floor to ground. Skirting must be suitable for outdoor exposure and contact to the ground. The area enclosed by skirting may not be used for storage and must be kept free of debris at all times. The skirting must be installed prior to the home receiving final approval for electrical power.

(d) All entrances to a manufactured home/mobile home shall be provided with permanent steps of precast concrete; properly laid and/or cemented bricks or treated lumber. The entrance to an attached deck or similar extension shall be considered as an entrance to a mobile home.

(e) All manufactured home/mobile homes must be provided with anchors and tie-downs to meet the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(f) Additions to a manufactured home/mobile home may not use the manufactured home/mobile home for structural support. Additions must meet the current provisions of the local building code.

(g) The said lot should have a parking area for at least two vehicles.

(h) All manufactured home/mobile homes located in a special flood hazard area must comply with all federal, state, and local requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program, even if flood insurance is not purchased.

(i) Base flood elevation: Lowest floor. The lowest floor shall mean the bottom of the longitudinal chassis frame beam in "A" and "AE" zones. The lowest level shall be one foot or more above the base flood elevation height.

(j) No person or other legal entity owning, leasing, or occupying real estate may subdivide contiguous real estate into lots or parcels to place or attempt to place mobile homes on each lot.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-016
(Sponsored By: Councilman Ken Marks)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 40-188 – LOTS., WHICH IS IN ARTICLE VIII. – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, IN CHAPTER 40 – SUBDIVISIONS, IN THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REQUIRE RESIDENTIAL LOTS TO BE NOT LESS THAN 60 FEET WIDE ALONG THE PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND TO NOT BE LESS THAN 12,000 SQUARE FEET IN AREA

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government must review and approve all new subdivisions located outside of incorporated municipalities in St. Landry Parish, as per the subdivision ordinances in Chapter 40 of the St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances.

Sec. 40-188. - Lots.

- (a) *Adequate building sites.* Each lot shall contain a building site area of at least 1,500 square feet located outside the limits of easement or building setback lines.
- (b) *Arrangement.* Insofar as practical, side lot lines shall be at right angles to straight street lines or radial to curved street lines. Each lot must front upon a public street.
- (c) *Minimum size.*

(1) The size, shape, and orientation of lots shall be such as the planning department deems appropriate for the type of development contemplated. Where a public sanitary sewer is reasonably accessible, the owner/developer shall connect with such sewer and provide a connection to each lot. Where a public sewer is not accessible, an alternate method of sewerage disposal may be used if it meets all applicable public health regulations. An alternate method of sewerage disposal may consist of or include but not be limited to an approved sewerage disposal system installed by the developer as a common system for the subdivision or specified portions thereof, with provisions for continued maintenance and operation of the system in compliance with the regulations of the state board of health and the parish government, and constructed under the supervision and with the approval of the parish health unit and planning department of the area. Residential lots served by a public sewerage system shall not be less than 60 feet wide along the public road right-of-way nor be less than 6,000 square feet in area.

(2) Residential lots not served by a public sewerage system shall not be less than 60 feet wide along the public road right-of-way nor shall it be less than 12,000 square feet in area.

(3) In all subdivisions, lots along cul-de-sacs shall be at least 60 feet wide along the public road right-of-way.

(4) Size of properties reserved or laid out for commercial or industrial properties shall be adequate to provide for the off-street service and parking facilities required by the type and use of development contemplated. Platting of individual lots should be avoided in favor of an overall design of the land to be used for such purposes.



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-017

(Sponsored By: Councilman Dexter Brown)

AN ORDINANCE TO SELL THE FOLLOWING 41 PROPERTIES LISTED ON THIS ORDINANCE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED TO ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT

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

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

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

	PARCEL	WARD	PHYSICAL ADDRESS	PROPERTY OWNER	STARTING BID
01	8400122200	WD-4-MEL	441 VICTOR STREET	DOROTHY SHAW GREEN T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 16 (50X143) BLK 3 SHELDON HAGEN SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON VICTOR ST				
	1 LOT 16-A (50X143) BLK 3 SHELDON HAGEN SUB DIV FRONTING 50' ON VICTOR ST				
	775953 (1-34-256) 1142342				

02	8400220500	WD-4-MEL	BURTON ST	MILTON MAYEAUX, JR T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 3 (48X120) BLK 53 KROTZ ADD 664767 (Y-23-790)				
03	8400294800	WD-4-MEL	1 LOT BLK 55 N RYDER	JOSHUA RYDER T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT (48X60) BLK 55 N RYDER S 1ST ST E WILLBANKS W WILTZ FRONTING 48' ON FIRST ST 869697 (O-38-671)				
	1035606 (ORIG TOWN OF MELV)				
04	8600508650	WD-6-EUN	GEORGE STREET	WILBERT DAVILLE T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT (51X76) PIERROTTIE ADD N GEORGE ST S THIBODEAUX E CHILDS W THIBODEAUX				
	771199 (C-34-147) 1001335				
06	8601116000	WD-6-EUN	221 MATHILDA ST	GEORGE JACKSON	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 4 (50X122.5) BLK 6 FRISCO HEIGHT ADD 526675 1035606				
07	8601476700	WD-6-EUN	360 ULYSSE ST	ISIDRO MEDRANO T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT (61.8'X205.5') ON ULYSSE ST IN BLDG BLK 76 ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF				
	EUNICE N DR CANAL S ULYSSE ST E HALL W SMITH FRONTING 61.8' ON ULYSSE ST				
	750566 (W-32-748)				
08	8601813000	WD-6-EUN	WALTER ROSE/VARDEN	GUILLORY SR	\$ 500.00
	2 LOTS 7 & 8 MAPLE ADDITION				
	2 LOTS 7 & 8 (48X150 EACH) BLK I MAPLE ADD 557885				
09	8601882500	WD-6-EUN	CARRON ST	FANNY SHILLOW T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT BEING THE EAST 120' OF LOT 1 (45X120) MAPLE SUBDIV N BERGERON S FONTENOT				
	E CARRON ST				
	W DUGAS FRONTING 45' ON CARRON ST 978543 (X-42-192) 1001335				
10	8602076500	WD-6-EUN	220 OLIVIA ST	SAMUEL TOLBERT JR T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 13 (40X110) PACIFIC SUB DIV OF F & L ADD 763959 (R-33-540)				
	982897 (C-43-98)				
11	8103982800	WD-1-OUT	THOMAS AVE (PLAISANCE)	CHERYL BROWN T/S	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT (1 AC) N ROAD S W JOSEPH E MALONE IN SEC 45 T-5S R-3E				
	904351 (DON 72-244) 987006 (G-43-543)				

12	8104190000	WD-1-OUT	AUDREY STREET	CLARENCE CLARK	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 52 (50X105) PRESTON STELLY SUB DIV 328242 967422 (K-42-54)				
13	0100122000	WD-1-OPL	764 EAST ST	GILBERT AUSTIN JR	\$ 500.00
	LOT 3 (44X100) BLK E PAMELLA MELANCON ADD 538291-A (V-16-407)				
14	0100249925	WD-1-OPL	614 SHERWOOD STREET	CRAIG BELTON	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT SOUTH/2 LOT 6 OF PLAT (50X014) N LANE S BOAGNI E BOAGNI W BOAGNI 1095545 ((LOT 2 BLK 6 SHERWOOD ST)				
15	0101327150	WD-1-OPL	623 S. CANE STREET	WILFRED ZACHARY	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 6 (70X75.5) N FENELON S ALLEY E LOT 7 W CANE ST FRONTING 70' ON CANE ST 948761 (L-41-85) (LOT 5 BLK 6 S CANE ST				
16	0101415700	WD-1-OPL	1246 CROUCHET ST	TARA BANKS	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT (100X135) GARLAND SUBDIV N BOAGNI S CROUCHET ST E CHACHERE W ADAMS ST FRONTING 100' ON CROUCHET ST 1118847				
17	8101790090	WD-1-OPL	1048 HARPER STREET	JAMES JOUBERT/THOMAS EAGLIN	\$11,420.00
	1 LOT (50X100) N S E W WALLIOR 907734 (TAX 15-3) (LOT 14 BLK 10 HARPER ST				
18	8102730500	WD-1-OPL	1052 HARPER STREET	ROBERT RICHARD SR & WIFE	\$11,420.00
	1 LOT (50X100) N E WALLIOR S JACKSON W DEJEAN 238396 (G-8-490) (LOT 18 BLK 10 HARPER ST				
19	0603082500	WD-6-OUT	184 LAWTELL ELEMENTARY	ANN BELLE GUIDRY	\$500.00
	1 LOT 9 (65X112.6) OLLIE BOUDREAUX SUB DIV EXT BLK 2 N LOT 5 S LOT 10 E LOT 17 W SCHOOL ST FRONTING 65' ON SCHOOL ST 903555 (P-39-869) 1199693				
20	0101749000	WD-1-OPL	CHAVIS ST	JAMES LEONARD JONES JR	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 1 (48X98) BLK D ARTIGUE SUB DIV 733999 (TAX 8-129)				
21	0102079000	WD-1-OPL	1230 W. SOUTH	LEMENIA LEMON	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 16 (50X70) BLK 1 MARY BURR ADD				

22	0102227500	WD-1-OPL	1227 E. MADISON STREET	WILLIAM MASON	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 25 (50X100) BLK G PAMELLA MELANCON ADD N MADISON ST S DAVID E JOSEPH W MASON 222384				
23	0102497500B	WD-1-OPL	E. JEFFERSON STREET	JOSEPH KEVIN DUPRE	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT TRACT 1 (44.4X170) (.290 AC) (BEING PART LOTS 1 & 2 MADGE SUBDIV) N LOT 3 S JEFFERSON ST E LOURDES ST W LOT 7 1118074 PLAT				
24	8116231972	WD-1-OPL	FONTENOT ALY	TIFFINIE A. GARRETT	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 4 (45X90) TELESPHORE JOSETTE SUB DIV IN L & C ADD N VILLERY ST S ALLEY E LOT 5 CORUST W BARO FRONTING 45' ON VILLERY ST 807411 (DON 60-47) 947218 (J-41-35) 965603 (H-42-712)				
25	0400474000	WD-4-PTB	181 PAWNEE ST	JAMES DEVILLIER	\$ 8,820.00
	2 LOTS BEING PART 4 & 5 (74.4X145 EA) BLK 11 BROUILLETTE SUB DIV (IRREGULAR IN SHAPE) N UNKNOWN S GUIDRY E FIRST ST W FRONT ST 725884-B (U-30-246) 113007				
26	0400765605	WD-4-PTB	173 E. COURTABLEAU ST	ROSSEVELT HARDY SR	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT PART LOT 5 (50X84) BLK 3 DEJEAN ADD N ZACHARY S COURTABLEAU RD E LOT 6 W MILL ST FRONTING 84' ON MILL ST 1075755 1188252				
27	0601683500	WD-6-EUN	111 PRAIRIE AVE	MARISSA JOAN FRUGE, ETALS	\$ 5,400.00
	1 LOT 5 (50X150) BLK 21 HAAS ADD FRONTING 50' ON PRAIRIE AVE 1165159				
28	CITY OF EUNICE				
	0600121000	WD-6-EUN	331 PERROTTI STREET	CHARLES & KENNETH ATCHISON	\$ 500.00
	2 LOT NORTH 120' OF THE WEST 33 & 1/3 ' OF LOT 4 (33X120) AND THE NORTH 120' OF THE EAST 55' OF LOT 3 (55X120) BLK 7 PIER ADD 588717-D (V-19-195)				

29	8600479500	WD-6-EUN	530 S. MARTIN LUTHER KING DR	EDNA DEVILLE DAIGLE	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 5 (50X134.9) BLK 1 AMY ADD 310048 1113028				
30	0600530400	WD-6-EUN	660 COLLEGE ROAD	DANNY CHARLES DESHOTEL	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 112 (20X125) BLK 1 GOURNEY PARK ADD FRONTING 20' ON ST LEWIS ST				
	1 LOT 113 (20X125) BLK 1 GOURNEY PARK ADD FRONTING 20' ON ST LEWIS ST				
	2 LOTS 114 (20X125) N 20' OF LOT 115 (20X125) BLK 1 GOURNEY PARK ADD BOTH LOTS				
	FRONTING 20' ON ST LEWIS ST 1183622 1220905				
31	8600545400	WD-6-EUN	141 BENOIT STREET	LEVENCE DIES	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT N 60' OF LOT 25 (50X60) BLK 1 MCMANUS ADD				
	1 LOT N 60' OF LOT 26 (50X60) BLK 1 MCMANUS ADD 791314 (D-35-910)				
32	8600556000	WD-6-EUN	141 NIMITZ STREET	LOUIS & LILLY RAY B. DOSSMAN	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT 1 (50X142) BLK 2 N AND B ADD 1081146				
33	8600694000	WD-6-EUN	450 E. PEACH AVE	B & B BUILDERS AND INVESTOR, INC	\$ 500.00
	LOT E/2 OF LOT 11 (50X77.5) BLK H SAVOY MEMO ADD 1107297				
34	0601325550	WD-6-EUN	441 MILL STREET	JOSEPH LEWIS / BETSY JONES	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT A (75X125) BLK 1 N ALLEY S LEJEUNNE E LEJEUNNE W CITY PTY OF BLDG BLK 1				
	PIERROTTI ADD FRONTING 75' ON PUBLIC ALLEY 870251 (P-38-132) 1173285				
35	0600713500	WD-6-EUN	1021 W. PARK AVE	RENEE FONTENOT	\$ 500.00
	1031 W. PARK AVE				
	1 LOT 13 (50X150) SANDERS AND MOON ADD				
	1 LOT 12 (50X150) SANDERS AND MOON ADD 1032227				
36	8600908500	WD-6-EUN	120 GASPARD ST	ALLIE GASPARD	\$ 500.00
	1 LOT (50X176) N TAYLOR S MAPLE AVE E PUB ALLEY W VENDOR 350397 982897 (C-43-69)				

37	8601026500 WD-6-EUN 610 N. MARTIN LUTHER KING DR ROBERT GUILLORY/GUSCELIA R. \$ 500.00 1 LOT (50X66) N BROWN S E MOOSA W DEROUSSEAU 222837 (T-7-101)
38	0601072205 WD-6-EUN 351 E. VINE STREET LARRY VIDRINE \$ 500.00 1 LOT 7 (46X142) BLK 101 F & L ADD N VINE AVE S PUBLIC ALLEY E LOT 8 W LOT 6 FRONTING 46' ON VINE AVE 886031 (B-39-825)
39	8601011450 WD-6-EUN 701 RICHARD STREET JOYCE & OMEINE GUILLORY \$ 500.00 1 LOT 1 (48X142) BLK I MAPLE ADD FRONTING 48' ON RICHARD ST 890948 (F-39-782) 916002 (Z-39-981)
40	8601146300 WD-6-EUN 460 CORN AVE JOHN G. CITIZEN \$ 500.00 1 LOT S 90' OF LOT 19 (50X90) BLK 2 MCMANUS ADD 946559 (I-41-171)
41	8602492451 WD-6-EUN 2ND STREET (EUNICE) LARRY JAMES DARBONNE \$ 500.00 1 LOT 3 (50X142) BLK 48 ORIG TOWN N MILLER S ARDOIN E 2ND ST W ALLEY FRONTING 50' ON 2ND ST 771012 (B-34-849) 926942 (L-40-805)



ORDINANCE NO. 2026-018
(Sponsored By: Timmy Lejeune)
An Ordinance to Transfer to the City of Opelousas
Immovable Property and Wastewater Facilities.

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 2-10(10) requires an ordinance be passed for the transfer of immovable property owned by the St. Landry Parish Government.

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-07 provides, “The parish government shall have the power and authority to enter into cooperative agreements and inter-governmental contracts with local governments and regional, state and federal authorities;”

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;”

WHEREAS, St. Landry Parish Government (“SLPG”) and the City of Opelousas (the “CITY”) share a goal of providing wastewater utility services to citizens and businesses in the City of Opelousas and St. Landry Parish;

WHEREAS, SLPG owns a wastewater treatment plant located on and at the property description below (together, the “Property and Facilities”), which were built and/or improved through Project No. 50-J49-15-01 with the Office of Facility Planning and Control, Louisiana Division of Administration;

WHEREAS, the Office of Facility Planning and Control, Louisiana Division of Administration, has been contacted and has confirmed that Project No. 50-J49-15-01 has been closed and the Property and Facilities can be transferred;

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas has the desire and ability to own, operate, and maintain the Property and Facilities, and SLPG has the desire and ability to transfer ownership of the Property and Facilities to the City;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Attorney General has reviewed the specifics of this transaction and has opined this transfer is non-gratuitous, in Opinion Number 26-0030, as follows:

Although no monetary consideration is proposed, the transfer could nonetheless be viewed as non-gratuitous under Cabela’s and La. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 18-0045. By assuming ownership, the City would take on ultimate legal responsibility for regulatory compliance, environmental obligations, capital improvements, insurance premiums, and liability exposure.

In addition, the City would remain obligated to provide wastewater services not only to its residents but also to citizens in unincorporated areas of the Parish. These undertakings represent a substantial and measurable benefit to the Parish, relieving it of long-term risks/obligations and ensuring uninterrupted service to its residents. Taken as a whole, the transaction may therefore be seen as reciprocal and non-gratuitous. The validity of this transfer is further substantiated by the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1324 et seq., which authorizes parishes, municipalities, and other political subdivisions to enter joint agreements, including the construction, acquisition, or improvement of public projects, allowing them to share or transfer facilities, services, funds, personnel, or property as needed to carry out those cooperative undertakings.

And, WHEREAS, the Louisiana Attorney General, in Opinion Number 26-0030, further opined that voter approval is not required for this transfer, as follows:

Voter approval for the transfer of revenue-producing properties only applies when the transfer is being accomplished through either a sale or a lease. Here, the proposed transfer is being considered as a permissible transfer under La. Const, art. VII, § 14 and La. R.S. 33:1324. As such, the proposed transfer is neither a sale nor a lease of the wastewater treatment facility and voter approval subsequent to such a transfer is not required under La. R.S. 33:4341(A).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL FOR ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT that the following Ordinance authorizes the transfer of the Property and Facilities as follows:

St. Landry Parish Government (“SLPG”) agrees to enter into the Act of Transfer and Acceptance with the City of Opelousas (the “CITY”), and shall transfer to the CITY the Property and Facilities at the following property description:

A certain tract or parcel of ground, with all improvements, containing 2.000 ACRES located in Section 138, T-6-S, R-4-E, shown as "Proposed Sewer Plant Site" on that certain plat of survey prepared by Morgan Goudeau &

Associates dated October 25, 2017 which is attached to Option to Purchase Immovable Property, recorded on January 12, 2018, as Act No. 1168919, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, being located in the Northwest part of the property of Live Oak Gardens, LTD and being bounded on the North, South, and East by Live Oak Gardens, LTD, and West by the abandoned railroad.

Being part of the property acquired from Clos du Bois, L.L.C. by Act of Credit Sale recorded September 3, 2015 under Act No. 1130414, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

This transfer is subject to the following restriction, which SLPG agreed to when purchasing the property from Live Oak Gardens, LTD, in that certain Cash Sale, filed as Instrument No. 1191522 in the conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court:

Mineral Reservation: Seller [Live Oak Gardens] reserves all mineral rights on the property herein conveyed, subject to the condition that no surface activity to search for, produce, or transport minerals, shall be conducted on the property sold without the consent of the Buyer.

SLPG also transfers to the CITY the servitude granted to SLPG by Live Oak Gardens, LTD, in that certain Cash Sale, filed as Instrument No. 1191522 in the conveyance records of the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court:

Servitude: Seller [Live Oak Gardens] grants a utility servitude and a servitude of passage over and across the remainder of its property shown as "20' RIGHT-OF-PASSAGE" on a plat of survey prepared by Morgan Goudeau & Associates dated October 25, 2017 which is attached to Option to Purchase Immovable Property, recorded on January 12, 2018, as Act No. 1168919. This servitude shall affect the Tract One (1) of property owned by Live Oak Gardens, Ltd, shown on a plat of survey by Morgan Goudeau & Associates dated August 11, 2015, recorded on September 3, 2015 as Act No. 1130414, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

The CITY shall unconditionally agree and accept from SLPG all right, title, and interest in and to the Property and Facilities, including all rights, responsibilities, liabilities, encumbrances, obligations, and debts associated with or related to the Property and Facilities.

The CITY agrees and shall be obligated to provide wastewater services not only to its residents but also to citizens in unincorporated areas of St. Landry Parish. The CITY expressly acknowledges that, as noted by Attorney General Op. No. 26-0030, providing wastewater services to citizens in unincorporated areas of St. Landry Parish is an integral component of the benefits received by SLPG for the transfer, necessary for the transfer to be non-gratuitous.

The CITY shall indemnify and hold harmless SLPG against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, demands, suits, causes of action, damages, and judgments of sums of money to any party accruing against SLPG growing out of, resulting from, or by reason of any act or omission of the CITY, its agents, servants, independent contractors, or employees while engaged in, about, or in connection with the discharge, performance, ownership, or operation of the Property and Facilities, or in anyway related to this Act of Transfer and Acceptance.

XI. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2026

WHEREAS, Exit 19, at Mile Marker 20, that drivers take while traveling South on Interstate-49 can be difficult and dangerous at the end of the exit when merging with traffic on State Highway 190 and, therefore, the St. Landry Parish Council has resolved to request that the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) conduct a study to determine if a turnaround is needed on the exit at Exit 19, at Mile Marker 20, on Interstate-49 in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby request that the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) conduct a study to determine if a turnaround is needed on the exit at Exit 19, at Mile Marker 20, that drivers take while traveling South on Interstate-49 in St. Landry Parish, which leads the drivers to merge with the traffic on State Highway 190.

XII. COMMITTEE MINUTES:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8th, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I. This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry.
- III. **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier, Timmy Lejeune, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard. Ex Officio: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Harold Taylor, Ken Marks and Dexter Brown. *Councilman Dexter Brown was absent for roll call but later joined the meeting.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “I have no one that is in the audience and I have no one that have asked to speak.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Mr. Chairman, did you all pass over the Public Comment Section. I have informational things to let you all know about, no discussion about them, I just want to let you all know about a couple of things that have taken place and what we are going to be doing but not for any action by the council. I see that we don’t have anything else on the agenda for further discussion so I was going to bring it up in the Public Comments if that is proper.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Go ahead Sir.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “FEMA, last week we attended a conference and they updated us on FEMA. FEMA has started changing the process and it doesn’t look like it is going to be good for the parish or any parish or county. The most they are going to pay now is 75% of a disaster and it could be as little as 50% of a disaster. They are making a lot different requirements for us to even qualify. I just want to give you all the information and I am going to send you all the packet that we received. I can put a little spread sheet attached to it to give you all some highlights in it but basically they changed the rules. The only good thing that may come out of it is that they are going to treat the funding like they did with the ARA Funding. This is Eric, *(calling the cell phone)* hey Eric, give me just a minute. They are going to treat it like ARA Funding and they are going to provide the funding upfront like a certain percentage of it so we are operating on their money instead of the parishes money. There are a couple of good things but for the most part they are going to be paying less but I will get you all that information. I was not here for last week’s meeting but I saw the pictures of all of the trash. I am putting a plan in place to address that issue. It is going to involve the parish government. We have two dumpsters already and we are moving them throughout the parish to collect the trash. Our problem that we have in our parish is that Solid Waste is one hour from Eunice, one hour from Arnaudville and one hour from Cankton and it is too far. We are getting with DEQ to get their permission and we are going to set up some sites in our parish. Once a week we are going to have one of our employees stationed there. If anybody wants to bring in their trash, the bulky trash, they can bring it at that location instead of having to drive one hour to get to Solid Waste. That is going to be something that we are just starting on today and hopefully get that going and have the same day every month for that area.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “Is Solid Waste going to pay for that employee?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I did not talk to Solid Waste at all. I am going to explain to them what we are doing but in the past they did not agree to do any kind of substations. It is time that we do something because they have too much trash and we are picking up the trash. What I am going to put in place is what parish government is going to do about the liter problem. If they want to jump on board and help they are more than welcome.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard questioned, “Will you talk to them about it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they want. I will let them know what we are doing once the plan is complete, yes.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Mr. Bellard, the same thing that you are saying regarding these specific sites to dispose the waste, I saw it on two occasions. When I was coming back from Oklahoma they had these different areas where people would back up on that ramp and dump in those dumpsters and that was it. They would hook up to those long dumpsters and roll out. I encountered that in Evangeline Parish, I was looking for some firewood.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They do have something like that over there.”

Councilman Deter Brown continued, “Yes, I was looking for some firewood and they have a small sight and they just roll up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are not going to leave the container there. It is only for that day and it is going to be removed because we don’t want to have a trash pile in the area. On the day of collection we are going to be out there making sure that nobody throws any stuff that don’t belong in there and we are going to be doing what DEQ is requiring us to do for that one day a week and that is what we want to be.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “As a matter of fact in Evangeline Parish they have about 2 or 3 acers that is fenced in and they have a gate in the front where they can’t dump anything but that is what I was going to bring to the table to you.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Right now we are going to try and do this once a week in different areas of the parish. We figure four different areas of the parish we would cover so every month on a certain date we will be in that section and people can know about it instead of having to drive one hour to go to Beggs. They can come there and we can take the trash for them. We do have two dumpster that we have at the Ag Arena. It belongs to the Parish Government so we will be using those.”

Councilman Dexter Brown stated, “Thank you sir. Appreciate you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Mr. Bellard I am the one that had put it on the agenda. It was really not about what was talked about, about the household goods and all that stuff because I think that Morgan and Morgan are doing a good job, whoever is paying for it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Oh yes I agree.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued, “My concern was this: And I gave all due credit to Mr. John Guidroz from Solid Waste, I asked him to go on Country Ridge and clean up that corner where that service road connects with County Ridge. It was a shame to see the liter of bags, Styrofoam cups and the whole nine yards. When Barry went and cut the grass down Country Ridge Road, in that curb, that is when you really found out all you had in the weeds there because everything just comes out from under that machine.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Now they do have cameras.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued, “It is like that in other areas. If you go ride under that over pass by Belmont Academy where the sheriff have his motor pool it is ashamed to see what goes on. It is liter that people are just throwing out of their vehicles. As far as for picking up on the side of the road and in the subdivision, Park Vista, people throw stuff over the weekend and you call it in and Morgan and Morgan will have it pick up on Thursday.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is basically what is happening and I see a lot of it by Eunice. They will go out into the country side and dumped large item. Of course we call to get it picked up or we will go pick it up with our Grappler Truck. To make it easier for people this is giving them a location that they can come dump and we will transport it to the dump. It will make it easier for people and we will see if that will help. As far as the roadside trash, I swore on an affidavit the other day for an arrest on somebody because I saw it. I wrote a statement and swore on the affidavit and said this is what happened and they arrested the guy. Chad does take it very serious, he does not let that go. I see it every day in court and I know that Garrett can attest to that because he is the one that is doing it, they don't give them a break when they are catching them doing any type of liter. The enforcement side of it is being handled but it is so much of it, it's is a shame.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “We had spoken and I had asked you about I-49 Exit about putting a permanent trash Bin.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We talked to the state. We actually talked to Brandon about that, it is a process with them. He is going to look into it and see how it has to be done because that is another site right there that is constantly getting trashed.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Okay.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I have Mr. Eric LaFleur on the line. He is not able to attend but he is on the phone if you all have any questions or concerns, can you hear Eric?”

Attorney Eric LaFleur stated, “Yes, I am here Jessie.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Any councilmembers have any questions for Mr. LaFleur? He is the one that drafted up this Wal-Mart Distribution thing. He was asked to

come a couple of times and he was not able to make it. Do any councilmembers have any questions?"

Attorney Eric LaFleur stated, "I have a star baseball player."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "I can give you all a rundown of it and we can go from there is you all want. Basically what Walmart Distribution is doing and what they consider is their code name **Project Rosie**. It is a \$276,000,000.00 project and a deal was worked out with them in order to keep Wal-Mart Distribution where they are. With them staying there of course it is going to keep the jobs and it is going to keep a lot of things happening in our area. They are going to invest approximately \$276,000,000.00 over the next few years. In that investment, what we did with the project, we did a Pilot Agreement, which is what you have in front of you. They got a 50% abatement, basically on their taxes, on their Ad Valorem Taxes and 43% of the other 50% comes to the taxing entities and 7% goes to SLED. The only thing that you are not going to see in this draft tonight is going to be done in the next couple of days is: Instead of a percentage of the Pilot Payments it is going to be a fixed amount of Pilot Payments, so it is going to be a dollar amount every year that they are going to pay. After 10 or 12 years or whatever it is they want to come back and look at it and make sure that they did invest the \$276,000,000.00 and if they did less than that then they would want to adjust the payments accordingly but for right now their potential investment is \$276,000,000.00 of which the taxes on that would be about 50%."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "How much will the parish get out of the 43%?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "That area over there has the Fire Districts and other things. So the Fire Districts is going to get their cut, everybody gets their cut, for us, if I am not mistaken it is around 10% of the total amount based off of the Millage that we have."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "And the School Board."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "The School Board gets like 60% of it."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "How much."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Like 60%."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, "And they want to pass another 9.9 Mil Tax."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "What I am saying is it is 60% of the 43%. That is how it is."

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, "When will this tax start? When will we start collecting some of this tax?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned Attorney Eric LaFleur on the phone, "Hey Eric they gave a different time line. I want to say they want to start in 2027."

Attorney Eric LaFleur on the cell phone stated, "Yes, the way it stands now until we finalize the agreement they pay 100% of all Ad Valorem Taxes. So the way that it is scheduled the day they begin construction is the day that it kicks in. Now although it kicks in the amount that you get paid is based on the amount of items that they incorporate in the final project. I think the project construction part of it is a very short period in the short window. We will expect to begin it probably within 9 - 12 months."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Of 2027."

Attorney Eric LaFleur stated, "Out of the 43% the parish can expect to get about \$411,000.00 in 2027, around \$398,000.00 in 2028 and it goes up a little bit because they are adding more and more to the value of the Capital Improvements but the estimates would be about \$400,000.00."

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Per year.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir. Per year.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly questioned, “And we will start getting that next year, 2027.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they start in 2027 it is going to be done in 2028. It will be taxable in 2027 but collected in 2028.”

Attorney Eric LaFleur stated, “In the Interim we are going to collect the Regular Standard Ad Valorem Tax from the whole facility.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes so one of the deals we made with Wal-Mart was that they would under the 1999 Agreement, where they were not paying any taxes at all, now they are paying 100% of Ad Valorem Taxes on everything at the site. If I am not mistaken that is around \$650,000.00 a year that is coming into Ad Valorem Taxes, not just for us but in total. So that is additional revenue that is coming into the parish from Wal-Mart. I want to tell you all that Wal-Mart was more than happy to make that deal because they feel that their time of their Pilot Agreement from 1999 they were very appreciative but they wanted to make sure that Wal-Mart was a tax payer of our parish, this was really a good conversation. Right now they are on the books since last year for 100% of the Ad Valorem.”

Attorney Eric LaFleur stated, “You are going to collect about \$600,000.00 that you were not getting before. Not just the parish but every Ad Valorem Taxing Authority.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is this the only improvements that they are going to be making for the future? Will it go up if they make any more improvements?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, so right now this is what they are anticipating on doing or pretty much going automated at these sites. So there is \$276,000,000.00 over the next few years that they are going to be investing right here in our parish.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “When you say automated you mean AI?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Automated mean yes AI and also for like robots and stuff.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Is this going to cost any jobs?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, this is one of the things that Eric and I and Bill Rodier and Sherry did talk to Wal-Mart about, it is the jobs, we did not want to lose any jobs. The only jobs that are not going to be kept are the ones that they can’t fill. They have openings right now that they can’t fill so what this is going to do for Wal-Mart is allow them to do a lot better and do it a lot faster and have more goods, keeping in mind more products on the ground means more taxes for the parish. The more they can produce and move the more taxes they have to pay. So it is a win-win for the parish to keep Wal-Mart here.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So SLED and Mr. Rodier and everybody is on board with this agreement? Okay.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Mr. Jessie I know that you were planning on getting some of that money this year.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Not that money. Not Wal-Mart.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Not the Wal-Mart Money.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The 600,000.00 that they are paying in taxes, that is the new money from Wal-Mart not the Pilot Agreement.”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Not the Pilot Agreement, that’s the money that is going to help us pay the Bond back?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “On the Ad Valorem Taxes?”

Councilman Ernest Blanchard stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So let me just tell you we got more money this year in Ad Valorem Taxes through Wal-Mart and we got more money through the Pilot Payment from Light Source. But let me tell you what we got the decrease in: Ever since the law changed on the Inventory Tax, you self-report Inventory. Before you could get a credit from the State Income Tax. The Government changed that and now when you self-report you don’t get that deduction so our Inventory Tax went down a lot.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Mr. Bellard on that Inventory Tax, the council have the right to collect it if they want too, right? It is parish by parish now.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So we have the option after this year, if I am not mistaken, they are trying to do something this year in the session I am not exactly sure about that but to give us the option to either ‘*Opt In*’ or ‘*Opt Out*’ on Inventory Tax. Right now we collect Inventory Taxes but the problem is if they don’t get the credit on it, self-reporting they are not going to report as much inventory so therefore we are losing a lot of tax money on the parish level. Inventory Tax in our Parish is about 33% of our Ad Valorem Taxes. We did collect more Ad Valorem Taxes through the Pilot and through Light Source VP and through Wal-Mart however the Inventory side of it went down. We pretty much came out even as of last year. We should have seen an increase but of course like always when we go up something else comes down. So Inventory Taxes is hurting us and we know that it is going to hurt us and we do stress our frustration at the Capital but the governor like the idea of having the Inventory Tax being an option for the parish to collect it or not collect it. We don’t have a choice without that Inventory Tax we have a problem.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “Mr. Ernie was under the impression and maybe you can explain that some of this money that we were going to be getting from the Wal-Mart Agreement was going to help pay the bond, can you elaborate on how we are going to pursue the payments on the bond.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The taxes on the Pilot Agreement is through NextEra that is the agreement that we have. I had a meeting with them yesterday and they are coming on board by August 2026 and they are not selling, okay so make sure that everybody understands. I heard a rumor last week or week before last that they were selling to another company. Everything is for sale but as of now NextEra is telling me that they have two much money invested in this project to sell it. They want to see it go through and they have the buyers lined up for the electricity and it is going to happen. It is just a matter of getting things done. We met with them yesterday and they had a question about the Substation. They wanted to know if that was part of their project on the permit side. We got that answered, it is definitely part of it so they got their answer and they are moving forward. They are coming back to us for two more projects but it is going to be the battery charging system project in 2028. Just to let you all know they are coming back to reinvest, they are not leaving us.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “So we will be good starting the bond payments in September?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They start in August and they have to pay quarterly to the School Board so whatever else that will make it work, yes.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Mr. Bellard on this Wal-Mart deal, they are self-reporting sort of like the Inventory Tax?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Sir.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin continued, “So no one audits them as far as the equipment that they brought in at the dollar amount. Everything is going to be on the up and up.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What happens with the Pilot Agreement is that there is a Clause in there that allows us to go and Audit that. That could be pulled at any time but the self-reporting side of it on the Ad Valorem Taxes is with the Tax Assessor but on the Pilot Agreement there is a Clause in it that allows us to go and check what is going on but we are also going to have that done anyway to make sure that the 276 that they anticipate on spending that we get there. If we don’t get there then we will have to reduce it or they go higher we would have to increase it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “That is what I am saying, is something going to be in place? Is it going to be policed?”

Attorney Eric LaFleur stated, “I was going to say, I don’t know if that was Wayne speaking but the Tax Assessor on her own has the authority to audit if she has any doubt or reason to believe that they are not reporting correctly just like they would with any other business.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Okay.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, are there any other questions? At this time Mr. Bellard you need this council to pass the agreement for you to sign off as Parish Government?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, if you all remember correctly last year we were going to lobby the Legislature to change the rules for SLED to not allow them to go on and do what they want to do when it comes to these kind of deals without notifying the Governing Authority. So we pulled that bill and they have agreed to do what they are doing right now. It is to say here this is our plan, we want you all to see it and approve it. If you all don’t approve it what is the reason why and bring it back to the table. Even though they are not required by law to actual approval they are asking us to approve this deal as it is printed because that is what we were asking them for and they are agreeing to do this.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Am I correct, Fire District 3 is going to have to sign off, Law Enforcement Tax people are going to have to sign off on this thing are we the only ones that is going to have to sign off?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We are the only ones that is going to sign off on it only because we asked them to allow it to take place, they don’t have to get approval from nobody, they can do it on their own, Economic Development. Everybody is in the loop and everybody knows what is going on with this, it is just time to finish.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Faltery Jolivette to authorize the Parish President to sign the Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Agreement to Lease and Purchase by and between St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District and Wal-Mart Stores East, LP. Version 18.0

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 8th, day of April, 2026.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement an Agreement to Lease and Purchase by and between St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District and Wal-Mart Stores East, LP.

Item discussed earlier in the Public Comment Section.

VI. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to adjourn the Special Meeting.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 8th, day of April, 2026.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 23rd, 2026 @ 5:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W BELLEVUE ST
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

- I.** This meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Ardoin.
- II.** The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was said by Councilwoman Nancy Carriere.
- III. Roll Call: PRESENT:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards and Ernest Blanchard.
Ex Officio: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, I have one request from Mr. Bobby Ardoin. Mr. Ardoin do you want to come up please.”

Mr. Bobby Ardoin, Editor, St. Landry Now/Eunice News addressed the council. He stated, “Thank you. After I handed in the slip that allowed me to speak the issue that I had I talked it over with Mr. Duplechain and we are cool with it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Okay, thank you Bobby.”

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1. Council to go into Executive Session to discuss possible Litigation Regarding Approval of a Subdivision.**

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have a motion to go into Executive Session?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Mr. Chairman, if I am in order I have to state on the record that item No. 1 involves perhaps an Eminent Litigation concerning a Subdivision in St. Landry Parish. In order to discuss a Legal Strategy for that issue we would need to go into Executive Session. So at this time we can have a motion and a second to go into Executive Session.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to authorize the clerk to pause the recording and allow the public to exit the chambers so the council may enter into Executive Session to discuss The Possible Litigation Regarding the Approval of a Subdivision.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Do I have a motion to enter back into Regular Session?”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown to return back into Regular Session, turn the recording on and invite the public back into the chambers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time do I have motion in reference to the item that we have discussed in Executive Session?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “It would be a motion to send a notice to the land owners in the subdivision off of HWY 754 that their subdivision was improperly sub-divided.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, second by Councilman Dexter Brown to authorize Legal Counsel to send a notice to the land owners off of HWY 754 that their subdivision was improperly sub-divided.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

2. Council to vote on approving litigation against violations of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances regarding rental property and prior to voting will go into executive session to discuss said litigation.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jody White to authorize the clerk to pause the recording and allow the public to exit the chambers so the council may enter into Executive Session to vote on approving litigation against violations of St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances regarding Rental Property and prior to voting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jody White to return back into Regular Session, turn the recording on and invite the public back into the chambers.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “At this time Mr. Duplechain would you state the motion that you want us to go with.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “A motion for a lawsuit to be filed against the Modular Home Park on White Oak Road in order to enforce our ordinances.”

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard, seconded by Councilman Jody White to authorize Legal Counsel to file a lawsuit against the Modular Home Park on White Oak Road in order to enforce the St. Landry Parish Ordinance.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “Before we adjourn, Ms. Sherell would you furnish us a map of HWY 754. We need a map of the properties in reference to HWY 754, the first item that we dealt with them. Do you have the map?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We have it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “We don’t have anything.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Sherell has it on her computer.”

VI. ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Ernest Blanchard seconded by Councilman Jody White to adjourn the Special Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Faltery Jolivette, Vivian Olivier, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, and Ernest Blanchard. **NAYS:** None.

ABSENT: Mildred Thierry, Harold Taylor, Ken Marks, Alvin Stelly and Timmy Lejeune.

ABSTAINED: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 23rd, day of April, 2026.

**FIRST MEETING
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards called this meeting of the Public Works Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.

2. Councilwoman Mildred Thierry said the Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation.

3. Roll Call: Jody White, Mildred Thierry, Alvin Stelly, Vivian Olivier and Jimmie Edwards. **Ex-Officio:** Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Ernest Blanchard.

4. Person to address the Committee:

► *Mr. Michael Salton addressed the council. He stated,* “My name is Michael Salton. I live at 730 W. Cherry Street. I have a trailer that I just bought. It is a 2013 and I want to move it into Sunset Park in the country area. That is my first trailer that I have bought.”

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards questioned, “Okay, so what is the problem? You can’t get a permit?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “I cannot get a permit. They said that I will have to come to you all.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Garett do you want to address this. The ordinance says 15 years. I told him that he had to come and get a variance from the council so he would know the procedure.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “So the ordinance says it can’t be more than 15 years old. The council is in the process right now of considering an amendment to the ordinance stating that it cannot be more than 25 years old. Right now it cannot be more than 15 years old. The only other thing would be a Variance. Our Variance Ordinance reads if it is an undue hardship to the person the parish government can grant an ordinance. I can grant a variance, that is how our variance ordinance reads. So that is basically it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, “What year model is the trailer?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “It is a 2013.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “A 2013.”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “Yes, I have pictures of it.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, “It is still within the 15 years.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a 2003.”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “A 2003.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is a 2003, yes. I thought he said 2013 but it is a 2003. It would have to be a variance given in order for that to take place.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin questioned, “Do you need a motion for that?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “The ordinance says Parish Government can give an ordinance if it presents an undue hardship or there is a compelling reason to do so to the person who is seeking a variance, that is what the ordinance reads, that is basically it. I don’t believe you can receive a variance tonight but you can appeal to the parish government for one. The council can make it known by voting on it if they want to but basically the ordinance reads if it presents an undue hardship or some other compelling reason the person seeking the variance can get a variance with our subdivision ordinances.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “My first question would be: Did someone from Code Enforcement or whomever have to go and inspect the trailer? Did someone look at his trailer that he is referring to?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “No they said that I had to come here and talk to you all first.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry questioned, “Is it within an area where it could possibly affect the value of other properties in the area?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “No Ma’am.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “There are no other homes near.”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “No Ma’am it is in the country area.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Okay, thank you.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere questioned, “That was one of my questions also, is it just on your private property with some acreage?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “Yes it is on a trailer lot.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “A trailer park area?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “Yes.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So they have other trailers there?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “In the country.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “They are all within that age.”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard questioned, “It is in a trailer park?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “Yes.”

Mr. Michael Salton’s Mother stated from the back of the room, “It is between the Church Point area and the Lewisburg area on HWY 178.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “So it is a trailer park, I have been thinking about this ordinance and I know that we are here just working on the variance but I wanted to elaborate a little bit more on this decision. I am in favor if someone inspects it, but in the future with us going forward with the 25 years and trying to change the ordinance. I wanted us to look into having it inspected and the person should be reliable to pay for that inspection. If it passes with a Licensed Inspector and they forward that to us it seems like they should be able to get a permit. There are a lot of questions that I have been thinking about and we have not thought about. We have trailers that are already there because people have been calling me about this, if they have a trailer at a property and the lights were turned off because they were renting it and the person moved out and they want to reinstate the lights because of a new tenant we have to look at what we are going to do because the trailer was previously occupied and it could be 20 or 30 years. We have to look at a lot of things. I think if he gets an inspector to look at it and that is his home and he has no other home then that would be a hardship for him go out and buy a whole new house. I think we need to think about people still owing a mortgage on a mobile home for 30 years. If they want to improve their lifestyle and build a home and they would sell their trailer they can’t sell it if it is only 25 years old. I think that we need to look at if they paid for an inspection and if it passes the inspection and if they sold the trailer but that is for a further discussion later, I know that he is here for his situation.”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “Our Variances Ordinance reads: Variance may be granted under the following conditions where the developer can show that strict adherence to these regulations would cause a necessary hardship. That is in our subdivision ordinance and we made the mobile home ordinance part of our subdivision ordinance. The other reason that you can grant a variance is where the planning department decides that there are typographical or other conditions peculiar to the site of these regulations will not destroy the intent. Any Variance that is authorized should be in writing in the minutes of the planning department with reasoning. Those are two different situations that an ordinance can be granted. So the mobile home ordinance is part of our subdivision ordinance.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Do you have a picture of your Mobile Home. I would actually like to see that.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “With an inspection, I am sorry. I do agree if the requirements meet with the neighborhood.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Hold on. When you all start doing that then you all will start zoning and we will have a different issue.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “What I really want to say is if they have restrictions already. Some neighborhoods have restrictions.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “If they have restrictions that is the Home Owners Association problem, not ours. When we are talking about neighborhoods and everything else it is either we are going to do the 25 years. I know that you asked about the property value but we have nobody in our office or nobody in Parish Government that can go out there and do an inspection to see whether or not that house is going to devalue their property, it is not going to happen. We don’t have that. When you are talking about this it is either you are going to zone it or you’re are not, that is all there is to it. You all are not going to leave it to the discretion of me or my office to go out there and then this one gets denied and they come here. No, it is not going to work that way. That is why the ordinance is set and we can go with that. I don’t want no discretion on it.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “All I was saying is when it comes to inspecting the trailer he is just looking at a picture.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I had the floor.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I was not finished.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Go ahead Ms. Nancy.”

Councilman Nancy Carriere stated, “If they have an inspector, a licensed inspector or a homeowner inspector that inspects that should make a difference because they are putting their license on the line to say that this trailer could be in this area or that it could be moved.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “As far as it is being safe and stuff like that but we are talking about a trailer like in Ms. Mildred’s district that was moved there and it was in a terrible condition and it did not need to be there but we did not have nothing in place to stop it. But that comes with zoning or what we did in that case is we zoned that whole area and made it work because we saw the need and the neighborhood wanted it a certain way so that is what we can do. To make is a discretionary issue with my office to go out there and do an inspection and say ‘yes’ or ‘no’ we are not going to do that, not me. I will veto that ordinance in a heartbeat.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “Are you finished Ms. Nancy?”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Yes, Thank you Mr. Lejeune.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, “My concerns are: Is this trailer house in a trailer park? Is that where you are going?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “No that is where I am going move it too.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “You are moving it from a Trailer Park? You ae moving it into a Trailer Park, I need to understand that clearly.”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “Yes.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Who owns the trailer park? Are you renting the trailer space?”

Mr. Michael Salton stated, “I am renting the trailer space.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I would support a variance if it went to a trailer park because there are other trailers within that park. That is what it is designed for, to hold trailers. I would be in favor if it went in a trailer park. We could give that variance because it is next door to everybody else who is in the same title. The council may want to look at that and make sure that it meets the criteria of being

moved and all of that by the inspection. But if it is to go in a trailer park it is along with other trailers that is fine with me.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I can go show you all some trailers that are five years old and they are ragged out to nothing. I can show you all some 30 year old trailers that looks brand new. I can understand not putting a trailer in a subdivision, I am sure that they have restrictions, every subdivision have restrictions. That would be up to the subdivision. It is just like he wants to put it in a trailer park. If that man says it is good, you all can place it there, I don’t see the reason why we should say no you can’t. That is the way that I feel about it.”

Mr. Michael Salton’s Mother stated, “The man that owns the trailer park said that we could put it there. The man said that we can put it in his trailer park. We are paying \$250.00 rent for the trailer to put it there.”

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “I am also in agreement with allowing him to go forth since they are going in a trailer park.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Mr. Garrett, what is the process? Do we forward that request that the council allows him to place that trailer in a trailer park after inspection then it goes to the full and then we vote on the variance? Do we have to draft a variance for it?”

Legal Counsel Garrett Duplechain stated, “You can forward it to the full council and the council can express its will by a vote if the council chooses to do so.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “That was a good question. I was coming with that question next. If that is what we need to do that is what we need to do, pass it to the full council because that is what I want to do with the next situations.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “Do we have any inspection criteria? Do we have the criteria inspection listed as far as structural integrity of the trailer or something of that nature? If it is in deplorable shape and heaven knows what the age is it is still not feasible to move it.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “What we follow is the Uniform Construction Code. It lays out what it is for a house.”

Councilman Ken Marks questioned, “Is that the National Code?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes, that is what everybody follows. It is basically the same rules as Lafayette and everywhere else. It is the age that is going to be the issue.”

Councilman Ken Marks stated, “You and I have discussed at previous meeting about people that are in the business of moving these trailers. They come from outside and move it in. Is there anything in the variance that we can look at to try to get these people to understand that we don’t want these things coming over here if they are not possible to have it?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “So every trailer home that is moved suppose to have a sticker in the window. The Fire Marshall’s Office does an inspection on those but I will be willing to bet you that the majority of them that come into any parish, not just here, there is no sticker on them. We could report it to the Fire Marshall’s Office but we would be doing it every day. Once a trailer is moved here they have already paid for it and here comes the hardship and they hire the people to come and the people that is moving it should know the rules. So it is not up to the homeowner it is up to the person moving the trailer who should be doing it the right way. I am pretty sure that you all don’t know that it had to have a sticker in the window and everything else but those drivers know and they should do what they need to do but they don’t.”

Mr. Michael Salton's Mother stated, "The man that was moving the trailer told me to come here to get the permit from you all."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Where is the trailer house now?"

Mr. Michael Salton's Mother stated, "The trailer is on HWY 31."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "So it is in our parish already?"

Mr. Michael Salton's Mother stated, "Yes."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune questioned, "Mr. Garrett, is there any way that we can write an ordinance that would require the trailer house movers to come get a permit from the parish?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is in the State Law."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "It is. Let's impose a fine on them for \$10,000.00 if they come into the parish without receiving a permit. You have to put some teeth in it to be able to manage what we fight every day. Until they pay for breaking the rules and not following through then we are going to be stuck with the situation at hand. We can give him the variance but we have to make sure that these people just don't come into the parish and do what they do. If there is a fine that is imposed on these trailer house places or haulers I promise you they are going to start running to the court house to get that permit to move that trailer but it cannot be \$1,500.00. I will support the ordinance."

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have a limit of what we can fine. I think it is like \$500.00 and I think they are trying to pass a \$1,000.00 fine now in the state but we are limited on what our fine is."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "We need to raise that up."

Councilman Jody White stated, "Do we need to make a motion to pass this to the full council to grant a variance for this gentleman?"

A motion was made by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026** to authorize a Variance to be granted to Mr. Michael Salton to move his 2003 Mobile Home to a Trailer Park.

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

Motion forwarded.

Councilman Jody White stated, "Ma'am, what that means is that you will have to wait another two weeks for our Full Council Meeting. Tonight is the Committee Meeting. We will actually take a full vote on allowing that variance for the next meeting just to let you know. In two weeks, two Wednesday's from now."

Mr. Michael Salton's Mother stated, "The trailer park that it is on already said that we can wait until it can be ready to be moved. They will give us time to see if we can move it."

Councilman Jody White questioned, "So another two weeks will be fine?"

Mr. Michael Salton's Mother stated, "Yes."

Councilman Jody White stated, "That is all that I wanted to say. The variance is not granted tonight but in two weeks we can vote on it."

Mr. Michael Salton's Mother stated, "That sounds good to me."

- ▶ **Ms. Bethany Guidry addressed the council. She stated,** “Hello everyone my name is Bethany Guidry. I am also kind of in the same boat. I purchased a really well kept up 2008 Mobile Home and I am right on the cuffs of those 15 years. I have pictures of the front back and sides of the Mobile Home and I have all of the permits. It is hoping to be moved on my family’s land which is farm land on 25 acers. It is just my mom, grandmother and myself and it is off of HWY 103. I guess for hardship I am moving back to Opelousas because I am a medical student and I am hoping to be close to my parents and my grandmother because I am doing my clinical in Opelousas. I have pictures as well.”

Councilman Jody White stated, “I just want to relay to the council that I do know the family of this young lady. I did see pictures of the trailer home and again I would agree to allow a Variance. She is going into some country land, it is not a subdivision or anything like that. It is family property. If no one else have a statement I would make a motion again to move her variance to our full council meeting.”

A motion was made by Councilman Jody White, seconded by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry to forward to Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 20th, to authorize a Variance to be granted to Ms. Bethany Guidry to move her 2008 Mobile Home on family property.

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

- ▶ **Atchafalaya Basin Keeper – Dean Wilson (State of Atchafalaya Basin).**

Mr. Dean Wilson addressed the council. He presented a Power Point and a Public Hearing will be set at a later date.

5. Public Works Report:

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

Boom Axed	6	Roads
Culvert Installation	17	Roads
Debris Removal	76	Roads
Ditching	10	Roads
Grading	76	Roads
Grass Cutting	48	Road
Material Spreading	8	Roads
Patching	63	Roads
Sign Installation	48	Roads
Tree Removal	5	Roads
Washout	6	Roads

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 and Vivian Olivier. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Ernest Blanchard. **ABSTAINED:** None.
Motion carried.

6. Forward all applications received for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (06-16-2026 – 06-16-2030).

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026** to forward all applications received for one appointment to Public Works Commission District Six for a four-year term. (06-16-2026 – 06-16-2030).

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

7. **Authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028. Denny Williams has resigned.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 20th, 2026* to authorize the Council Clerk to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Waterworks District #5 for the remainder of a three-year term. (04-21-2025 – 04-21-2028). *Denny Williams has resigned.*

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

8. **Discuss the abandonment of 100 feet of Highland Road near the end where the pavement stops.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This is the section of the road that is not needed for public use.”

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

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “That would be in District 4.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 20th, 2026* to authorize the abandonment of 100 feet of Highland Road near the end where the pavement stops.

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

9. **Discuss the upkeep around Solar Farms in the Parish. (Councilwoman Mildred Thierry).**

Councilwoman Mildred Thierry stated, “Mr. Bellard, do we have something in place where a parish employee can check periodically on the upkeep about the solar farms? About three weeks ago, I went in an area of some of them, the grass was huge, and I saw that. I said we need to make sure these solar people are doing what they suppose to be doing with these solar farms. If I remember correctly, they were suppose to plant trees and they planted a few little trees here and there and other areas are just wide open. Some of the trees appear to be dying.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “I will get with a representative of the company. We get with them whenever we see it getting tall, it’s a local person that is actually doing the work for them now.”

10. **Authorize and forward to full council the Preliminary and Final Approval of Le Village De Colour Situated in Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 3 East Bearb Road, Sunset, LA. 70584.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 20th, 2026* to authorize the Preliminary and Final Approval of Le Village De Colour Situated in Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 3 East Bearb Road, Sunset, LA. 70584.

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

11. **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Hubert & Eloise Gauthier Family LLC advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structures located at 3231 & 3227 Hwy 3043 Opelousas, La 70570. Parcel #0103827500.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 20th, 2026* to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Hubert & Eloise Gauthier Family LLC advising them to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of the structures located at 3231 & 3227 Hwy 3043 Opelousas, La 70570. Parcel #0103827500.

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

12. **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Triple H & T LLC advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at Hwy 190, Opelousas La 70570 (Tasso Loop). Parcel #0604121000.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This item was omitted from the agenda. They started the process of cleaning it up so we will give them some time to clean it up.”

13. **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Cody Blake Lanclos advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure located at 118 Main Street Opelousas, La 70570. Parcel #0100350800.**

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “This item is not needed to take place.”

14. **Authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Chad James Milby advising to come and address the council regarding demolition and debris removal of the structure (Damaged Mobile Home) located at 205 Edwin Street Sunset, La 70535. Parcel #0201480925.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 20th, 2026* to authorize the Council Clerk to send a certified letter to Chad James Milby advising them to come and address the council regarding the demolition and debris removal of the structure (Damaged Mobile Home) located at 205 Edwin Street Sunset, La 70535. Parcel #0201480925

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

15. **Forward to Full Council Resolution No. 008-2026.**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Vivian Olivier, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly to forward to Regular Meeting held on *Wednesday, May 20th, 2026* to Adopt **Resolution No. 008-2026.**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 008-2026

WHEREAS, Exit 19, at Mile Marker 20, that drivers take while traveling South on Interstate-49 can be difficult and dangerous at the end of the exit when merging with traffic on State Highway 190 and, therefore, the St. Landry Parish Council has resolved to request that the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

conduct a study to determine if a turnaround is needed on the exit at Exit 19, at Mile Marker 20, on Interstate-49 in St. Landry Parish.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council does hereby request that the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) conduct a study to determine if a turnaround is needed on the exit at Exit 19, at Mile Marker 20, that drivers take while traveling South on Interstate-49 in St. Landry Parish, which leads the drivers to merge with the traffic on State Highway 190.

16. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Tricia Andrus (136 Unity Drive Opel. La) addressed the council, “I am here regarding my mobile home that I have on my property in St. Landry Parish. I moved a mobile home unaware of the permit that was supposed to be had and I am running into complications with getting that approved so that my family and I can move into a better living space.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I think you wanted a variance.”

Tricia Andrus stated, “Yes.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Ok but the variance in this particular case is not going to be the age of the trailer what I remember it is because of the frontage.”

Tricia Andrus stated, “That is the problem that I am dealing with right now because I already have a mobile trailer in my front yard while the next mobile home is in the back yard but it is not within 180 feet. I guess I am not understanding or I do not know where it came from on there were certain stipulations that you can and cannot do on your own property.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “The way that is reads is you have to have 90 foot of frontage per home. If you have two on the lot then you have 180 feet of public road frontage.”

Tricia Andrus stated, “Why is that not so for a mobile home. I am just not understanding the difference.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is for any lot. It doesn’t matter if it is for a mobile home or a brick home. It has to be so many feet of frontage.”

Tricia Andrus stated, “So that is what I am saying the distance between my mobile home and that mobile home.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not the distance, it is the road frontage in front of your property.”

Tricia Andrus stated, “The road, the actual paved road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Yes Ma’am. The road frontage has to be 180 feet for two homes.”

Tricia Andrus stated, “Is there anything I can do? I spent a lot of money on this.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “If she put two mobile homes in the back of each other do it have to be 90 feet in between them or 180 feet from the road?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No what we talking about is the actual road frontage from your property. You have to have at least 90 feet of frontage per home.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Ok what if they are in back of each other? It would have to be 90 feet between the mobile homes right?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “We not talking about the distance between the homes. It is the linear feet on your property on the road frontage.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “In other words it would be just the front of your mobile home that would have to be 90 feet away from the highway?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, we talking about just the road frontage from point A to point B has to be 90 feet wide. That is one of the things we asked about at the last council meeting the state requires 60 feet and we require 90 feet so it’s a lot of different things we need to look at and that is one of them.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Let me ask you another question if you building five houses do they have to be 90 feet from each other?”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No sir, you would have to have about 450 feet of road frontage and then again you go into a subdivision part of that.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “I am having a problem on Highway 31 and I think you know where my problem is at over there where they building those five houses on a couple acres of land.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “They subdivided it and did it within the frontage that is needed. They can do I think four without coming to the council.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “They are putting five.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “Well then that is a problem and I will get with them.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly stated, “Me and Mr. Soileau passed over there and looked at that.”

Public Works Chairman Jimmie Edwards stated, “So basically what she need is 90 feet from the trailer to the road.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “No, 90 feet in the front but she does not have enough frontage so a variance cannot be given by the council.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “Like Mr. White I too have viewed the trailer which is in good standing but if we would change to the 60 feet I think she would qualify so I am in favor of granting her a variance which is on family property and will not disturb the rest of the neighborhood. She had a trailer there her family her parents live there and I do not think that would be a problem.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “So we are going to have two trailers back to back behind each other. Is that what we establishing here. The first trailer is going to stay there and who lives in that first trailer?”

Tricia Andrus stated, “Right now me and one of my sons.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “Ok, and who will live in the second trailer?”

Tricia Andrus stated, “Me and both of my sons.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “What will happen to the first trailer?”

Tricia Andrus stated, “I can renovate it and rent it out to a family member if not I can put it as a storage.”

Parish President Jessie Bellard asked, “What is the address?”

Tricia Andrus stated, “Address is 136 Unity Drive Opelousas, LA.”

Councilwoman Nancy Carriere stated, “I just want to clarify something also because I spoke with her Mom. One of her children, because they are adult ages, maybe occupying the trailer in the future once they get out of school.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “That is not what she said. I just do not want us developing rental property and giving variances on 60 feet of property or stacking trailers behind each other. We will end up like we are in certain parts of the parish.”

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mildred Thierry, seconded by Councilman Jody White to forward to Regular Meeting held on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026** to authorize a variance be provided to Tricia Andrus for 180 feet of road frontage at 136 Unity Drive.

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

Motion forwarded.

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, “I have something Mr. Chairman I received a phone call on Monday from one of the constituents that live in District 11 they wanted me to extend the appreciation of Parish Government for a great job that they do. There was some trees down and they took care of it and did a great job the lady was out of town so I just want Parish Government to know your services are appreciated.”

17. Adjourn.

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

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

Motion carried.

**(SECOND MEETING)
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th, 2026
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jody White to authorize Councilman Ken Marks to serve as Administrative Finance Chairman for this meeting due to Councilman Harold Taylor’s absence.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere and Timmy Lejeune.
NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.
ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

1. *Councilman Ken Marks* called this meeting of the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Jody White, Nancy Carriere, Ken Marks, and Timmy Lejeune.
Ex-Officio: Wayne Ardoin. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.
3. **Person to address the Committee.**

► *Ms. Jamie Cormier addressed the council. She stated*, “Hi everybody, I am Jamie, I have lived in the parish my whole life. I am working on an event for July in honor of

Disability Pride Month. It started because I wanted to do something special for Elijah Duplechain the first individual with special needs to graduate from the Police Department's Junior Police Academy last summer. His mom and I were talking and we decided that every individual with disabilities should be recognized. July is Disability Pride Month in commemoration of the signing and passing of ADA. We managed to secure the Yambilee Building on July 11 at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are going to do a family fun day sort of like the Opelousas Love Fest and we are looking to make it free to the community. It won't be just for the disabled families but we want it open to the public to change the narrative that disabilities is not this tragic story. Anybody with the right access to resources, accommodations, love and support can thrive. What I am asking from is your support and if you all may know anyone that will be willing to volunteer to help with games and activities. All I am asking for is support and hopefully we can make this happen annually in our community."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Are there any questions?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune stated, "I would like to thank her for coming."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Thank you for bringing this to our attention."

- ▶ *Editor Bobby Ardoin addressed the council. He stated, "Thank you and this will be quick. I wanted to thank Parish Government on behalf of the St. Landry Preservation Inc. On Sunday we had our Annual Brunch. It is our major fund raiser and the contribution that parish government made was supplying all of the chairs, tables and several tents that we set up in order to accommodate those who are dining with us. Parish Government got the tables and chairs to us promptly and they had a crew ready to assist us with the movement of the tables out of the van and they set up the tents. People that are 70 years old and older with the preservationist were really helped out. We just want to thank Parish Government, Mr. Bellard and his crew for helping us out like they do every year."*

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Thank you."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin stated, "Mr. Byron Stelly was requested to come here tonight in reference to clarifying some misinformation. This is the letter that he sent:

My name is Byron Stelly. I am with the Registrar of Voters of St. Landry Parish. I would like to clear up some misinformation that have been circulating in regards to the list of inactive voters that was published in the parish journal back in February by the Secretary of State's Office. The published list is not a purge list as has been stated numerous times. There is no voter on that list who have been purged. It simply means that voters on that list need to confirm their address with our office so that our records can be updated to remain as accurate as possible. Those on the list are still eligible to vote and will be asked to complete an address confirmation notice at the time of voting whether they vote early or vote on Election Day. The most common reason of voters becoming inactive is usually addressed discrepancies due to a change to residency that results in correspondence being returned as undeliverable. If the voters on that list remain inactive for two federal election cycles then they will be required to re-register. The list of inactive voters is required and has been to be published at least 90 days prior to a federal election. This is not a new practice. He encourages anyone that have any questions to call his office at 337-948-0572 or the go-vote website. He was asked to come and speak but he had a prior engagement and something came up so he ask that this be read. Are there any questions? Thank you."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Thank you Mr. Ardoin for giving us that information."

4. Parish President & Finance Reports:

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Tomorrow we are starting with our Parish Clean up. I gave everybody a copy of the monthly schedule and we are going to stay at these locations. Tomorrow we will start in the Eunice area off of HWY 190 by the

Old Wayne's Grocery Store. That will be the first Thursday of every month. It will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A list of the items are on the website and on our Facebook page and all of our social media outlets. We will have the items that you can bring and what you cannot bring. The second Thursday is Leonville, Arnaudville, Grand Coteau off of HWY 93 and the third Thursday is going to be Port Barre, Krotz Springs at the Point of Bailey Road, that property that is leased out to District Six. It is right off of the highway with an easy access. The fourth Thursday is Cankton and the Lewisburg area by the Old Western Grocery store that burnt down a few years back on HWY 357 in Lewisburg. On the second Tuesday Melville at 129 North Gump Street, Melville. We will try these locations and hopefully we get the large items that we need and stop the trash from being thrown in the ditches and the canals because we have to pick them up anyway but this is a lot easier to provide a space for the people to come and bring it."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Do you have someone manning each of these sites from the time it starts to the time it finishes? Is identification being checked as well?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Yes, correct. They have to come in with their ID, driver's license or a photo ID to verify their address. We will have staff there on the property. Director Richard LeBouef will also have the Liter Abatement Crew on the property to help us with the disposal or whatever else is needed. I think it will go well and hopefully we can pick up all of the trash so we won't see it on the side of the road."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, "Do we have a contract or are we using the parish entities?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "We have our own trailer and our own dumpsters now. We have 2 of Bayou State old containers that I repainted and we have a trailer to haul them on so we will do it ourselves."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks questioned, "Will this be an ongoing deal?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Correct."

Editor Bobby Ardoin questioned, "Have you estimated a cost?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "Not really. This is something that we are paying for. We have clog drains in the canals that people just go and dump cars and they dump large items. I do not want the bad drainage in our parish and this is one of the things that we are putting in place to not have that. The cost factor that you are talking about is a couple of people that are on the payroll already and the too and from the land field on that day so it is not that big of a deal. At the end of the day Parish Government and everybody should be provided a service to the people and this is one way to do it. I live near Eunice, if I have to leave Eunice to go to Beggs it will take me fifty minutes so the convenience of having something there is easier and more accessible. You have Cankton that is further south but we have a lot of locations that people just cannot get to the landfill and again you are talking about the weekdays. We will be open during the weekdays and stay open until after 5:00 p.m. so that way people can come when they get off from work and they can come and bring their stuff. Again this is something that we can work on and get it better if we need to but it is work in progress and of course we want to make sure that we provide that service to our people."

Administrative Finance Chairman Ken Marks stated, "These locations, are they just strategic locations for right now? Could it be expanded?"

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, "It is just a matter of where the need is going to be. If we are at one of these locations and we are not getting any trash then it does not pay to be there, we will have to relocate. We will try this and try to bring it out."

Some people was asking about Palmetto, Palmetto is so close to the landfill. We are talking about if you have to drive 45 minutes to get to the landfill we want to be able to accommodate them without havingi to drive that 45 minutes.”

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jody White to accept the Parish President & Finance Report:

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

5. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.

Parish President Jessie Bellard stated, “It is not in this committee it was in the previous committee. I just got some confirmation on the Unity Drive issue. It might be three homes on the property. I will have that full investigation for you all before the council meeting and let you all know. I will get more information on this.”

6. Adjourn.

A motion was made by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jody White to adjourn the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jody White, Nancy Carriere and Timmy Lejeune.

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Faltery Jolivette, Harold Taylor and Dexter Brown.

ABSTAINED: None.

Motion carried.

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

XIII. ADJOURN